

AHEC-SSW Training Partnership Consultant Information Sheet

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Position/Title: Autism Society of NC Liaison to CIDD
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Education/Degrees: BA in Sociology from Appalachian State University

Academic Experience: Workshops/presentations to graduate level students at UNC through Family Faculty position at the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities, multiple presentations to college disabilities services representatives and professors through the Association for Higher Education and Disabilities workshops, presentations to undergraduate and graduate level classes at UNC related to psychology and developmental disabilities.

Brief Summary of Work Experience:

- 4 years research assistant with Division TEACCH doing research primarily on adults with ASD
- 14 years as Family Support Coordinator for Division TEACCH developing and coordinating a parent mentor program and developing Home Teaching Kits for families to use with their children with ASD
- 5 years as Director of Advocacy and Chapters for the Autism Society of North Carolina supervising 18 parent advocates and coordinating 50 support groups/Chapters across NC
- 5 years as Family Faculty for the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities supporting the education of LEND graduate level students at UNC in working with families with developmental disabilities

Specialization/Research Areas: College and Autism Spectrum Disorders, parenting special needs, developing support groups and mentor programs, the parent/professional relationship, impact of diagnosis on extended family, transitioning to adulthood

Available for presentations on the following:

- Realizing the College Dream with Autism or Asperger Syndrome
- Making the Parent/Professional Relationship Work
- ASD in the Family: Building Supportive Relationships with Extended Family Members and Friends
- Parenting Across the Autism Spectrum: Unexpected Lessons Learned
- Transitioning to a Successful Life
- Autism: Beyond the Diagnosis
- Drinking, Drug Use and Addiction in the Autism Community