

## Thompson Center Autism Parent Conference- October 24, 2018

8:00-8:30 am	<b>Registration</b>	
8:30- 9:45 am	<p>Welcome and Keynote Session – <b>Safety</b></p> <p>This session will focus on common safety concerns for children with autism as well as strategies, plans, and safety modifications that can help reduce or prevent dangerous situations or unsafe behaviors.</p>	
9:45-9:50 am	<b>Break</b>	
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9:50-11:05 am	<p><b>Augmentative and Assisted Communication</b></p> <p>This session will focus on how Mercy Kids Autism Center uses Augmentative &amp; Alternative Communication methods to facilitate communication including its use in the pre-school age group at Mercy.</p>	<p><b>Effective Programming</b></p> <p>This session will discuss how to prioritize your child’s needs in order to maximize outcomes. Considerations for how to establish effective collaborative relationships with schools and community providers will be discussed as well as how to identify and incorporate Evidence-Based practices into your child’s programming.</p>
11:05 am-12:05 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:05-1:20 pm	<p><b>Increasing Emergent Communication Skills: Pivotal Response Treatment (Part 1)</b></p> <p>This session will provide strategies for increasing the communication and engagement for children with emergent language skills using Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT). PRT is an Evidence-Based intervention for improving social-communication, play and adaptive skills for children with autism.</p> <p><i>*Interested families can also receive FREE video-based individualized coaching with their child following the training day (limited space available, please indicate your interest by selecting the Individualized PRT Coaching ticket).</i></p>	<p><b>Working Towards Self-Regulation</b></p> <p>An essential part of increasing independence is teaching children to recognize and regulate their own behavior. This session will focus on strategies to initially teach self-monitoring with specific emphasis on social skills.</p>
1:20-1:25 pm	<b>Break</b>	
1:25-2:40 pm	<p><b>Increasing Emergent Communication Skills: Pivotal Response Treatment (Part 2)</b></p> <p>This session is a continuation. You must have attended Part 1 in order to attend this session.</p>	<p><b>Adolescents and Puberty</b></p> <p>This session will focus on the many changes (physical, mental, social) that occur during the teenage years as well as ways to help your child cope with these changes.</p>
2:40-2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>	
2:45-4:00 pm	<p><b>Parent Panel: Role of School, Family, &amp; Community</b></p> <p>Parent Panelist will share their experiences with collaborative relationships in support of their child in this interactive parent panel. Audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions to these experienced parents who are every day advocates for their children with autism.</p>	