



■ KENTUCKY AUTISM TRAINING CENTER

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Dear Friends:

For decades, the best estimate for the prevalence of autism was four to five per 10,000 children. The newest study published in February 2007 by the Centers for Disease Control states that 1 in 150 children are affected. Based on this incident rate of 1 in 150, more than 27,000 Kentuckians could meet the diagnostic criteria for an autism spectrum disorder.

You may be touched by autism in your very own family, or you may have a friend or co-worker who is caring for a loved one with autism. Although autism is not curable, it is treatable, and more importantly, there are ways to make life easier to manage.

In 1996, a group of parents worked with the Kentucky General Assembly to create an autism center in Kentucky that would provide training and support to families and educators. Their goal was to ease the journey for other families and provide support for dedicated educators that works with students with autism. The result of these efforts was the creation of the Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATC). The goal of the KATC is to provide families, educators and related service providers with access to practical information that is supported by research.

The KATC provides hands-on training to help educators learn techniques to assist them everyday in their classrooms, and to promote the academic success of students with autism. The KATC hosts workshops for families and conducts professional development sessions across the Commonwealth. The KATC also provides referral information about services, programs, and supports. Information is available on our website and by speaking through our staff.

At the Kentucky Autism Training Center's 9th Annual Autism Institute, participants will learn from regional & national experts and gain information from service providers. Speakers at the Autism Institute represent the following organizations:

- University of Colorado, Denver
- Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) at University of South Florida
- University of Washington
- University of Miami/Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities
- Vanderbilt University
- University of Louisville
- Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky's Special Education Cooperatives and school districts

You can help the Kentucky Autism Training Center train educators, related service providers and parents in the field of autism and promote your business or organization to an important target audience. On June 5-7, over 500 parents and professionals from throughout Kentucky and neighboring states will attend the Kentucky Autism Training Center's 9th Annual Autism Institute. Sponsor recognition will be included in the KATC's electronic newsletter, website, printed publications, and signage at the Autism Institute.

Specifically, you can support the 9th Annual Autism Institute in the following ways :

- Be a sponsor
- Be a vendor
- Be an exhibitor
- Nominate an exceptional educator for the "Teacher to Teacher Session"
- Sponsor parent scholarships
- Attend the Autism Institute
- Share information about the Autism Institute with others
- Make a gift to the Kentucky Autism Training Center

Please review the sponsorship, vendor and exhibitor rates in the registration packet. To be recognized in the printed materials and signage at the 9th Annual Autism Institute, please completed the forms and submit to the Kentucky Autism Training Center by May 2, 2008. We thank you in advance for your support as we provide education and training for the autism community.

You can help others on this challenging journey and support educators in Kentucky. Together we can help improve the quality of life for individuals and their families. For more information or to how make general donations to the KATC, please visit our website at <http://louisville.edu/education/kyautismtraining> or feel to contact me.

Sincerely,



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SPECIAL EVENTS

6/5/08, 4:30 — 6:30 p.m. EST

TEACHER TO TEACHER SESSION: Come and talk about some Tricks of the Trade with other educators from across Kentucky! This Expo will highlight all of the great programming going on across the state to support students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

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PROVIDER EXPO: Service providers and support organizations are invited to share information about their services and activities. There is no charge for non-profits to exhibit. To exhibit, please complete the Provider Expo Exhibitor Form on the KATC website. Questions? Contact Rebecca Grau at 502-852-7799 or rebecca.grau@louisville.edu



CONFERENCE INFORMATION & NOTES

CONFERENCE HANDOUTS: You will receive a link to the conference handouts on the KATC website in your registration confirmation email. Please print the handouts for any and all sessions you are interested in attending and bring to the conference. KATC will provide a 3 ring binder for all participants.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS: Applications are pending approval for the following groups: Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, Nursing, Psychology, Social Work, Day Care, Physical Therapy, Early Childhood Professionals, Art Therapy, Physical Therapy, Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapy, EILA Credit.

