

Hosted by Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network

**Saturday,
September 10, 2016**

DeSales University, Center Valley, Pennsylvania

Autism: The Teenage Years and Beyond

**Did you ever wonder what happens as our clients
on the autism spectrum enter adulthood?**

This question is a very real concern for not only parents, but for practitioners as well. How do we best help our clients to achieve their maximum level of independence?

This symposium is designed to assist professionals who work with individuals with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to better identify challenges clients face and the services available to assist them.

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**Keynote Address by Karen Senft, MD,
the Lehigh Valley's only Developmental Pediatrician**

By the end of the symposium, participants will:

1. Identify challenges and provide suggestions to assist parents as their child enters into adolescence. Topics will cover puberty and sexuality.
2. Identify caregiver burnout and methods to best assist caregivers.
3. Learn about high school transition and identify resources to best support clients with ASD during the transition process.
4. Identify three local resources that could benefit clients as they enter the teenage years and beyond.
5. Identify the challenges faced by ASD clients who would like to drive and which clients are appropriate for a driving evaluation.
6. Learn about autism waivers and identify which clients are appropriate to refer for a waiver.

AGENDA

7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast (provided)
8 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.	Welcome Jodie Moulton, MS, CC-SLP/L, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network (GSRN)
8:10 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	Keynote: DSM and Updates – Karen Senft, MD, Medical Director, Developmental Pediatrics at GSRN
8:50 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	Sexuality and Puberty – Karen Senft, MD, Medical Director, Developmental Pediatrics
9:50 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.	Break
10:05 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Caregiver Burnout – Mary Brownsberger, Psy.D, ABPP, Director of Psychology, GSRN
11:00 a.m. - Noon	Transitions - Wendy Smith, Educational Consultant, Colonial Intermediate Unit #21
Noon - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch* (provided)
12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Project Search Overview - Melissa Johnson, Supervisor of Special Education, Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21
1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Overview - LaRonda Moorefield, LSW, Early Reach Coordinator, OVR
1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) Overview - Seth Hoderewski, Director of Transitions, LVCIL
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Autism and Driving - Mimi Ludwig, MS, OTR/L, Research Program Manager, GSRN
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Autism Waivers and VIA - Denise Pioli, BSW, Via, Community Connections Director
3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Autism and Secondary Education - Dolly Singley, M.Ed., Disability Support Specialist, Cedar Crest College

STATEMENT OF CREDIT

For Physical Therapists

6.0 contact hours by PA Board of Physical Therapy Pennsylvania Board - Pending Approval

For Occupational Therapists

6.5 contact hours by Pennsylvania Board of Occupational Therapy - Pending Approval

For Social Workers

NASW-PA Chapter is a co-sponsor of this workshop 6.5 CE's will be awarded for completion of this course. NASW has been designated as a pre-approved provider of professional continuing education for social workers (Section 47.36), Marriage and Family Therapist (Section 48.36) and Professional Counselors (Section 49.36)

For Speech Therapists

Attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance for 6 hours. The certificate can be used for renewal of ASHA certification.

For Nurses

This program is approved for 6.0 PSNA contact hours. Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network is an approved provider of continuing education by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commissions on Accreditation.

Fee: \$75 through August 31, 2016 or \$95 the day of the event, which includes breakfast and lunch.

Registration/Cancellation Details: Please register online by August 31, 2016. Cancellations through September 1, 2016 will receive a \$50 refund. Cancellations thereafter will not receive a refund. To cancel a registration, email LSoleta@gsrh.org.

Inquiries and Requests for Special Accommodations: Please contact Lorillie Soleta at LSoleta@gsrh.org.

To register or for more information, visit GoodShepherdRehab.org/education/autism-symposium.

**Thank you to the Autism Society of Lehigh Valley for sponsoring the vendors' lunches.*

