

THE CONNECTICUT AUTISM SPECTRUM RESOURCE  
CENTER'S  
FALL, 2011  
ADVOCACY TRAINING SERIES

IS BEING OFFERED IN TWO LOCATIONS:

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

&

New London County

**The Fairfield County Series is hosted by The Kennedy Center's Autism Project and will take place at the Calvary Church, 498 White Plains Road, Trumbull, CT (directions, schedules, presenter's names and bios attached).**

**The New London County Series will be held at the East Lyme Parks & Recreation Department, 41 Society Road, Niantic, CT (directions, schedules, presenter's names and bios attached).**

ASRC has been running this series for almost ten years at our home base in Wallingford, and have been thrilled to be able to train families to advocate effectively for their ASD children and teens.

Families are their child's best advocates but they need to be prepared to act on behalf of their child in effective ways. This includes understanding the nature of their child's disability, school district policies and procedures, basic principles of IDEA and what are considered to be the best practices for children/teens with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

This is a unique opportunity to receive the knowledge and skills needed to advocate successfully for your child. This is a series designed specifically for parents, guardians or advocates.

Before making the decision to participate in this training series, please keep in mind that we ask that you make a full commitment. It is important that you attend most, if not all of the sessions, in order to fully benefit from the training.

## **To Participate**

### **FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

The training sessions will be held Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (with the exception of November 17<sup>th</sup> which is a Thursday) at Calvary Church in Trumbull, CT (directions enclosed). It will start October 11<sup>th</sup> and run through December 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend this series, please fill out the attached registration form and return it to The Connecticut Autism Spectrum Resource Center by:

**September 20<sup>th</sup>. The fee is: \$125.00**

### **NEW LONDON COUNTY**

The training sessions will be held Thursday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the East Lyme Parks & Recreation Department, Niantic, CT (directions enclosed). It will start October 6<sup>th</sup> and run through December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend this series, please fill out the attached registration form and return it to The Connecticut Autism Spectrum Resource Center by:

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**For both Fairfield County & New London County  
There is limited space so first come first served.**

**For additional information, please contact Lois Rosenwald at:  
(203) 265-7717**

*Please be advised that The Connecticut Autism Spectrum Resource Center will be offering additional Advocacy Series in both Winter, 2012 at our ASRC Office in Wallingford and in the Spring, 2012 in Torrington.*

ASRC Advocacy Training Series Schedule  
Fall 2011

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

- October 11<sup>th</sup>**                    **Presenter:**                    Sara Locke, M.Ed  
Overview of ASD & General Overview of Appropriate  
Programming for Children with ASD  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**
- October 18<sup>th</sup>**                    **Presenter:**                    Sara Locke, M.Ed  
Historical Perspective on Special Education/Understanding  
IDEA & the Politics of Special Education  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**
- October 25<sup>th</sup>**                    **Presenter:**                    Sara Locke, M.Ed  
Understanding the IEP Document  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**
- November 1<sup>st</sup>**                    **Presenter:**                    Sara Locke, M.Ed  
Understanding the PPT Process  
Effective Communication at an IEP Meeting  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**
- November 8<sup>th</sup>**                    **Presenter:**                    Sara Locke, M.Ed  
Real Life Complaints, Mediation/Role Playing  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**
- November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**(THURSDAY)**                    **Presenter:**                    **Jacqueline Kelleher, Ph.D.**  
Overview of State Department of Education's  
Recommendations for Educating Children/Teens with ASD  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>**                    **Presenters:**                    Ruth Eren, Ed.D &  
Barbara Cook, MS, C.C.C.-SLP  
Inclusion – Making Placement Decisions, Modifications,  
Environment Assessments  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**
- November 29<sup>th</sup>**                    **Presenter:**                    Gail Mangs, Esq., M.Ed  
Mediation/Complaints/Due Process April 15<sup>th</sup>  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**
- December 6<sup>th</sup>**                    **Presenter:**                    Patricia Anderson, Ph.D.  
A Secondary Transition Overview  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**
- December 13<sup>th</sup>**                    **Presenter:**                    Carol Barans, M.Ed, O92  
Transition Planning for Those with ASD  
**CALVARY CHURCH: 498 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT**

**[Directions to Calvary Church in Trumbull, CT](#)**

## **FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**✖ 498 White Plains Road (203) 268-3750**

### **Traveling on I-95 NORTH (Stamford area)**

Merge onto CT-25 North via Exit 27 A toward Trumbull/Waterbury  
Take the CT-127 exit, Exit 7, toward Trumbull  
Turn right onto White Plains Rd/CT-127

