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Arc Herkimer to Host Autism Workshop for Working with Individuals with Autism

As a leader in Central New York in bringing renowned experts to area professionals and families, Arc Herkimer will present a workshop: Evidence Based Strategies for Working with Individuals on the Autism Spectrum on Friday, November 3.

The free training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Herkimer College's Robert McLaughlin College Center, 100 Reservoir Road in Herkimer, NY. The training is open to professionals, individuals on the autism spectrum, family members, and caregivers. Please reserve a spot by Friday, October 27. You can register and download forms at www.archerkimer.org under upcoming events. To register by phone, please contact Janet LaRock at (315) 574-7780 or email: jlarock@archerkimer.org.

This workshop will be presented by James Ball, Ed.D., BCBA-D, a board certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral and President/Chief Executive Officer of JB Autism Consulting. Dr. Ball will discuss systematic techniques for working with individuals on the Spectrum. He will focus on teaching specific skills, enhancing motivation, and generalization training. A step-by-step demonstration will be presented using real life examples. Modifications will be explored that allow this particular program to be effective with individuals significantly challenged with autism, as well as those with Asperger syndrome. A question and answer period will be provided.

Participants will be able to: identify three reinforcement techniques, implement three specific teaching techniques, and design an individualized teaching program to assist an individual on the autism spectrum in the learning process.

Dr. Ball has been in the field of autism for over twenty-five years providing preschool, educational, residential, and employment services to children and adults affected by an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). He is involved with many organizations and he has lectured both nationally and internationally. He authored award-winning breakthrough books and has received numerous awards.

This training is made possible by Arc Herkimer and by the Family Support Services of the CNY DDRO Consumer Council. Arc Herkimer's mission is empowering people with disabilities and enriching lives throughout the community. For more information regarding the Arc Herkimer, call (315) 574-7000.

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