



## **Call for Proposals**

**6th Annual Autism Conference**

*Building Bridges: Supportive Practices from Birth to Adulthood*

**Presented by Green Tree Partnerships & La Salle University**

[www.gtpartnerships.org](http://www.gtpartnerships.org)

**Friday, May 4, 2012**

LaSalle University, Student Union Building, Philadelphia, PA

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### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS, SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

October 28, 2011

The conference *Building Bridges: Supportive Practices from Birth to Adulthood* will focus on supports, interventions, services, strategies and accommodations that enhance the lives of people on the Autism Spectrum. We are seeking to offer workshops that highlight research –based practices that help people with ASD and their families bridge the multiple transitions that they face in life. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Peter Gerhardt. Dr. Gerhardt is the Upper School Education Director for the McCarton School, which focuses on serving children diagnosed with ASDs from age 3-17, and has an impressive history of consultation and advocacy with children and adults with ASD. Dr. Gerhardt’s focus will be on helping adolescents prepare for productive, fulfilling adulthoods. We are eager to build on his address by offering workshops that address concerns across the developmental spectrum and across the autism spectrum.

### **Workshops:**

Session A: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Session B: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Workshop presenters will be determined through the Call for Proposals process. We will offer 15 workshops: Session A will have 9 break-out sessions; Session B will also have 9 break-out sessions, 3 of which will be repeat workshops from Session A.

### **Workshop Content:**

The conference planning committee has identified the following as areas of special interest:

- Promising practices for non-verbal individuals
- Adolescent and young adult issues, including transition planning and services
- Effective early intervention services and supports for children and families
- Family supports, especially regarding diverse populations
- Teaching strategies, particularly in inclusive settings
- Embracing strengths in the ASD community for transitions across the lifespan
- Multi-systemic hurdles and collaborations

Please do not limit yourself to these suggestions, as we will consider all relevant topic ideas. All workshops should be as interactive as possible, and speak to an audience of individuals with ASD, family members, educators, professionals and others connected to the autism community.

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**Please use the format below to share your program ideas.**

PRIMARY PRESENTER NAME:

POSITION/TITLE:

INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

WEBSITE:

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY (150 WORDS MAXIMUM; PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTO LESS THAN 1MB AS A JPEG, GIF, PNG OR PDF FILE):

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF ANY OTHER PRESENTERS OR PANEL MEMBERS, ALONG WITH THEIR TITLES, INSTITUTIONS/ORGANIZATIONS, AND A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF EACH:

WORKSHOP TITLE (10 words or less):

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION (50 words or less, to be used in the conference materials, with editing rights reserved):

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES (By completing the following sentence, list up to 5 brief objectives in terms of new skills or knowledge the participant will have upon completion of the workshop.):

This program is designed to help you...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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WORKSHOP FORMAT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE (How do you envision the format of the workshop, audience, materials needed, activities, and so on...):

AUDIO-VISUAL NEEDS (i.e. projector, screen, laptop, overhead, dvd, mic, etc.):

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Are you presenting information about your practice or research? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, have all necessary permissions been obtained? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

SESSION PREFERENCE:

Please state your preference for morning and/or afternoon workshop. Check box below. *We will accommodate requests when possible.*

Session A: 11:00am to 12:30pm

Session B: 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Both Sessions A & B

No preference

**\*\*\*PLEASE EMAIL COMPLETED PROPOSAL TO LAVINIA AWOSANYA NO LATER THAN 5PM ON OCTOBER 28, 2011: [lavinia@eventmood.com](mailto:lavinia@eventmood.com). Call (609) 518-1259 if you have any further questions.**

*The conference planning committee may contact you to discuss possible options with your proposed workshop, although would like to remind applicants that we will likely receive more quality proposals than we are able to accept.*