### **Traveling on I-95 SOUTH (New London area)**

Take Exit 38 toward CT-15/Merritt and W. Cross Parkways  
Merge onto Milford Parkway  
Merge onto CT-15 South via the exit on the left toward N.Y. City  
Take the CT-127 North exit, Exit 50, toward Trumbull  
Turn right onto White Plains Rd/Ct-127

### **Traveling on I-84 WEST (Stafford Springs area)**

Merge onto CT-15 S via Exit 57 on the left toward I-91 S/Charter Oak Bridge/N.Y. City  
Merge onto I-91 South via Exit 86 toward New Haven/N.Y. City  
Merge onto CT-15 South via Exit 17  
Take the CT-127 North exit, Exit 50, toward Trumbull  
Turn right onto White Plains Rd/Ct-12

### **Traveling on I-84 EAST (Danbury Area)**

Take the CT-25 exit, Exit 9, toward Brookfield  
Take the ramp toward US-6/Newtown  
Turn slight right onto Hawleyville Rd/CT-25  
Turn left onto Mt Pleasant Rd/US-6/CT-25. Continue to follow Ct-25 South  
Take the CT-739 exit  
Turn left onto Park St/CT-739  
Turn right onto Daniels Farm Rd/CT-734  
Turn left onto White Plains Rd/CT-127

### **Traveling on I-91 SOUTH (Enfield area)**

Merge onto CT-15 South via Exit 17  
Take the CT-127 North exit, Exit 50, toward Trumbull  
Turn right onto White Plains Rd/CT-127

### **FROM ROUTE 8 SOUTH (From Valley / Waterbury)**

Merge onto CT-15 S/Merritt Parkway via Exit 10  
Take the CT-127 North exit, Exit 50, toward Trumbull  
Turn right onto White Plains Rd/CT-127

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- October 6<sup>th</sup>**                    **Presenter:**            Sara Reed, Esq.  
Overview of ASD & General Overview of Appropriate  
Programming for Children with ASD  
**EAST LYME PARKS & REC: 41 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**
- October 13<sup>th</sup>**                   **Presenter:**            Sara Reed, Esq.  
Historical Perspective on Special Education/Understanding  
IDEA & the Politics of Special Education  
**EAST LYME PARKS & REC: 41 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**
- October 20<sup>th</sup>**                   **Presenter:**            Sara Reed, Esq.  
Understanding the IEP Document  
**EAST LYME PARKS & REC: 41 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**
- October 27<sup>th</sup>**                   **Presenter:**            Sara Reed, Esq.  
Understanding the PPT Process  
Effective Communication at an IEP Meeting  
**EAST LYME PARKS & REC: 41 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>**                   **Presenter:**            Sara Reed, Esq.  
Real Life Complaints, Mediation/Role Playing  
**EAST LYME PARKS & REC: 41 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**
- November 10<sup>th</sup>**                **Presenter:**            Jacqueline Kelleher, Ph.D.  
Overview of State Department of Education's  
Recommendations for Educating Children/Teens with ASD  
**EAST LYME PARKS & REC: 41 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**
- November 18<sup>th</sup>**                **Presenters:**            Ruth Eren, Ed.D &  
Barbara Cook, MS, C.C.C.-SLP  
Inclusion – Making Placement Decisions, Modifications,  
Environment Assessments  
**EAST LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY: 39 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**
- December 1<sup>st</sup>**                   **Presenter:**            Gail Mangs, Esq., M.Ed  
Mediation/Complaints/Due Process April 15<sup>th</sup>  
**EAST LYME PARKS & REC: 41 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**
- December 8<sup>th</sup>**                   **Presenter:**            Patricia Anderson, Ph.D.  
A Secondary Transition Overview  
**EAST LYME PARKS & REC: 41 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**
- December 15<sup>th</sup>**                **Presenter:**            Carol Barans, M.Ed, O92  
Transition Planning for Those with ASD

**EAST LYME PARKS & REC: 41 SOCIETY ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**  
**Directions to East Lyme Parks & Rec Center**  
**NEW LONDON COUNTY**

**× 41 Society Road, Niantic, CT (860) 739-6926**

**Traveling on I-95 NORTH (Stamford area)**

Take the Society Rd exit, EXIT 73  
Turn left onto Society Rd  
Turn left into the Library & Community Center, our driveway is on the left

