

Autism Through The Lifespan – 2011-2012

10/20 – New Diagnosis and Early Interventions

- What does a comprehensive program look like?
 - Overview of best practices
 - How to choose programs – what fits with the family, what can you do with fidelity, don't fret if one doesn't work for your child, try something else
 - Review of Alphabet Soup (ex.ABA, IEP, PRT, SLP, OT)
 - How to help parents get organized, not overwhelmed for private ABA, Regional Center, School

11/17 – Making the Leap from Preschool to Kindergarten

- Matching your child's strengths and needs to his new environment
 - Qualities of a good program – what are the general characteristics that tend to be successful for students with ASD

12/15 – Development of Social Supports in Elementary School settings

- An overview of awareness trainings, presentations and tools that will help your child a part of the community

1/19 – Assessments Through the Lifespan

- Overview of Academic, Behavior, Transitional and Social tools to learn more about your child

2/16 – Transition to Middle School

- Preparations for the transition and identify areas of difficulty
 - (PE, bathroom, more teachers, navigating the school)
- How to start incorporating vocational supports and skills training now for future success
 - On campus jobs, peer modeling, mobility training, CBI instruction, trying different jobs that match the student
 - Driven by goals/student needs and what typical kids are doing
 - Learning to wait, texting if limited verbal ability, strangers

3/15 – Summer Resource / Recreation Fair

4/19 – Developing High School Programs to Prepare for Adulthood

- How do you build an IEP and supports for adulthood
- Overview of Person Center Planning and options after high school
 - (TRACE, Adult Day programs, Dept of Rehab & Community College)

5/17 – Supporting Siblings

- Hear from our sibling panel on their experiences with a brother or sister on the Autism Spectrum