Teaching flexible basic sentence structure with the generative Language Matrix

Workshop on November 21, 2011 (8:30-16:30)
Neumünsterallee 3, Zürich, Mehrzweckraum

Presenter: Dr. Larsson is currently the Executive Director of Clinical Services at the Lovaas Institute Midwest, where he implements a program of intensive early intervention services for families of children who suffer from severe behavior disorders. This intensive early intervention program is widely regarded as one of the most thorough and highly supervised behavior therapy programs in the field. Dr. Larsson is also conducting a systematic research evaluation of the effects of this high intensity program. Dr. Larsson is a licensed psychologist and Board Certified Behavior Analyst. He has developed the Language Matrix and Dynamic Programming in Intensive Early Intervention for Autism: Expressive Language, Receptive Language, Operant Language, Advanced Comprehension, Production, and Social Language Skills. The generative Language Matrix allows us to teach language systematically. With this approach you will be able to teach the necessary prerequisites for language and to help develop basic language to more complex structures.

Workshop Content
The first part of the workshop focuses on how to teach flexible, generative basic sentence structure, as opposed to rote, stereotypic language, to children with language and/or developmental delays, especially with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Key words: verbal conditional discrimination, recombinative generalisation, individualisation.

In addition to the theoretical part, you will have extensive time to practice the specifics of setting up teaching objectives.

The second part of the workshop focuses on two main topics:
1) how to generalize the basic language skills into the natural environment (spontaneous use of natural language)
2) using the principle of conditional discrimination training to systematically increase the terms and complexity for example in matching, imitation and requesting/manding.

Cost: 150 CHF. Relatives and ABA-Therapists of the Autism-Department KJPD have to pay a symbolic fee of 20 CHF.

The workshop will be held in English.
By attending this workshop you can earn ACE approved continuing education units (CEU) to maintain your BCBA® or BCaBA® certification.

Door opening and payment at 8:00.

Registration by November 10th 2011 to: Eva.Supriadi@kindzh.ch