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Enhanced knowledge and skills in applied behavior analysis

A Message from the President of PennABA, William J. Helsel, Ed.D., BCBA

Pennsylvania is home to a large number of behavior analysts along with a number of people showing a growing interest in Applied Behavior Analysis. Together with other regional associations in our area such as the New York State Association of Applied Behavior Analysis (NYSABA), the Berkshire Association of Behavior Analysis (BABAT), the Maryland Association of Behavior Analysis (MABA), the Delaware Valley Association of Applied Behavior Analysis (DVABA), and the New Jersey Association for Behavior Analysis (NJABA), we too hope to contribute to the level of communication and dissemination of the behavior analytic work being done in our region. You are receiving this newsletter because you have been active in PennABA in the past and/or you have been identified as an important colleague in our vicinity.



Our 2008 Conference Agenda with an Autism focus is set for March 27th and 28th at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA. The good news for all who benefit from ABA is that the agenda is proving to be popular with numerous pre-registrants. In order to allow for additional opportunities to attend this year's conference, WE WILL TAKE LATE REGISTRATIONS UP TO AND INCLUDING WALK-INS AT THE CONFERENCE.

The PennABA Board has arranged for a remarkable line-up of Invited Speakers including the following (for more thorough biographical sketches and presentation abstracts go to www.pennaba1.org): William Ahearn, Ph.D., BCBA, who is Director of Research at the New England Center for Children and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Masters in Applied Behavior Analysis (MABA) Program at Northeastern University, will carry out a workshop on assessing and treating stereotypic behavior and offer a paper on analyzing social deficits. Saul Axelrod, Ph.D., BCBA, who is Professor of Education at Temple University, will give a paper looking more broadly at the relations between ABA and autism. Ray Romanczyk, Ph.D., BCBA, who is Professor of Clinical Psychology at SUNY Binghamton, will conduct a workshop extending functional analysis into the public policy arena and present a paper on anxiety and autism. Kimberly Schreck, Ph.D., BCBA, who is an Associate Professor of Psychology and Coordinator of the Applied Behavior Analysis Masters Program at Penn State Harrisburg, will share a paper examining practices of behavior analysts in the treatment of autism. Tristram Smith, Ph.D., who is an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) and serves as the research director for the Multi-site Young Autism Project, will direct a workshop on ABA for school-age children with autism and offer a paper on "what's new" in early intensive behavioral intervention. Mary Jane Weiss, Ph.D., BCBA, who is the Director of Research and Training at the Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center at Rutgers University, will lead a workshop on teaching social skills and also discuss comprehensive ABA programming in a paper presentation.

We have again applied for continuing education accreditation to enable those participants attending presentations either one or both days of the conference to receive, BCBA and BCABA CEUs through the Behavior Analysis Certification Board and Act 48 Special Education Credits through the assistance of William Galbraith, Ph.D. at PaTTAN. We are NOT able to provide APA CEUs through the Pennsylvania Psychological Association for the 2008 conference.

Closing remarks require taking into consideration our history. PennABA was founded in the late 1990s by Richard M. Foxx and William J. Helsel in response to a contact from Ms. Cheri Heeter, BCBA, who had just arrived in Pennsylvania from Florida, home to FABA, and wanted to know about an affiliated chapter here in the Keystone state. Drs. Foxx and Helsel responded by incorporating PennABA in 1998. Dr. Richard Foxx continues to serve as the organizations Executive Director. And with the invaluable help of key folks from Penn State University campuses in Harrisburg, Hershey, and State College, along with organizations like Melmark and PLEA, we have held 7 annual conferences. As a small non-profit organization, the primary role of the PennABA Board Members is to host this annual conference and generate a newsletter designed to inform and connect Behavior Analysts in Pennsylvania and our neighboring states. We have continued to solicit input from our members to refine the services we provide with the most notable membership driven change reflected in the structure of our conferences beginning in 2005 and continuing today. In addition, we revised our website in 2006 relying on feedback from our members.

PennABA 2008 Conference Agenda

Thursday, March 27, 2008

8:00 - 9:00	Conference Registration	
9:00 - 12:15	Morning Workshops	
	Workshop One	Workshop Two
	<i>Teaching Social Skills to Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders</i> Presenter: Mary Jane Weiss, Ph.D., BCBA, 3 CEUs	<i>Applied Behavior Analysis for School-Age Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders</i> Presenter: Tristram Smith, Ph.D., 3 CEUs
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch on your own	
1:15 - 4:30	Afternoon Workshops	
	Workshop Three	Workshop Four
	<i>From Automatic Reinforcement to Appropriate Social Behavior: Assessing and Treating Stereotypic Behavior</i> Presenter: William Ahearn, Ph.D., BCBA, 3 CEUs	<i>Extending Functional Analysis: Public Policy and Innovative Practice</i> Presenters: Ray Romanczyk, Ph.D., BCBA & Emily Huber Callahan, MS. 3CEUs
5:30 - 7:00	Social Hour and Poster Session	

