



ABA Today and Sandbox ABA Presents:

**Teaching Social Skills that Change Lives: Developing
Meaningful Relationships in Early Childhood and
Adolescence
By: Dr. Ronald Leaf**

Thursday, October 29, 2015

9:00am-4:00pm

Hilton Garden Inn, Arboretum

11617 Research Boulevard

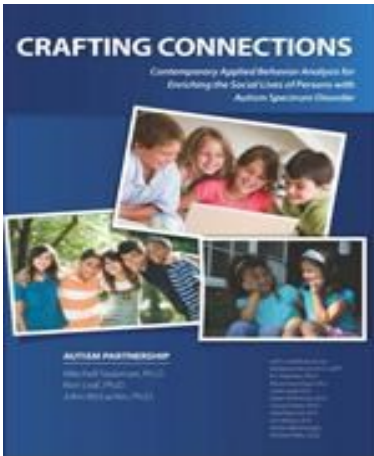
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Dr. Ronald Leaf is a licensed psychologist who has over 30 years experience in the field of autism. Dr. Leaf began his career working with Professor Ivar Lovaas, while receiving his undergraduate degree at UCLA. Subsequently he received his doctorate under the direction of Dr. Lovaas. During his professional training at UCLA, he served as Clinical Supervisor, Research, Psychologist, Lecturer, and Interim Director of the Young Autism Project. He was extensively involved in many of the Young Autism Project research investigations, contributed to *The Me Book*, and is co-author of *The Me Book Videotapes*. He is co-author of *A Work in Progress, It's Time for School! Building Quality ABA Educational Programs for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder*, and *Sense and Nonsense in the Behavioral Treatment of Autism: It Has to be Said*, and *Crafting Connections: Contemporary Applied Behavior Analysis for Enriching the Social Lives of Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder*. Dr. Leaf is the co-director of the Autism Partnership and Executive Director of Behavior Therapy and Learning Center. Dr. Leaf has consulted nationally and internationally to families, school districts, day programs and residential treatment facilities.

SCHEDULE

- 8:00am-9:00am Continental breakfast and registration
- 9:00am-10:30am Part I
- 10:30am-10:45am Break
- 10:45-12:00pm Part II
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch on your own
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Part III
- 2:00pm-4:00pm Part IV with Q and A if time allows

Teaching Social Skills that Change Lives: Developing Meaningful Relationships in Early Childhood and Adolescence

When all is said and done improving the quality of life for a person with ASD must be our most important goal. Helping our children, adolescents, and adults develop meaningful friendships therefore is essential. Unfortunately, this has been an extremely neglected area. And tragically loneliness, anxiety, and depression can have devastating effects on our individuals with ASD and their family members alike. This workshop is designed to address this important area. Dr. Leaf will provide the information necessary to help professionals and parents develop realistic strategies to approach teaching individuals with ASD how to successfully navigate the social world.

Dr. Leaf is co-author of *Crafting Connections*. *Crafting Connections* is one of the most comprehensive and easy-to-use guides available for teaching social skills to children and youth with ASD. A valuable resource for teachers, clinicians, and families. *Crafting Connections* teaches critically important skills in social awareness, social communication, social interaction, social learning, and social relatedness. The book address real world issues such as teasing and bullying, conversational development, and social comprehension. *Crafting Connections* is a must have for interventionists, therapists, researchers, teachers and family members alike because its content address the social skills needs of all persons on the Autism spectrum. It provides the how to in establishing true social skills development and embodies a comprehensive push to give work on social skills for individuals with ASD its due. Because ultimately, social skills are much of what makes us, us.



With support from the Autism Society Central Texas a limited number of parent stipends are available for registration. Please contact the Autism Society directly for more information. 512-479-4199

Registration Form

Teaching Social Skills that Change Lives: Developing Meaningful Relationships in Early Childhood and Adolescence

Dr. Ronald Leaf, Ph.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 9/14/15	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration-\$150 after 9/14/15	\$ _____
6 BCBA/BCABA CEUs-\$20	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

Continental breakfast is included in your registration. No refunds after 10/15/15.

Please make check payable to Sandbox ABA and mail registration to:

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Austin, TX 78756

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Name as it appears on card: _____

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Card number: _____

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Signature: _____

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BACB Type 2 Approved Continuing Education (ACE) Syllabus

Name of ACE provider:

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Event title:

Teaching Social Skills that Change Lives: Developing Meaningful Relationships in Early Childhood and Adolescence.

Date and location of event:

October 29, 2015

Hilton Garden Inn Arboretum, 11617 Research Blvd, Austin, Texas 78759

9:00am-4:00pm (1 hour lunch break)

Number of Type 2 CE Units:

6 CE Units

Attendance procedure:

Conference participants will sign in and out of the conference room in the morning, lunch break, and upon completion of the conference. Participants must attend the full conference. Partial credit will not be provided.

Certificates:

Certificates will be provided at the completion of the conference. Participants must register for the conference, include their BACB certification number, provide a \$20 CEU fee, sign in and out of the conference, and complete an evaluation form.



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Total event fee:

Registration Fee + \$20 for CEUs

Name of event instructor:

Ronald Leaf, Ph.D.

Event covers the following behavior analysis content:

Evidenced-based practices

Using ABA to address social skills development

Social comprehension and behavior analysis

Bullying and behavior analysis

Conversation development and behavior analysis

Event is designed for:

Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA)

Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCABA)

Both BCBA and BCABAs

Learning objectives for participants:

1. Describe the complexities of teaching social skills
2. Define meaningful and reciprocal friendships and ABA methods for their development
3. Describe different social skills teaching methods and the research to support these methods
4. List possible target behaviors to include in a social skills curriculum

Description of Type 2 CE event: This workshop will focus on issues related to social skills development for individuals on the Autism spectrum. Dr. Leaf will cover topics including the meaning of true friendships, research based teaching strategies, and specific social competencies.