**Traveling on I-95 SOUTH (New London area)**

Take the CT-161 exit, EXIT 74, toward Niantic  
Turn right onto Flanders Rd/CT-161  
Turn right onto Society Rd  
Turn right into the Library & Community Center, our driveway is on the left

**Traveling on I-84 EAST (Danbury/Waterbury area)**

Merge onto I-691 E via EXIT 27 toward Meriden  
Merge onto I-91 N via EXIT 11 on the left toward Hartford/Springfield  
Take the CT-9 exit, EXIT 22N-S, toward New Britain/Middletown  
Merge onto CT-9 S via EXIT 22S toward Middletown  
Merge onto I-95 N/Governor John Davis Lodge Turnpike via the exit on the left toward New London/Providence  
Take the Society Rd exit, EXIT 73  
Turn left onto Society Rd  
Turn left into the Library & Community Center, our driveway is on the left

**Traveling on I-91 SOUTH (Hartford area and north on I-91)**

Merge onto CT-9 S via EXIT 22S on the left toward Middletown/Old Saybrook  
Merge onto I-95 N/Governor John Davis Lodge Turnpike via the exit on the left toward New London/Providence  
Take the Society Rd exit, EXIT 73  
Turn left onto Society Rd  
Turn left into the Library & Community Center, our driveway is on the left

**Traveling on I-395 SOUTH (Putnam area)**

I-395 S becomes I-95 S/Governor John Davis Lodge Turnpike  
Take the CT-161 exit, EXIT 74, toward Niantic  
Turn right onto Flanders Rd/CT-161  
Turn right onto Society Rd  
Turn right into the Library & Community Center, our driveway is on the left

# Registration Form

## Fall 2011 ASRC Advocacy Training Series

### Advocacy Training Series Fee:



**\$125.00 Per Person**



### Enrollment Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Your ASD Child: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK LOCATION:



**KENNEDY CENTER**



**EAST LYME**

### Payment

**Check:**     I am enclosing a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made out to ASRC

**Charge:**     I would like to charge my: **VISA** \_\_\_ **M/C** \_\_\_ **DISCOVER** \_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (as it appears on card) \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Three Digit Number on Back: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT TO:

**ASRC**

**101 NORTH PLAINS INDUSTRIAL ROAD**

**HARVEST PARK – BUILDING 1A**

**WALLINGFORD, CT 06492**

## OUR PRESENTERS

### **Sara Locke, M.Ed, Certified Special Education Teacher:**

Sara Locke is the parent of a young child with an autism spectrum disorder and a child with learning and medical disorders. She is a certified special education teacher with experience in the middle school and preschool populations. She has served as an educational advocate for families and children affected by autism spectrum disorders, an early childhood researcher and a community collaborative consultant.

### **Sara Reed, Esq.**

Sara has been the Executive Director of ASCONN since 2005. She has been a volunteer and Board Member of ASCONN since 1995 and served as President of the Fairfield County Chapter of the Autism Society in 1995-1996. A former corporate, securities and health care lawyer, Ms. Reed also works as a special education advocate helping parents team with their school districts to create appropriate programs for their children. She provides training workshops for parents, professionals, faith based organizations, recreational providers and the community through ASCONN's orientation training workshops series, sits on state and national committees relating to autism issues and has also presented nationally on autism issues. A magna cum laude graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Ms. Reed also holds a B.A. in History from Yale University. A life long Connecticut resident she resides in Guilford with her son.

### **Jacqueline Kelleher, Ph.D.:**

Dr. Jacqueline Kelleher began teaching in the Isabelle Farrington College of Education at Sacred Heart University in January 2010. Dr. Kelleher holds a Masters in Education with an emphasis on Special Education and a doctorate in Educational Psychology with a concentration in Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment. She brings over fifteen years experience in public schools and university settings in the areas related to special education policy, learning strategies, classroom and large scale assessment, measurement, evaluation, instructional design, service learning pedagogy, and autism program development. Dr. Kelleher served as a state education consultant with the Connecticut State Department of Education, specializing in the areas of autism and general supervision monitoring of 170 local education agencies. Now at SHU, Dr. Kelleher will continue her research in the following areas: Asperger's Syndrome, special education policy (to name just a few). Her outreach activities include serving as an NCATE National Board Examiner, Connecticut Autism Advisory Council committee leader, and external advisory board advisor to the Connecticut Center of Excellence on Autism Research and Training at Southern Connecticut State University. Along with her partner of 20 years, Dr. Kelleher is the parent of four, including identical twins with autism.

