



Invitation to our ABA/VB-Workshop:

Teaching Functional Living Skills

Date: 20.06.2016, start: 09:30 a.m., finish: 17:30 p.m.
Place: Therapiezentrum Glückspilze, Am Gierath 20 D, 40885 Ratingen, Germany
Speaker: Laura Ferguson, M.A., Dipl. Psych., BCBA

Workshop contents

This one-day workshop describes the “Essential For Living”, a communication, behavior and functional skills assessment, curriculum and skills-tracking instrument for children and adults with moderate-to-severe disabilities designed by Patrick McGreevy PhD., BCBA., Troy Fry M.S., BCBA., and Colleen Cornwall, Ed.D., BCBA. Essential For Living is based on concepts, principles and empirically-validated procedures from Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and B.F. Skinner’s analysis Verbal Behavior (1957). “Essential For Living” emphasizes Speaking Skills, Listener Responding, Daily Living Skills, Tolerating Specific Situations, Social Skills, Vocational Skills, Leisure Skills, Reducing Problem Behavior. The workshop will also focus more specifically on teaching activities of daily living skills (ADLs) through the use of stimulus response chains.

Additional Information

- This workshop will be delivered in English.
- The workshop will include various video based examples.
- Snacks, hot beverages and mineral water are included. Lunch break will take place from 12:30 to 13:30.
- The workshop location is 15 minutes close to the international airport Düsseldorf DUS.

Who should participate?

This workshop is designed for parents, teachers, behavior analysts, therapists, care takers and all kinds of stakeholders of children with ASS or PDD-NOS. The content will be useful for everyone who is involved in the care, therapy and education of special need children.

Speaker

Laura Ferguson, M.A., Dip (Psych). BCBA

Laura is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst who received her M.A. in Psychology from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland and has also attained a Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology. She has had the opportunity to work in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in the UK, USA, Asia and Middle East. She began her career as a behavior therapist in Scotland in 2003 providing home and school-based instruction. In 2004, she trained at the Carbone Clinic in New York and since then has worked on several programs focusing on B.F. Skinner’s analysis of Verbal Behavior (VB). She provided instruction and supervision in home-based programs in Colorado, USA and also worked as a behavior therapist and supervisor with children in the home and in numerous International Schools in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. She consulted in Scotland after becoming a BCBA in 2012, implementing programs and training parents and behavior therapists in the dissemination of ABA/VB. When the Carbone Clinic-Dubai opened in September 2013, she assumed the role of “supervisor” and later was promoted to Lead BCBA. Laura is now an OutReach consultant for Carbone Clinic- Dubai and Carbone Clinic- NY.

