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Autism Update 2010

Thursday, April 8th
Sheraton Four Points
Norwood, MA

Sponsored by The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism
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REGISTRATION: Registrations will be accepted by mail only. Payment is only accepted in the form of check or money order. No Credit Cards accepted. Space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first come basis. We will attempt to accommodate all afternoon seminar requests, but each seminar is limited and preferences can only be assured by early registration. Handouts will not be available for those not registered for a specific breakout session. The registration fee includes all conference events, meals, activities and handouts as listed in the published conference schedule. Hotel arrangements, evening meals and incidental charges are the responsibility of the individual.

Complete the following registration form and send with your check or money order to Children Making Strides, 4 Barlow's Landing Rd., Suite 13, Pocasset, MA 02559

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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COST

Check off one of the following:

Parent: \$60 () Professional: \$75 ()

Exhibitor: \$100 ()

Additional Table Rep.: \$75 ()

Seating in afternoon breakout session is limited. Indicate your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices. Sessions are assigned on a first come basis.

SESSION I ___ **FACING THE FUTURE/
ADULTS WITH ASD**

SESSION II ___ **TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY FOR
PEOPLE WITH ASD**

SESSION III ___ **SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH
CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS**

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8:00 – 8:45

Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:45 – 9:00

Welcome

Pat Antonellis, Children Making Strides
Lisa Borges, Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism

9:00 – 10:15

Keynote Address

Tim Buie, MD, Lurie Family Autism Center/LADDERS
Dr. Buie will present an overview of his newly published research on digestive problems in children with autism, which was published in the January edition of the Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics. A question & answer period will follow the presentation.

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:30

THE STATE OF AUTISM SERVICES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Dr. Jean McGuire, Asst. Secretary
Executive Office of Health & Human Services, MA
This presentation will focus on how Massachusetts services are being affected by the current economic situation and what we can expect both the short and long term. Alternative resources and other possible options will be discussed and a question & answer period will follow.

11:30 – 12:00

AFAM UPDATE

AFAM Executive Committee Member

This presentation will focus on the legislative initiatives and projects that AFAM is currently working on to increase the quality of services and life for those

on the autism spectrum. An update on adult services, health insurance initiative (ARICA Bill) and other issues will be presented.

12:00 – 12:30

PRESENTATION OF THE DOUG FLUTIE JR. AWARD Laurie Flutie

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE “PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD”

Please visit the Foundation's website at www.flutiefoundation.org to submit your nomination. This award is presented each year to a person who has shown extraordinary dedication and commitment to improving the lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Nominations will be accepted through March 5, 2010.

12:30 – 1:45

Lunch, Raffle & Exhibit Hall

2:00 – 4:30

Afternoon Breakout Sessions:

SESSION I: FACING THE FUTURE

Panel Discussion Coordinated by **Christine Hubbard**,
AFAM Adult Services Committee

This session will discuss concerns and ideas about how to create a meaningful future for young adults with autism spectrum disorders. Topics will include existing and potential resources for shaping future supports for housing, jobs, health care and therapeutic services as well as leisure and recreational activities.

SESSION II: TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY FOR PEOPLE WITH ASD

Marie Duggan, Technology for Autism Now
Laura Hutt, Easter Seals of MA

This session will focus on the latest in technology both high and low tech for people on the autism spectrum. Presentations of alternative and augmentative communication as well as use of cell phones and handheld technology such as the iPhone/iTouch applications will be demonstrated.

SESSION III: SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS

Sue Constable, MA, Director RI Autism Project

This session will focus on meeting behavioral challenges in school systems. Discussion will focus on avoiding the misuse of physical restraints and promoting positive behavioral supports that would reduce or eliminate the use of physical restraints. This breakout will also address what schools are supposed to be doing when using physical restraints and how to use Functional Behavior Assessments to better understand the student's behaviors.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

CANCELLATIONS: In the event of cancellation, there is a \$50 fee up until 21 days prior to the conference. Within 21 days of the conference there is no refund, but you may transfer your reservation to another person. All cancellations must be received in writing or by fax (508-563-5774). No phone cancellations are accepted.

PDP's: A certificate of attendance will be given to conference participants who attend the conference.

FUNDING: This conference is funded in part by the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism as part of their commitment to ongoing autism education and awareness.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION: Space for exhibitors is available at a cost of \$100 per day. This fee covers admission, meals and exhibit table for one representative. Additional representatives are \$75 per person.

HOTEL INFORMATION: A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a special conference rate of \$125 per room per night. Rooms will be held at this rate until March 16th, 2010. After that date rooms will be on a space available basis and not available at the conference rate. Make reservations directly with the Four Points Sheraton by calling 781-769-7900. Identify yourself as part of the Autism Update conference to receive the special room rate. For directions to the hotel, go to www.fourpointsnorwood.com

