

The PLAY Project – Level I Workshop

with **Rick Solomon, MD**

April 9, 2010

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

(Registration: 8:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.)

Sponsored by
**The Black Hawk Area Special Education District and
The Rock Island Regional Office of Education**

Held at
The iwireless Center

**1201 River Drive
Moline, IL**

This one-day workshop focuses on The P.L.A.Y. Project, a unique, community-based autism training and early intervention program. The model is based on the developmental theories of Stanley Greenspan, MD, known as the Developmental, Individualized & Relationship (DIR) Oriented Model – also known as “Floortime.” The DIR theory and research will be presented along with videotape case examples to help participants learn DIR strategies, methods and techniques. The session will help parents and professionals learn effective, low cost, and efficient ways to provide intensive intervention programming for young children (18 months to 7 years) with autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) and help them gain language and social skills.

Who Should Attend: Family members of children with autism spectrum disorders, Education Professionals and Paraprofessionals, Psychologists and Social Workers, and Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapists

Learning Objectives:

Participants in the Level I Workshop will:

- Identify current trends and research in ASDs
- Describe how “affect” drives growth and development
- Investigate the importance of the neurological “comfort zone”
- List and describe basic DIR (Floortime) principles, strategies, and techniques
- Plan and implement DIR intervention techniques with children with ASDs

Faculty:

Rick Solomon, MD, medical director of The PLAY Project, is board certified in both General Pediatrics and Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics. He has diagnosed and treated children with autistic spectrum disorders for over twenty years. Dr. Solomon is a member of the Autism committee for the Michigan Chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics. A colleague of Stanley Greenspan’s, he is a board member of the Interdisciplinary Council of Developmental and Learning Disorders (ICDL). The PLAY Project was started in Ann Arbor, Michigan and is now being offered by more than 80 agencies in 27 states and internationally.

Agenda:

8:00 Check-in
8:30 Overview of Autism
DIR Principles, Strategies and Methods: Parts 1 and 2
12:30 Lunch (will be provided)
1:30 Techniques and Strategies for Home and School Case Studies
4:00 Wrap-up and Evaluation

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To Register: online at www.k12.il.us or mail form below to Julie Cox, RI ROE, 3430 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL 61265.

Name: _____ **Employer/District:** _____

Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____

Day Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Fee: \$50.00 Parents: \$20.00

Documentation Required: _____ CPDU (6.5) _____ CEU (6.5) _____ Certificate of Attendance

(Check only one)

Registration Deadline: April 2, 2010