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Fall 2017

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to offer the fall 2017 session of the Morris-Union Jointure Commission's Parent Training Series Workshops. These workshops are open to anyone involved with a child who has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, but are also extremely helpful for parents of children with other disabilities as well. When you initially receive the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, there are many unanswered questions and concerns that may arise. If your child is older, there may be new situations in which you need assistance or have questions. This series is an attempt to answer some of those questions, give you some direction regarding where to go for assistance, provide you with the support of other parents who are in similar situations, and give you an opportunity to interact with professionals who work with children with autism. In addition, this series will teach you skills to empower you to develop and implement skill acquisition and behavior management programs for your own child across a variety of settings.

The series will cover basic background information on autism, applied behavior analysis, various instructional methodologies and behavior management approaches. Much of the series will be in the form of interactive lecture presentations, including videos and handouts. In addition, we will have a hands-on training session for increasing behaviors and skills and for reducing problematic behaviors. During this session, we will assist participants in targeting a skill they would like to teach their child and then help them develop and implement a program to teach that skill. We will also help participants target and address a challenging behavior they may be experiencing in the home by assisting in designing and implementing a behavior management plan.

In the past, we have had parents, grandparents, siblings, baby sitters, child study team members, and therapists attend these sessions. We have found that when more people involved with your child attend these workshops, it helps to ensure consistency in your child's programming and enhance his/her daily progress. You may attend any one or all of the workshops offered, but we strongly urge you to attend all of them because each session builds upon the week before.

The training series will run for six Tuesday evenings from the end of September through the beginning of November from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Attached is an agenda with dates for each topic as well as a registration form. The sessions will be held at the Developmental Learning Center (DLC) in Warren, located at 217 Mountain View Road, Warren. Upon request, New Jersey Teacher Professional Development Hours and Certificates of Attendance will be available.

The Morris-Union Jointure Commission offers this course at **no cost** to participants. Please register in advance so we are prepared for the number of participants who will attend. To register, or for directions to the Morris-Union Jointure Commission's Developmental Learning Center – Warren, please visit our website at www.mujc.org and go to the "Parents" tab and select "Parent Training" or contact Ursula Nazar via (908) 464-7625, ext. 1112 or via email at unazar@mujc.org for further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jason Parenti
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

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Enclosures

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Week 1 Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- Introduction to the Course
- Overview of Autism
- Learning Styles of Students with Autism
- Learning Theory

Week 2 Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- Defining Behavior
- The A – B – C Pattern of Learning
- Reinforcement
- Setting the Stage for Learning
- Behavioral Teaching Techniques
 - Prompting
 - Task Analysis
 - Shaping
 - Chaining

Week 3 Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- Behavioral Teaching Techniques
 - Discrete Trial Instruction
 - Incidental Teaching
- Functional Skills Assessment
- The Importance of Prerequisite Skills

Week 4 Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- Behavioral Teaching Techniques
 - Picture Activity Schedules
 - Video Modeling
 - Audio Scripts

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Week 5 Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- Functional Analysis of Behavior
 - Why is the Behavior Occurring?
 - When Do I Intervene with the Behavior?
 - How Do I Intervene with the Behavior?
 - Identifying the A – B – C Pattern to Effectively Change Behaviors
- Behavior Management Strategies
- Hands-On Session: Developing a Behavior Management Program

Week 6 Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- Guidelines to Consider When Choosing a Target Skill
- Hands-On Session: Developing a Skill Acquisition Program

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Registration Form

Please note that the Fall 2017 Parent Training Series will be held at the
DLC – Warren, 217 Mountain View Road, Warren, NJ 07059.

For directions, go to www.mujc.org

Please complete and return this Registration Form by mail, fax, or email to:

Morris-Union Jointure Commission

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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