

INVITATION TO ATTEND



Autism and the Brain: Learning and Behaviour

**Friday, May 4,
2018**

**9:00-4:00 Heritage Inn Presenter:
Layne Pethick, PhD Candidate**

This workshop will appeal to professionals, parents, foster parents, police, social services, teachers, school administrators, early childhood educators, educational assistants, daycare workers, consultants.

Come and learn the **basics of autism and strategies** for working with individuals with autism presented by Layne Pethick. Join in the discussion to gain a better understanding of children with autism and their needs and appropriate strategies for working with children and youth who are autistic.

Layne Pethick is an Autism Spectrum Disorders and Behavior Consultant for the state of Texas. He is currently a PhD candidate and has a Master's degree in Special Education with a concentration in ASD and E/BD, along with degrees in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, and Reading.

Cost: \$150.00

PRESENTER: LAYNE PETHICK

Layne has experience as a general and special education teacher, school administrator, district trainer, program director, a professor of special education, assessment, early childhood and teacher education. He has several articles published and has presented at local, state, national and international conferences.

Session 1: Autism and the Brain: Neurological Factors that Affect Behavior and Learning

Participants in this session will gain information on neurological factors that affect the behaviour and learning of children with autism and will include such topics as stress and the brain, biological factors of the brain, neurological factors related to attention and emotion and the effect on behaviour and learning. Current and upcoming research and findings on the possible brain differences within the autism population will also be discussed. This presentation will be an open forum style with several engaging activities and the opportunity for inquiry and discussion by participants (Other topics addressed as they relate to autism include: trauma; trauma informed instruction; social-emotional health; mental health, and socioeconomic issues).

Lunch on your own (Seasons Café on site, or many restaurants close by).

Session 2: Strategies for Learning and Behavior

The educational and home environments play a vital role in the development of behaviour and learning for students, especially those with ASD. This session will discuss how to analyze various components in the educational and home environments from school-wide to individual classrooms, from adult interaction to student interaction, overall school climate, to parent involvement, and the home environment. Some of the major factors discussed include: communication (all levels and across multiple areas), structure and routines, social-emotional health, the input and output of instruction, basic behaviour analysis for teachers and parents, overview of a functional behaviour assessment, and how to create behaviour plans that teach and are therapy based. These factors, as well as several others, have a direct effect on students' behaviour and learning. Being able to recognize any issues in the environmental factors and how to adjust, revise, or differentiate will be of great benefit for all students with ASD...and all students in general.

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