



## **The Ziggurat Model: Planning Comprehensive Behavioral Interventions for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

<b>WHEN:</b>	October 27-28, 2009
<b>LOCATION:</b>	ESU 10, Kearney, NE
<b>TIME:</b>	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
<b>COST:</b>	\$175 .00 In-State Participants \$300.00 Out-of-State Participants

The Ziggurat Model is a guide for designing comprehensive behavior interventions for individuals of all ages with autism spectrum disorders. The Model has been adopted at the district-wide and statewide levels. The Ziggurat approach centers on a five level system, structured in a hierarchy. Each level represents an area that must be addressed in order for an intervention plan to be comprehensive. The premise of the Ziggurat Model is that underlying needs and characteristics related to the autism spectrum must be addressed. Assessment tools to facilitate this process will be introduced.

Parents, teachers, speech pathologists, psychologists, physicians, occupational therapists, counselors, school administrators, autism consultants, and others will benefit from this training. Emphasis is placed on working as an intervention team.

### **Through hands-on exercises, participants will learn to:**

- Recognize strategies with empirical support
- Select appropriate strategies for an individual
- Address underlying needs through comprehensive interventions

The Ziggurat Model is unique in its approach and fills a void by providing a framework for organizing the range of possible interventions and assuring that true, meaningful needs are addressed.

### **Workshop Learning Objectives:**

Participants will be able to:

- Discuss theories that attempt to explain the signs and symptoms of autism
- Use specially designed assessment tools to identify the relationship of underlying characteristics of ASD with observable behavior:
- Complete a survey of underlying characteristics (UCC)
- Complete a survey of individual strengths and skills (ISSI)
- List five areas required for a comprehensive intervention
- Identify research validated strategies for intervention on each of the five levels of the Ziggurat
- Use the Ziggurat Worksheet to plan a comprehensive intervention
- Participate effectively as a team member
- Identify common pitfalls in intervention design for individuals with ASD

## About the Presenters:

RUTH ASPY, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist in private practice with the Ziggurat Group. Dr. Aspy specializes in assessment and intervention for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. She is co-author of the Ziggurat Model, winner of the 2008 Autism Society of America Literary Work of the Year. Dr. Aspy speaks internationally. She has experience in both the clinic and school settings.

BARRY G. GROSSMAN, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist and author. He is in private practice with the Ziggurat Group and specializes in assessment and intervention for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Dr. Grossman, along with Dr. Aspy, wrote *The Ziggurat Model*—a book on designing interventions for students with Asperger's Disorder and high-functioning autism. He and his co-author present on this model internationally. The Ziggurat Model has been adopted at the district-wide and state-wide levels.

Where: Educational Service Unit 10, 76 Plaza Blvd, Kearney, NE

When: October 27-28, 2009

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.—registration

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—workshop

Cost: \$175 (lunch and handouts included) \*Out of State Registrations \$300.00

Deadline: October 15, 2009 Registration is limited. Registrations are on a first come first-served basis.

**Late registrations will not be accepted.**

The following information will apply to registrations for individuals in NE employed in schools or ESUs. **If you are registering from another state or as a parent or community professional, please contact Polly Hays at 308-237-5927 for assistance with registration. Polly is available Tuesday-Friday from 8:00-3:30.**

To register on Odie, you will need an account, if you do not have an existing account, go to <http://www.esu10.org>. Under Odie in the right hand column, click on workshops. Follow the prompts to log in. Keyboard in your e-mail address, then your password. IF you do not have a password, make one of using eight characters, one of which must be a number. Select a payment method and then click on register. You will receive an email confirming you have an Odie account and you can then register.

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