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## **Workshops and webinars for speech professionals**

Since 2011, I have provided dozens of professional development presentations in the United States and Europe.

On the following several pages are some samples of course descriptions. Depending on the needs of your organization, I am able to vary the length of events from ninety minutes to two entire days, and I have some flexibility to generate new content.

Feel free to [contact me](#) with any questions you may have regarding in-service events hosted by your organization.

Kind regards,

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## **Social communication games, activities and worksheets - free, downloadable kits**

Focus and progress can be optimized in social communication teaching when learning activities are varied, appealing and strategically designed.

This practical workshop provides introduction and practice with a large number of free social communication kits to help children and teens on the autism spectrum with a wide range of pragmatic communication concerns. Featured resources include: [Venn-diagram sheets to teach "common ground" in conversation](#); [conversation practice activities based on the parts of a train](#); [fill-in-the-brain sheets to help children identify others' interests](#); [picture sheets to identify conversation topics with family members](#); [DIY Channel Changer Remotes to expand conversation topic awareness](#); [paper fortune tellers for many conversation practice scenarios](#); [illustrated prompts & wall display for listening skills](#); [screen-based, illustrated ebook on personal space](#); [meters for voice volume](#).

This workshop provides clear demonstrations of these activities and opportunities to try many of them out during breakout sessions.

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## **Communication learning activities for ASD that also address emotion and interaction concerns**

Efforts to help children with autism to communicate better should also take into account social interaction and emotional regulation concerns.

This workshop provides a range of free games, work/coloring sheets and various printable and screen-based activities to address social and emotional concerns of autistic children who are also working on conversation skills. Featured resources on social skills may include: [drawing activities to promote cooperation](#); [games to increase awareness of how to play with others](#); [DIY "meters" to monitor problem conduct](#); [worksheets and a game to troubleshoot social isolation](#); game-like materials to increase awareness of [tattling](#), [teasing](#), [rigidity](#), [romantic attraction](#); [Growing Friendship Cards](#). Featured resources on emotional regulation may include: [Anime Emotion Coloring Sheets](#), [Emotion Word Cards](#) and [Emotion Paper Fortune Tellers](#) for exploring a range of emotions; [Emotion Thermometers](#) for exploring ways to calm down; and [Filter the Anger kit](#) to explore alternatives to emotional verbal outbursts.

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## **Interaction and communication challenges for teens and young adults with ASD – therapy approaches and free resources**

As young people with ASD move through teenage years, their world of interaction and communication becomes more and more complex. This has ramifications for professional interventions to improve conversation and interaction.

This workshop offers speech professionals, based in clinical and school settings, with free, downloadable kits to address teen and young adult problems such as: [social isolation](#); [screen addiction](#); [romantic relationship confusion](#); [employment preparation](#), [fantasy enthrallment](#); and many other [issues associated with young adult adjustment](#). Strategies for individual, group and family interventions will be reviewed.

All of Joel Shaul's workshops feature [free downloads of resources from his website](#), enabling participants to select and implement resources demonstrated in each course.

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