EDUCATORS: Contact your local board of education regarding approval. After the conference, present your certificate of completion (you will receive documentation after each session you attend) to receive professional development credits. Contact Kristen Frarey for questions regarding CEU's/Leadership Credits: 502-852-2467 or email kristen.frarey@louisville.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS: A limited number of scholarships, granted by KATC, are available to Family Members and Para-Professionals for conference admission fee. Contact KATC for more information or an application.

Federal monies allocated by Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities's Consumer Involvement Fund (Conference Scholarships Through Reimbursement) are also available. Go to www.kcdd.ky.gov and follow the links to the Consumer Involvement Fund application form. Or call 877-367-5332 ext.7 to request a form.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Marriott Louisville Downtown: 280 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202. Reservations: 1-800-533-0127 or online at <http://marriott.com/sdflm?groupCode=ainaina&pp=resvlink>.

A block of rooms will be held until 5/08/08 — you MUST mention "Autism Institute" to receive these special rates.

\$126/single or double

\$136/triple

\$146/quadruple

[Click here](#) for directions to the hotel.

PARKING

Marriott Parking Garage: Hourly prevailing rate or \$17.00 for over-night, \$21.00 for valet.

Parking lots are located behind the conference hotel for approx. \$5.00 per day.

The Kentucky Convention Center has a parking garage, adjacent to the Marriott and connected by ped-way, which is \$7.00 per day.

Note: Bring extra money for parking, this expense is not covered in your registration fee.

Coffee & Water provided. Snacks & meals are available at hotel and area restaurants—see list at registration desk.

REMEMBER: DRESS IN LAYERS! Meeting rooms can be chilly!

**Kentucky Autism Training Center's
9th Annual Autism Institute June 5-7, 2008
Participation Form – Sponsorship, Vendors, and Exhibitors**

**Participation Form
Sponsorship, Vendors, and Exhibitors**

Morning Coffee Sponsor for One Day (3): \$2,000

- Recognition in printed materials disseminated at Institute
- Signage at Institute
- Recognition in KATC's newsletter
- Posting on KATC's web-site

Afternoon Refreshment Sponsor for One Day (3): \$4,500

- Recognition in printed materials disseminated at Institute
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Sponsor of 20 Parent Scholarships (1): \$1,700

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Vendors

Two options for vending are available – all three days of Autism Institute or one day.

- **Three Day** vendor room (this room will be locked each night – tables are limited) \$250 per 6 foot table.
- **One Day** vendor table in registration area on Friday, June 6th OR Saturday, June 7th \$100 per 6 foot table.

Exhibiting at 3rd Annual Provider Expo

Thursday, June 5th
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Service providers and support organizations will share information about their services, activities and supports.

- Free for non-profit organization, 6 foot table
- \$50 fee for-profit organizations, 6 foot table

\$2,000 Morning Coffee Sponsor (Thursday, Friday and/ or Saturday)

\$4,500 Afternoon Refreshment Sponsor (Thursday, Friday and/ or Saturday)

\$1,700 Parent Scholarships Sponsor

\$250 per table: Three Day Vendors (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

\$100 per table: One Day Vendors (Friday OR Saturday)

Exhibiting 3rd Annual Provider Expo – One free table for non-profit & \$50 for profit

Sponsorship _____ \$

Vendor _____ # of Tables Requested: _____ \$

Exhibiting _____ # of Tables Requested: _____ \$

Enclosed is my 100% tax deductible donation _____ \$

Total Enclosed _____ \$

Check

PO (please enclose copy) PO # _____

Credit Card (You will be contacted to provide your information)

Name of Organization _____

Contact _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

**Send this form and payment by May 2, 2008 to:
KATC, 911 S. Brook St, Louisville, KY 40203.
Submissions after this date are NOT guaranteed to be included on
conference materials.**

**Questions??? Contact Kristen Frarey at 502-852-2467 or
kristen.frarey@louisville.edu**

Visit the KATC at <http://louisville.edu/education/kyautismtraining/>

***Vendors or Exhibitors who wish to attend sessions
MUST register for Autism Institute***