

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Dr. James Loomis is a child and family psychologist at the Center for Children with Special Needs in Glastonbury, Connecticut where he specializes in work with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Nonverbal Learning Disabilities, developmental disabilities, and pediatric illness. He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan before completing a fellowship at the Devereux Foundation and postdoctoral training at the Kantor Family Institute. His professional interests include the development of social skills, designing school-based programs for children and adolescents, and facilitating independence in adulthood. A frequent speaker to regional and national audiences of professionals and parents, he is on the professional advisory committee of the Autism Spectrum Resource Center and the Connecticut Pilot Program for Adults with Autism. He recently completed his first book, *Staying in the Game: Providing Social Opportunities for Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Developmental Disabilities*.

DESCRIPTION

Dr. Loomis will identify key social deficits which can block social development and examine the social challenges presented by NLD and the associated syndromes and how they play out developmentally. Dr. Loomis will discuss social skills as they emerge in the family, at school, in the workplace, and in the community. He will engage you in hands-on activities to assess social challenges and lead you in an intervention exercise to design what a child's social skills program should look like.

Dr. Loomis will provide parent/family-based and school-based social interventions for young/older children, adolescents, and adults. Strategies to promote friendships, dating, sexual relationships, and relationships of daily living will be presented. Dr. Loomis will show you how to assess the social skills necessary for elementary/high school adjustment and devise a social skills transition plan from the high school to college setting. He will also detail ways to promote generalization from social skills classes and groups to the peer group and community. A discussion about ways family and school can work together for a stronger approach to social skills will also take place.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:

- Understand the impact of social skills deficits
- Understand how the social skills deficits emerge in childhood, adolescence and young adulthood
- Identify important assessment techniques
- Structure social skills interventions to be used in the family, school, workplace, and the community
- Understand how to facilitate generalization of skills learned in the training context to real peer interactions
- Differentiate key social skills necessary to relationships with family members, teachers, employers, friends, and dating partners.

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SOCIAL SKILLS

For those working or living with individuals with:

- **Nonverbal Learning Disabilities**
- **Asperger's Syndrome**
- **Autism Spectrum Disorders**
- **William's Syndrome**
- **Turner Syndrome**
- **Hydrocephalus (early shunted)**
- **de Lange Syndrome or Velocardiofacial Syndrome**

James Loomis, Ph.D.



Rutland, VT
Holiday Inn
Monday, October 1, 2007

Burlington, VT
Holiday Inn
Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Portland, ME
Holiday Inn Portland West
Monday, October 15, 2007

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- **Teachers**
- **Social Workers**
- **Psychologists**
- **Counselors**
- **Administrators**
- **Parents**
- **Special Educators**
- **Marriage & Family Therapists**
- **Speech-Language Pathologists**



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ON-LINE STORE & CONFERENCE INFO

SCHEDULE

7:30-8:15 am	SIGN-IN and Coffee/Light Fare
8:15 am	Welcome / Announcements
8:30 am	Dr. Loomis (Break 10:00am-10:30am)
Noon	Lunch- provided
1:00 pm	Dr. Loomis (Break 2:30pm-2:45pm)
4:15 pm	SIGN OUT

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Speech-Language Pathologists: Maple Leaf Center is approved by the CEB of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide CE activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. This program is offered for .6 CEUs (introductory level; related area).

ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.



Psychologists: 6.0 CE's. Maple Leaf Center is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Maple Leaf Center maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Social Workers: This program is approved by the National Association of Social Workers Vermont Chapter to offer 6 contact hours. This program has been submitted for approval by the Board of Social Worker Licensure in Augusta, Maine to offer 6 contact hours.

Marriage & Family Therapists: This program has been approved by the Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners for Marriage and Family Therapists to offer 4.5 ce hours.

CERTIFICATES: A certificate of attendance will be mailed after the conference only to attendees who sign in AND sign out, verifying full attendance. Individuals from other states should be aware that the licensing board in each state determines whether or not the activity is accepted in fulfillment of CE requirements.

Travel safely, we are looking forward to seeing you!

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• **ON-LINE (Credit Card)**
www.MapleLeafCenter.com

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Registration form with payment to:
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• **FAX (Credit Card, PO)**
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802-446-3801

• **PHONE (Credit Card)**
Call 802-446-3601. Have credit card available.

FEES:

\$149 per professional
\$99 per parent, family member or individual with LD

Registration includes a delicious lunch, refreshments and presenter handouts. Seating is only reserved once your FULL payment has been received.

Call Mon.-Fri., 8:00-4:00 EST if registering within one week of event to check space availability.

REGISTRATION FORM

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STEP 1: Check location:

- Rutland, VT ~ Oct. 1
 Burlington, VT ~ Oct. 3
 Portland, ME ~ Oct. 15

Check registration:

Registration (includes lunch & handouts)

\$149 per professional Profession: _____

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STEP 2: Please complete entire form

(For faster delivery of your registration confirmation - use your home address)

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Organization: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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E-Mail Address: _____

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- Check enclosed- Payable to Maple Leaf Center [TAX ID: 20-006-5362]
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Monday, Oct. 15, 2007

Holiday Inn Portland West
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CONFIRMATION:

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