Friday, March 28, 2008

8:00 - 9:00	Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast	PennABA Council Business Meeting
9:00 - 10:00	Speaker Series One	
	<i>What's New in Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention?</i> Presenter: Tristram Smith, Ph.D.	
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 - 11:15	Speaker Series Two	
	<i>A Conceptual Analysis of Social Deficits in Children with ASDs</i> Presenter: William Ahearn, Ph.D., BCBA	
11:15 - 12:15	Speaker Series Three	
	<i>ASD and the Expression of Anxiety: From Phobias to Behavior Problems to Social Development</i> Presenter: Ray Romanczyk, Ph.D., BCBA	
12:15 - 1:30	PennABA Luncheon And a Presentation for the Association for Professional Behavior Analysts By Richard M. Foxx, Ph.D., BCBA	
1:30 - 2:30	Speaker Series Four	
	<i>Comprehensive ABA Programming</i> Presenter: Mary Jane Weiss, Ph.D., BCBA	
2:30 - 2:45	Break	
2:45 - 3:45	Speaker Series Five	
	<i>Applied Behavior Analysis: Autism and Beyond</i> Presenter: Saul Axelrod, Ph.D., BCBA	
3:45 - 4:45	Speaker Series Six	
	<i>Behavior Analysts Use and Beliefs in Treatments for People with Autism</i> Presenter: Kimberly Schreck, Ph.D., BCBA	
4:45 - 5:00	Closing Remarks	

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March 27th and 28th, 2008
The Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA

Name:	
Affiliation:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

May we include your contact information in future mailings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you a Board Certified Behavior Analyst?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

PennABA Membership

Please check one option below to renew your PennABA membership or to become a new member of PennABA. Membership to PennABA is not required to attend the PennABA conference, but members enjoy a discounted conference rate for Workshops and the Speaker Series. The membership period begins on the first day of the annual conference and expires on the day before the following year's annual conference begins.

<input type="checkbox"/> Full Membership \$45.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> anyone holding a terminal degree in a discipline which is directly related to or involving behavior analysis and whose full-time profession commitment includes teaching, research, and/or practice in behavior analysis anyone engaged on a full-time basis in any profession or vocation that utilizes the principles or procedures of behavior analysis
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Membership \$35.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> anyone interested in the discipline of behavior analysis, but who lacks formal training affiliate members enjoy all the benefits of membership except the right to vote on matters of interest to the organization and the right to hold office in PennABA
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership \$20.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> anyone pursuing formal training in the discipline of behavior analysis but who is not yet gainfully employed therein on at least half-time basis student members may not vote or hold office

Workshop Registration *

Thursday, March 27th, 2008

Please check which workshop you wish to attend. Please only choose one workshop per session, as sessions run concurrently. BCBA, BCABA and Act 48 Credits available at no additional cost. Please have your certificate number available.

MORNING SESSIONS

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Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member	Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Workshop 3			Workshop 4		
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00

Speaker Series Registration

Friday, March 28th, 2008

Please register by membership type. Attendees can earn up to 6 CEUs for attending entire day.

Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00

Please Add Membership Dues, Workshop Fees and Speaker Series Fees.

Membership Dues:	
Workshop(s):	
Speaker Series:	
TOTAL:	

Please make checks payable to: **PENNABA**
 Please send Registration Form and fees to: PennABA
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* Registration is by day. Registrants can choose to attend Day 1 of the Conference (per Workshop) or Day 2 of the Conference (Speaker Series) or Both.



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PennABA Member at Large Dr. Keith E. Williams Publishes New Book

We are pleased to announce that PennABA Member at Large, Dr. Keith E. Williams with Executive Officer Dr. Richard M. Foxx has published a new book “Treating Eating Problems of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities”. The interventions set forth in the book are geared towards professionals and parents. Part one was specifically written for teachers, parents, and caregivers with no prior professional experience or training on feeding problems. Part two was written for professionals, providing detailed information on how to apply behavioral assessment and developing individualized interventions based on a child’s eating behaviors. For more information about the book, check out the following website:
<http://www.proedinc.com/customer/productView.aspx?ID=4143>

Dr. Williams is also presenting a series of one day workshops across Pennsylvania this spring entitled “Helping Children Who Won’t/Can’t/Don’t Eat”. This program is designed to provide current information about evaluating and treating the feeding problems found in young children. For more information about upcoming workshops, dates and locations, check out the following website:
<http://www.hmc.psu.edu/ce/programs/other/index.htm>

We are proud and honored to have Dr. Williams on the PennABA council and appreciate his many contributions to the field of Applied Behavior Analysis, especially in the area of eating and feeding disorders.

A Message from the President of PennABA (continued)

You can find us at www.pennaba1.org where we publish information about the organization and where we hope eventually those Pennsylvanians interested in behavior analysis will increase their communications with each other.

It is my sincerest hope that the news I conveyed in this message will assist in maintaining our current members and encourage others to join PennABA to further our purpose in spreading the benefits of our science of human behavior and the dissemination of humane technological achievements.