



*Proudly Presents*



# “Socially Speaking for Young Children with Autism & Special Needs”

Facilitated By:

*Penina Rybak, MA/CCC-SLP*

**DATE:**

*Tuesday,  
Nov. 9th 2010*

**RSVP BY:**

*Oct. 29th 2010*



**TIME:**

*9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.*

**FEE:**

**\$50 per person**

*\* Complimentary to  
EI Parents,  
EI Officials &  
Service Coordinators*

*Located At:*

**New York's Hotel Pennsylvania**

*~ The Penn Top North Room ♦ 18th Floor ~*

**401 Seventh Avenue (at 33rd Street)**

RSVP Via Rudy at [888-518-8716](tel:888-518-8716) ext. 2123 or

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***Workshop is Open to All Professionals & Parents.***

*Complimentary Continental Breakfast Will Be Served.*

## Program Agenda



**I. REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:** 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**II. OPENING REMARKS:** *Dawn Mastoridis, RCDS Executive/State Director*

**III. “Bridging the Gap Between Readiness to Learn & Actual Performance”** ~ *Penina Rybak*

*A. How cognitive, receptive language and emotional development intersect to enable a child to:*

- **Be oriented to person/place/time within his environment**
- **Begin understanding the demands (adults’ expectations) of that environment**
- **Get needs/wants met and self regulate within said environment**

*B. How to **better manage outbursts** in children who have not yet learned these skills, requiring behavior management through these techniques:*

- **Indirect clinical intervention using FBA-Functional Behavioral Analysis**
- **Direct clinical intervention** with child participation
  - ◇ **Visual Strategies™** by *Linda Hodgdon M.Ed., CCC-SLP*
  - ◇ **Social Stories™** by *Carol Gray Ph.D.*
  - ◇ **REPLAYS™** by *Karen Levine Ph.D. & Naomi Chedd MA*

**IV. LUNCH BREAK:** 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**V. Improving Cognitive Based Language Skills for Social Skills Training** ~ *Penina Rybak*

*A. How **expressive language and pragmatic development** intersect to enable a child to:*

- Have **Body Awareness:** Identify physical body parts, understand and discuss “The Five Senses”
- **“The Five Step Problem Solving Hierarchy”** by *Penina Rybak MA/CCC-SLP*
  - ◇ The **“Social Skills Checklist”**
  - ◇ The **“Social Skills Management Plan”**
  - ◇ Social Skills **“Teaching Kits”**

**VI. ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES**



## Our Services

RCDS contracts with **NYC DOH & Mental Hygiene** as well as **Orange County & Rockland County DOH** to provide the following quality-based **EI services**:

- **SCREENINGS & MULTI-DISCIPLINARY EVALUATIONS**

- Monolingual & Bilingual

- **HOME/COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTIONS**

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Vision Therapy
- Nutrition Services
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Psychological Services
- Special Instruction
- Family Training
- Social Work Services

- **GROUP DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES: NYC EIP Only**

- **INITIAL SERVICE COORDINATION: NYC EIP Only**

- **ONGOING SERVICE COORDINATION**

- NYC Boroughs; Rockland & Orange Counties

*{Bilingual: Spanish, Mandarin, Creole, Hebrew & Russian}*

In **Rockland & Orange Counties** RCDS is also contracted to provide the following **preschool services**:

- **HOME/COMMUNITY-BASED PRESCHOOL RELATED SERVICES (for authorized children ages 3-5)**

- Speech Therapy - Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy - Counseling

PLEASE NOTE: Children must first be **assessed & qualify** for related services via their respective county's **Committee of Preschool Special Education (CPSE)** program. The duration, frequency & location of service is based on each child's **Individualized Education Plan (IEP)**. There is **NO COST** to parents of **eligible children** for authorized services.

## Our Professionals

RCDS utilizes a team of **licensed and/or certified** professionals to provide services to our children & families. Our **network of professionals** includes but is not limited to:

- **Physicians & Physician's Assistants**
- **Speech-Language Pathologists & CF's**
- **Teachers of the Vision & Hearing Impaired**
- **Teachers of Language & Learning Disabilities**
- **Teachers of Speech & Hearing Handicapped**
- **Occupational Therapists & COTAs**
- **Special Educators (ABA Trained)**
- **Physical Therapists**
- **Clinical Psychologists**
- **Clinical Social Workers**
- **Dietitians/Nutritionists**
- **Audiologists**

Some of our professionals are **BILINGUAL** in languages such as Spanish, Yiddish, French, Italian, Hebrew, Greek, Tagalog, German, Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian, Polish, Korean, Arabic, Bengali, Portuguese, Hindi, Urdu, Japanese, Vietnamese & French Creole.

Our professionals must comply with all **NYS Department of Health (DOH)** personnel requirements for **qualified Early Intervention providers** including not limited to a **NYS Central Register of Child Abuse & Maltreatment Clearance**, **NYS DOH EI approval**, reference checks, annual medicals, certification or license verification & ongoing early childhood training.

## *About Us...*

Rockland Child Development Services (RCDS) is a New York State Department of Health approved Early Intervention provider of home, community & center-based care which contracts to serve families in the **Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Rockland & Orange County.**

RCDS is authorized to provide publicly funded developmental **preschool services** to eligible children residing in **Rockland County & Orange County.** RCDS also offers private pay services to children of all ages through its **Educational Enrichment Program.**

RCDS has been serving families since 1999. The agency was established by a local **Physical Therapist** and became part of **The MENTOR Network** in 2006. Founded in 1980, **The MENTOR Network** is a national network of local human services providers offering an array of **quality, community-based services** to children & adults with developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injuries.

RCDS & **The MENTOR Network** are committed to **reducing developmental delays among eligible children.** We seek to effectively assist and **empower families** to meet their child's and/or their own needs through a variety of home & community-based interventions. Since the agency's inception, **our mission** has never wavered from its goal: ***"Building Relationships. Enhancing Lives."***