

# AHA 21st Annual Fall Conference



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## **ASPERGER SYNDROME AND HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM ASSOCIATION (AHA) INC.**

provides information and support for families, individuals and professionals affected by Asperger Syndrome, High Functioning Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorders and related conditions through over a dozen monthly support groups, two yearly conferences, a hotline, an online information e-list, a newsletter, events for families, and information meetings for all.

**PURPOSE:** This two-day conference is the twenty-first in a continuing series addressing educational, social, and behavioral issues pertaining to students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Our nationally known speakers present current and effective strategies for the education of higher functioning students and our popular teen panels offer insights from their personal experience.

**Monday and Tuesday  
October 24 and 25, 2011  
Eastern Suffolk BOCES  
(Directions below)  
8:15am - 3:00pm**

Save \$10 per registration by going online to register at: [www.ahany.org](http://www.ahany.org)  
Save for Groups of (5) or more Save if you are a member of AHA, a not-for-profit agency, BOCES or School district.

## **PROGRAM & PRESENTERS**

Monday, October 24, 2011

Keynote Speaker:

David Celiberti, Ph.D., BCBA-D (bios below)  
Association for Science in Autism Treatment

### **What's Hot and What's Not in the Science of Autism**

Paula Kluth, Ph.D.

### **You're Going To Love This Kid!**

*Teaching Students with Autism in the Inclusive Classroom*

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Rhea L. Hooper, M.A., CCC-SLP

### **Supporting Social Thinking Across All Settings**

*A Multidisciplinary Approach to Supporting Pragmatic Language Skills*

Samara P. Tetenbaum, Ph.D. and  
Shana Nichols, Ph.D.

### **The Missing Link**

*Incorporating Emotional Understanding and Regulation with Behavioral Interventions*

Teen Panel - important voices from the spectrum

#### **Speech & Language**

**This program is offered for 1.0 ASHA CEUs  
(Intermediate level, Professional area).**

#### **To register:**

Visit [www.ahany.org](http://www.ahany.org) where you can register online and save \$10 per registration, download the pdf of the conference brochure, or email [info@ahany.org](mailto:info@ahany.org) for a hard copy of the conference brochure. Scholarships are also available. A scholarship form is available online. It can be downloaded from the conference page of the website, filled out, and must be accompanied by registration form.

Purchase Orders are also welcome. Purchase orders can be faxed to 888.918.9198 or mailed to AHA Association at PO Box 916, Bethpage, NY 11714-0916.

Space is very limited. Please complete your registration as soon as possible. We will advise if there is any room for walk-in's by October 15. Refunds, minus a \$25 processing fee, are available until October 15. After October 15 there are no refunds.

#### **TRAVEL DIRECTIONS:**

**Eastern Suffolk BOCES, 15 Andrea Road, Holbrook, NY**

**Accessible from LIRR, Ronkonkoma Station**

**From the East: Sunrise Highway to Nicholls Rd (Route 97) North.**

**First traffic light, left onto Colin Drive. Follow to the first left turn,**

**Andrea Road. Sherwood Center/BOCES - first building on left.**

**From the West: LIE(495) to Exit 62 (Route 97) South to first traffic**

**light, right onto Colin Drive and follow to first left turn, Andrea Road.**

**Sherwood Center/ BOCES - first building on the left.**

#### **SPEAKER BIO'S**

**DAVID CELIBERTI, PH.D., BCBA-D.**, keynote, received his degree in clinical psychology from Rutgers University. He is the President of the Association for Science in Autism Treatment ([www.asaonline.org](http://www.asaonline.org)) and is President and Founder of the Parent-Professional Partnership SIG/Special Interest Group of the Association for Behavior Analysis International of ABAI. Dr. Celiberti is in private practice and provides consultation to public and private schools and agencies in the U.S. and Canada

**PAULA KLUTH, PH.D.**, is a renowned autism and inclusive education expert. She is a consultant, educator and advocate whose specialties include differentiating instruction and supporting students with autism and other disabilities in inclusive classrooms. She has a M.Ed. in Educational Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a Ph.D. in Special Education from the University of Wisconsin. She is a former special educator who has served as a classroom teacher, consulting teacher, and inclusion

facilitator. She is the author of numerous books including her latest, *From Tutor Scripts to Talking Sticks: 100 Ways to Differentiate Instruction in K-12 Inclusive Classrooms*.

**RHEA HOOPER, M.A., CCC-SLP**, is a speech-language pathologist who specializes in the treatment of students with social thinking deficits. She has a private practice in Manhattan where she facilitates language-based social thinking groups and provides comprehensive assessment and treatment. In addition she consults for schools and recreational programs in the community. She is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and holds her New York State license and teaching certificate for the speech and hearing handicapped.

**SHANA NICHOLS, PH.D.**, is a clinical psychologist and researcher who has worked in the field of ASDs for over fifteen years. She is Director of ASPIRE Center for Learning and Development in Melville, NY. Dr. Nichols specializes in the experiences of females with ASDs, growing up and adolescence, and dual diagnosis and mental health. Along with Dr. Tetenbaum and Gina Moravcik she authored *Girls Growing Up On The Autism Spectrum: What Parents and Professionals Should Know About The Pre-Teen and Teen Years* and co-authored *Facing Your Fears: Group Therapy for Managing Anxiety in Children with High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders*.

**SAMARA PULVER TETENBAUM, PH.D.**, is currently a post-doctoral fellow at ASPIRE Center for Learning and Development and has been working in the field of ASDs for 8 years. She has extensive expertise in cognitive behavioral therapy, behavior plans, and family work for individuals with ASDs and has presented both locally and nationally on these topics.

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