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\$45.00

- ◆ Parent and/or Guardian of individual with ASD
- ◆ Individual with ASD
- ◆ Full Time Student

\$85.00

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Please Register Early
Space is limited

Itinerary:

Date: Saturday, Sept 30th,
2006

Venue: North Haven Community
Association

Address: 5003 North Haven Drive
N.W., Calgary, Alberta

Registration: 8:30-9:00am
Seminar Begins: 9:30am
Seminar Ends: 3:30pm
Q & A: 3:30-4:30pm



Autism Calgary Association

Presents:

Fostering Mutual Friendships for Children with ASD

The Friend 2 Friend Model

Presented by Heather McCracken



Saturday Sept 30th

North Haven Community
Association

5003 North Haven Drive N.W.,
Calgary, Alberta

Seminar Description:

The purpose of this session is to illustrate the principles and practices of the Friend 2 Friend Teaching Model that is designed to foster mutual friendships between children on the autism spectrum and their typical peers. The goal of this seminar is to help participants empathize with “what it feels like to have autism” and implement strategies in homes, schools and daycares that will foster mutual friendships between children with autism and their peers.

Participants will play a sensory and communication simulation game to experience the frame of mind of a child with autism. In addition, participants will learn the importance of friendships for children with autism, and receive practical tips and suggestions on supporting children to build mutual friendships and establishing inclusive classrooms and community environments. Using video, overheads, stories and personal experiences, we will illustrate how to promote acceptance, understanding and friendships for children with autism within their peer group.

This seminar is suitable for parents, educators, therapists and other practitioners supporting children on the autism spectrum.

Join Us To Discover:

- Overview of ASD
- The Desire for Friendships
- The Importance of Friendships
- The Nature of Friendships
- The Benefits of Friendships
- The Principals and Practices of the Friend 2 Friend Program Models
- How to enhance peer communication, play and friendship skills in typical peers and children with ASD

Seminar Agenda

Registration 8:30-9:00am

9:00 Phase I

Overview of ASD

- Friend 2 Friend Simulation Game
- Senses and Autism
- Communication and Autism
- I have the Kind of Mind
- I Want Friends
- Questions and Answers

Phase II

Friend 2 Friend Teaching Model

- The Nature of Friendships
- Benefits of Friendships
- Social/Communication Styles in ASD
- The Social Void
- F2F Mandate/Philosophy

12:00-1:00Lunch

1:00 Phase III

Incorporating Friend 2 Friend at Home and School

- The importance of autism demystification
- Demystification not Identification
- Supporting peer socialization and friendships
- Implementing F2F at home/school
- Supporting the focus child
- Supporting mutual friendships
- Regular and Continuous Support
- The Integrated Play Group Model (Overview)

3:30-4:00 Questions and Answers



Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society

Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society is a non-profit charity located in North Vancouver BC. Friend 2 Friend has one mandate to promote mutually rewarding friendships between children on the autism spectrum and related disorders and their peers, siblings and classmates.

With the help of Friend 2 Friend Programs, children enjoy learning about disabilities such as autism spectrum and how they can be an important part of the social success of their peers, sibling and classmates on the autism spectrum.

For more information please visit the website at www.friend2friendsociety.org

About the Speaker



Heather McCracken is the mother of three children one with autism. She is the creator of the Friend 2 Friend Program model and founder and executive director of the Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society. Heather provides presentations on autism spectrum disorder at post-secondary institutions throughout B.C. and the US. She speaks at professional conferences on the topic of the importance of fostering mutual friendship for children with ASD and the F2F model internationally. Heather is a published author on the F2F model and has received distinguished recognition for her work, which has been featured on radio and television news broadcasts, as well as in printed media.