



ABA Today presents:
**Dr. Peter Gerhardt: Bridges to
Adulthood: Programming for Lives of
Competence and Quality**

Saturday, October 26, 2013, 9:00am-4:00pm

Renaissance Austin Hotel
9721 Arboretum Boulevard
Austin, TX 78759



Dr. Peter Gerhardt is the Director of Education – Upper School for the McCarton School in New York City. Dr. Gerhardt has over 30 years experience utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis in support of adolescents and adults with ASD in educational, employment, residential, and community-based settings. He is the author or co-author of articles and book chapters on the needs of adolescents and adults with autism spectrum disorder and he has presented nationally and internationally on this topic. In addition, Dr. Gerhardt serves as Chairman of the Scientific Council for the Organization for Autism Research, on the Editorial Board of Behavior Analysis in Practice, and on numerous professional advisory boards including the Autism Society of America. Dr. Gerhardt received his doctorate from the Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey Graduate School of Education.

Bridges to Adulthood: Programming for Lives of Competence and Quality of Life

The past decade has seen reports citing the dramatic increase in the prevalence of autism and related disorders (ASD) to the current 1 case per 110 individuals most recently identified by the Centers for Disease Control (2009). While the reasons behind this increase remain unclear what is clear is that there are greater numbers of individuals being diagnosed with ASD than ever before and subsequently, steadily growing numbers of adolescent and young adults on the autism spectrum. Subsequently, this increase in prevalence has created an increased demand for appropriate and effective services for adolescents and young adults with ASD. Unfortunately, the need for such services continues to far exceed the available resources leaving a generation of individuals with autism and their families in a programmatic, financial, and personal limbo. This presentation will provide an overview of effective transition programming -- at any age -- with the ultimate goal being a life of dignity, competence, and quality. To this end, an overview and practical suggestions for transition planning (including the use of existing technology) will be presented along with issues related to community based instruction, social competence, sexuality and sexual safety, and quality of life concerns.

Workshop Objectives

After having attended this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify the components of a comprehensive transition plan
- Discuss the importance of sexuality education both from a knowledge and a safety perspective.
- Discuss the importance of direct, intensive instruction in adaptive behavior if community living is expected to be the outcome of an effective education.
- Discuss the implications of technology in promoting independence and personal competence in the community.

S C H E D U L E

- 8:00am-9:00am Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 9:00am-10:30am How We Got Here and Where We Are Going
- 10:30am-10:45am Break
- 10:45-12:00pm ABA and Older Individuals Challenges to Evidence-based Practice and Transition Planning
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch on your own
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Adaptive Behavior and Social Competence
- 2:00pm-4:00pm Sexuality and Quality of Life Summary



Registration Form

Bridges to Adulthood: Programming for Lives of Competence and Quality of Life

Dr. Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D., BCBA

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Company/Facility/School: _____

*If registering multiple individuals please complete a separate registration form for each individual.

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Registration-\$125 by 9/9/13 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration-\$150 after 9/9/13 | \$ _____ |
| 6 BCBA/BCABA CEUs-\$20 | \$ _____ |
| Total: | \$ _____ |

Breakfast is included in your registration. No refunds after 10/14/13.

Please make check payable to ABA Today, LLC and mail registration to:

ABA Today, LLC
P.O. Box 6840
Round Rock, TX 78683

Or email form to rany@abatoday.org and receive an online payment option.

Questions? Contact Rany Thommen at 512-508-3362 or rany@abatoday.org