

MASSACHUSETTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
and RIBAS ASSOCIATES PRESENTS

**Teaching and Reaching Your Students on the Autism Spectrum
Developing Effective Teams**

Course: #17-422

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- Latest Statistics from the CDC retrieved 6/17/15
- About 1 in 68 children (or 14.7 per 1,000 8 year olds) were identified with ASD.
- It is important to remember that this estimate is based on 8-year-old children living in 11 communities. It does not represent the entire population of children in the United States.

This workshop will address the following issues for discussion.

Participants who take this workshop will be able to answer the following questions:

- Why is this diagnosis so prevalent? What is the Latest Research on Early Diagnosis?
- What do I need to know about working with learners with social pragmatic deficits?
- How do I help students with social deficits learn to understand body language and personal space?
- What does it mean to be tactile defensive?
- How do I structure my classroom environment to make students with ASD more welcome?
- How to use differentiated instruction more effectively with students with ASD
- What about the other students? What do they need to know?
- What is meant by "Explicit Instruction?"
- How do I capitalize on the learning strengths of children with ASD?
- Discussion of a variety of behavioral methods from ABA, to Floor Time to
- Life Experience and others recognized in the field.
- What does it mean to "think in pictures?"
- Post-secondary options for children with ASD...Yes, attending college is now an option.

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**at the MESPA Education Center
28 Lord Road, Suite 125, Marlborough**

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Non-Member \$260/per person**

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