### **Ruth Eren, Ed.D:**

Dr. Eren is a full time Professor at Southern Connecticut State University, teaching in the Department of Special Education/Reading. She also is the Director of the Autism Center at Southern Connecticut State University. She was instrumental in the development of the graduate level program in Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Eren is also part of the Eden Family of Services Outreach Division, consulting with public schools in the state, focusing on program development for children with ASD. She was also a member of the Connecticut Task Force for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and worked with this group to develop state guidelines for the education of children and youth with autism. Dr. Eren is a member of the ASRC Advisory Board and the Advisory Board of Chapel Haven's Adult Transition Program. She has published numerous papers, made many presentations, and is considered one of the finest resources we have in Connecticut around Autism Spectrum Disorders. Dr. Eren resides in Woodbury with her husband.

### **Barbara Cook, MS, C.C.C.-SLP:**

Barbara Cook is a Speech/Language Pathologist currently working for the Eden Family of Services Outreach Division, consulting with public schools in the state of Connecticut, focusing on program development for children with ASD. Her work in this area focuses on developing social and communication skills as well as classroom strategies and supports for children with ASD from Preschool through High School. She has extensive experience in developing alternative communication systems for non-verbal students with ASD as well as in developing Social Communicative Competence in highly verbal students with ASD. Mrs. Cook has developed with colleagues, a comprehensive curriculum for adults with Asperger Syndrome for a private residential facility. She has acquired 23 years experience in providing therapy and consultation to students with Communication Disorders and Delays. She has presented to state wide audiences through SERC and to professionals in school districts and parent groups both here in Connecticut and New York. Mrs. Cook resides in Middlebury, Connecticut with her husband and three children.

### **Gail Mangs, Esq, M.Ed:**

Gail Mangs is an Educational Consultant with the State Department of Education working in the Bureau of Special Education. She has worked as a due process Hearing Officer for the past 11 years. Prior to working with the State Department of Education she worked with Headstart as a Teacher/Program Coordinator. She graduated from Clark University with a B.A. in History and Education, and got her M.A. in Education from Northwestern University, and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut.

### **Patricia Anderson, Ph.D.:**

Dr. Anderson received a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology/Special Education and a Sixth Year Degree in School Psychology from the University of Connecticut. She has over 34 years of experience working with you and adults with disabilities as a high school LD teacher, diagnostician, college-level LD/learning specialist, adult educator, and trainer. Currently, Dr. Anderson is an Educational Consultant for the Bureau of special Education, functioning partially as the State Transition Coordinator. She is also the co-project manager on the 2009 revision of the Guidelines for Identifying Children with Learning Disabilities.

### **Carol Barans, M.Ed, O92:**

Carol Barans has 30 years of experience in the public schools in Connecticut as a special education teacher and administrator. As such she was instrumental in developing and supervising a community based independent living program for 18-21 year old youth, an extracurricular social skills club at the secondary level, as well as individualized transition plans for many different students. As an administrator, she planned and coordinated the transition of numerous students with autism spectrum disorders from elementary to secondary education. In addition she has conducted trainings for general education teachers to prepare them to teach students with autism spectrum disorders and non-verbal learning disorders. She has also worked in the field of young adult services developing vocational and independent living opportunities for young adults with autism spectrum diagnoses. In addition, Carol is the parent of a son on the autism spectrum and is now on staff with The Connecticut Autism Spectrum Resource Center (ASRC) as a transition consultant.

## **About The ASRC**

The ASRC is a family run, non-profit organization in Connecticut that serves individuals with autism spectrum disorders, their family members, and the professionals who work with them. The mission of the ASRC is to provide, through our many programs, the most recent information and research to help parents, professionals and the general community to understand the barriers and challenges faced by people with autism spectrum disorders. Our Center is committed to raising public awareness about ASD and improving the services available to those on the spectrum. We are devoted to empowering families, and lessening their isolation. We are also dedicated to educating families, professionals and the general public to the many strengths/talents people with ASD have and to promote the respect that they deserve. Please check for the many services we offer. Our telephone number is (203) 265-7717 and our website is: [www.ct-asrc.org](http://www.ct-asrc.org).

