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Attendance of the full session is required for credit. No partial credit. All participants must sign attendance sheets. At the end of the workshop, participants will need to complete an evaluation form.

The Virginia Tech Autism Clinic was established in Fall 2005 as a training facility to serve the needs of individuals and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders in surrounding communities. We provide diagnostic assessment, treatment, consultation, training, and research.

Certificates

Certificates of attendance will be given to all participants at the end of the workshop.

Special Needs

Individuals may request information regarding special needs (e.g., physical, visual, and/or hearing impairment) from Angela Scarpa at (540) 231-2053 or contact autism@vt.edu.

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**Training Workshop in
Pivotal
Response
Treatment
for
Autism Spectrum
Disorders
November
18th, 2008**

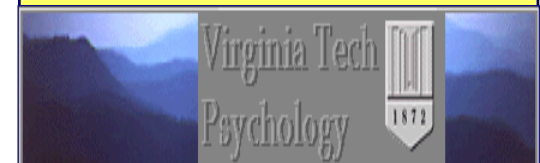
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Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT) is a state-of-the art behavioral treatment for autism, based on over 20 years of research by Bob and Lynn Koegel of the Koegel Autism Center, UC Santa Barbara. PRT uses natural learning opportunities to modify key targets in children, leading to widespread positive effects in language, social interactions, and behavior.

Participants will learn

- Characteristics of autism including history, background, and data from early studies of the Natural Language Paradigm (NLP)
- How to create learning opportunities in natural settings and environments
- The application of PRT to schools
- Functional Behavioral Assessment for identifying functions of problem behavior
- Video examples of parents implementing PRT with children with autism, role play with toys, and discussion of techniques will be interspersed throughout the lecture

Schedule

7:30-8:30am	Sign-in and refreshments
8:30-12pm	Workshop Part I
12-1pm	Lunch break (lunch provided)
1-4pm	Workshop Part II

Who Should Attend

All educators, special education directors, teachers, psychologists, counselors, clinicians, service providers, speech/language pathologists, administrators, instructional aides, principals, vice principals, social workers, mental health providers, researchers, students, and parents with an interest in evidence-based intervention for autism.

Workshop Presenter

Daniel Openden, Ph.D.

Dr. Openden is the former Head of Community Training and Associate Specialist for the Koegel Autism Center at the University of California, Santa Barbara and currently the Clinical Services Director at Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center. He received his doctorate in Education with an emphasis in Special Education, Disability, and Risk Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Dr. Openden has worked extensively with families with children with autism on both federal and state funded research projects; provided consulting and training for school districts across the country; presented research at regional, state, and national conventions; and has published in professional journals in the field. In 2004, Dr. Openden received the CalABA Julie Vargas Award for original research with his study "A Systematic Desensitization Paradigm to Treat Hypersensitivity to Auditory Stimuli in Children with Autism in Family Contexts." His research interests include parent education, professional development, positive behavior supports, early intervention, inclusion, and dissemination of service delivery models for children with autism.

Fees

- **Parents and Students: \$20**
- **Professionals and Faculty: \$30**
- **Other Attendees: \$30**

Fees include registration, CE credits (if applicable), certificate of attendance, refreshments, and lunch buffet.

Registration

Attendance is limited to the first 100 registrants. To register go to:

<http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/prt/>

You may also download a *registration form* from that site, or call 540-231-2053 and a form will be sent to you. Registrations must be received by November 11th, 2008.

Cancellations

No cancellations/refunds are allowed. You may send a substitute in your place. In the event that this program is cancelled or postponed due to insufficient enrollments or unforeseen circumstances, the university will fully refund registration fees, but cannot be held responsible for any other expenses, including cancellation or change charges assessed by airlines, hotels, travel agencies, or other organizations.

Location and Date of Workshop

**Where: The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center
General Assembly Room
Blacksburg, VA**

Directions:

<http://www.innatvirginiatech.com/>

When: November 18th, 2008

Time: 7:30am-4 pm (see schedule)