

11th Annual Forum on Autism Spectrum Disorders Registration Information

Registration fees include reference materials, refreshment breaks, lunch and parking. **Enrolment is limited. Please register early.** Registration will not be accepted after October 11, 2007.

Registration will not be accepted at the door. Your space will be held only upon receipt of registration and payment.

Cancellation Policy:

Registration fees will be refunded less a \$10 administration fee. The presenting agencies reserve the right to cancel the forum 7 days prior to the forum date. In the event of such a cancellation, registration fees will be refunded in full.

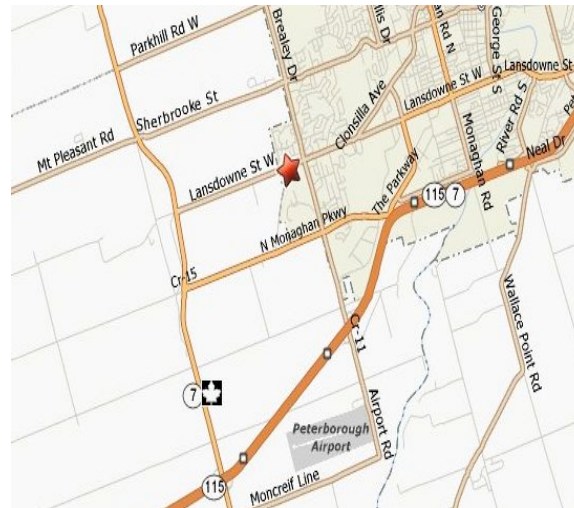
There will be information, learning materials and awareness items available for purchase at the forum from the following vendors:

- ❖ **Parentbooks** – a selection of books will be available to order at the forum
- ❖ **Autism Speaks**
- ❖ **Toy Shop of Peterborough**
- ❖ **Autism Ontario – Peterborough**
- ❖ **Five Counties Children’s Centre**
- ❖ **Sue Berlove** – Indigenous crafts from Bolivia

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October 25, 2007

**Rock Haven Convention Centre
1875 Lansdowne St. West
Peterborough
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



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| 7:45 - 8:15 am | Registration |
| 8:15 - 8:30 am | Announcements |
| 8:30 - 9:15 am | Dr. Alvin Loh – keynote address on genetics and medical updates |
| 9:15 - 4:30 pm | Heather McCracken – “Fostering Social Relations and Play” |

NOTE:

- ***Refreshments will be served from 10:15–10:30 and 2:30–2:45 pm***
- ***Lunch will be served in the dining room from 12:00–1:00 pm.***



Presented by

**Autism Ontario – Peterborough
And
Five Counties Children’s Centre**

**“Let’s Connect”
Building Positive Friendships**

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Registration Form:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Phone (work) _____

Phone (home) _____

Fax _____

Profession _____

Organization _____

Registration Fees:

Parent/Student \$50.00

Professional \$100.00

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Payment is by cheque only, payable to:
ASO Peterborough Chapter

Mail to:

Lauren Gaskell
Five Counties Children's Centre
872 Dutton Road
Peterborough, Ontario
K9H 7G1

You will **not** receive confirmation. Receipts will be provided at the forum. **Important** – see other registration information and map on back page. **Registration deadline is October 11, 2007.**

Fostering Social Relations and Play In Children on the Autism Spectrum

Seminar Description:

The purpose of this session is to illustrate the principles and practices of the Friend 2 Friend (F2F) social facilitation model that is designed to address the social, play and friendships needs of children on the autism spectrum. The F2F model draws upon best practices to support the inclusion of children with ASD and related social communication disorders in schools and other community settings.

Participants will learn the importance of friendships for children with autism and will receive practical tips and suggestions on supporting children to build mutual friendships and establishing inclusive classrooms and community environments.

This forum has been developed especially for parents, doctors, pediatricians, educators, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists and others working with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Dr. Alvin Loh (8:30 am – 9:15 am) *What's New in Genetics and Medical Updates*

Dr. Alvin Loh is the Developmental Pediatrician at **Surrey Place Centre** in Toronto where he assesses children with developmental delays. He is also one of the supervising physicians at the Psychopharmacology Clinic with Dr. Wendy Roberts and Dr. Peggy Kirkpatrick, which sees children with complex behavioural difficulties in a multidisciplinary context.

Heather McCracken (9:15 am – 4:00 pm)

Heather McCracken is the founder and Executive Director of **Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society** in Vancouver and a mother of three children, one with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). As the creator of the Friend 2 Friend social facilitation model and programs, she is a sought-after international speaker. Ms. McCracken actively delivers the Friend 2 Friend and Integrated Play Groups programs to children in schools and community settings through British Columbia and Alberta, as well as lectures at the University of BC and other post secondary institutions. She has authored numerous publications including "That's What's Different About Me: Helping Children Understand Autism Spectrum Disorder Program". Her website is www.friend2friendsociety.org.

