Teaching Social-Communication Skills to Children with Autism and Related Disabilities: A Parent-Implemented Approach

The Hillsboro Early Childhood Center will be holding a workshop, which will teach parents effective intervention strategies to promote their child's social-communication skills within the on-going routines of family life.

- Research has shown that parents can learn to implement intervention with their children and the effects are equal or superior to programs that provide *five times* as many hours of direct service from a professional.
- Through this workshop, parents can provide increased opportunities for intervention within family life routines, which leads to better generalization and maintenance of skills (Koegel, Schreibman, Britten, Burke, & O'Neill, 1982).
- All intervention strategies are evidence-based and share many common elements with developmental interventions, such as *Floor Time*/*DIR* and naturalistic behavioral interventions, such as *pivotal response training (PRT*).

Workshop Dates: The workshop will consist of five evening group sessions and four individual parent coaching sessions.

Group sessions will be held at the **Hillsboro Early Childhood Center** (759 SE Washington St. Hillsboro, OR 97123) **from 6:00 to 8:00pm** on the following Tuesday evenings: October 1, 8 and 22, November 5 and 19, 2019. It is recommended that the same parent or both parents attend each session. Childcare may be provided, please indicate your need on the registration form or share with your service coordinator.

Individual parent coaching sessions will be held on October 18, November 1 and 15, and December 6, 2019 at your child's classroom site. Staff will set up individual 45 minute coaching session appointments for you and your child to attend between 8:00am and 4:00pm on these dates. If necessary, other arrangements may be made to schedule these appointments.

Facilitators:
Brenda Hancock, Early Childhood Specialist/Autism Specialist, NWRESD
Rhiannon Stout, Autism Consultant, NWRESD
Additional Early Childhood Specialists will assist with coaching sessions

To Register:

Please fill out the attached registration form and give to your service coordinator by **September 19, 2019.**

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Parent Workshop Series

Please fill out the information below and return to your child's teacher/service coordinator if you are interested in attending the workshop series.

Parent Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher/Service Coordinator: _____

Contact Information: e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Do you need childcare in order to attend (no other options for childcare)? Yes ____ No ____

Do you need childcare in order for both parents or multiple caregivers (grandparents, etc.) to attend? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, how many children? _____

Name and ages of children: _____

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Date Received by Service Coordinator _____