

AUTISM PARENT TRAINING

AGENDA

6:00 – 6:15

Dinner and Refreshments/ Meet and Greet

6:15 – 6:30

Welcome and introductions: Alfred Lopez, Special Education Director; Dr. Crawford Helms, Superintendent; Lucy Williams, LSSP

6:30 – 6:40

Terri Sowder, Coastal Bend Autism Advocacy Organization

6:45 – 8:15

Breakout Sessions

**BRING THE KIDS FOR PIZZA.
CHILDCARE WILL BE
PROVIDED DURING
BREAKOUT SESSIONS.**

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WEST OSO ISD SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF

Alfred Lopez, Director

Lucy Williams, LSSP

Mary Prejean, Diagnostician

Cecilia Cabasos, Diagnostician

Joe Catenazzo, Diagnostician

Donna Herrera Asst. SLP

Lorena Ramirez, Asst. SLP

Nora Garcia, Secretary

Melissa Perez, Clerk

Esther Williams, Clerk

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Special Education Department
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West Oso ISD Special Education Office



1st Annual Autism Parent Training Workshop

October 2, 2008

6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

West Oso Elementary

1526 Cliff Maus

Corpus Christi, TX 78416

Join us for our district's First Annual Autism Parent Training Workshop presented by West Oso ISD Special Education Department

**Social Understanding for
Children with Asperger's
Syndrome**

Visual Supports in the Home

**Commissioner's Rules for
Autism**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Parents with children in the Autism Spectrum

Parents of children with ADHD

Parents of children with emotional/behavioral disabilities

District and community leaders who want to partner and collaborate with parents of children with special needs to ensure that No Child Is Left Behind

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

1. Disaster preparedness for people on the Autism Spectrum and their supporters
2. Strategies include videoing, cartooning and token systems for teaching the “hidden curriculum”
3. Home activities for children with sensory integration problems
4. Visual support in the home such as schedules and routines, choice boards, self-help skills, chores and responsibilities, social stories, and environmental modifications

5. Overview of the eleven strategies found in the Commissioner’s Rules for Autism

6. Information on community support organizations for children in the Spectrum

7. Strategies for teaching social understanding

PRESENTERS

Bill Butler, LCSW

Bill Butler, LCSW has been in the social services field for 22 years. He has worked as a Clinical Director of Psychiatric Hospital and an Assistant Director of the Boy’s and Girl’s Club before going into private practice for the last five years. He offers Social Understanding Groups for those with Asperger’s Syndrome and has recently moved his practice to a house in which he hopes to increase his services to those on the Spectrum. He has done numerous trainings for agencies and those they serve.

Lottie Tomko, Education Specialist, Region 3

Lottie Tomko has recently joined the Education Service Center as a new Autism Specialist. She has been a life skills classroom teacher for several years and has had many students with Autism in her

classes. She has also serves as an in-home trainer with some of her students.

Mary Scott, Education Specialist, Region 3

Mary Scot has served as an education specialist at the Education Service Center for 11 years in the areas of Autism, assistive technology and low incidence disabilities. She has done numerous trainings for district staff and parents in the area of Autism.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Social Understanding for Children with Asperger's Syndrome Presented By Bill Butler

Visual Supports in the Home Presented By Lottie Tomko

Commissioner’s Rules for Autism Presented By Mary Scott