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Fall Conference



From Surviving to Thriving!

Ensuring success as teens and young adults with ASD and similar profiles move toward adulthood.

Featuring Keynote Speakers: Dr. Christine Emmons and Dr. Dianne Zager

October 5, 2018

8:15 am – 4:00 pm

**Water's Edge Resort and Spa
Westbrook, CT**



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Franklin Academy's annual conference is designed for professionals and parents who support teens and young adults on the autism spectrum or who have similar challenges in areas of executive functioning, social competencies, and emotional regulation.

This year's conference features keynote speakers Dr. Christine Emmons and Dr. Dianne Zager presenting their research findings on the benefit of a team approach when working with students on the autism spectrum.



Christine Emmons, Ph.D. is Assistant Clinical Professor at the Yale University, Child Study Center; prior to which she was Associate Research Scientist at the Child Study Center and Director of Program Evaluation with the Yale School Development Program. She received her B.A. from the University of the West Indies, her M.L.S. from the University of Western Ontario and her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Connecticut in 1993. Dr. Emmons was an elementary teacher and later a librarian in her native Grenada. As Director of Program Evaluation, Dr. Emmons was responsible for the design and management of the SDP's research and evaluation program, particularly in the districts involved in systemic reform.



Dianne Zager, Ph.D. is recognized globally as a pioneer in autism education. She has consulted with school districts across the U.S. to develop autism educational programs and founded one of the nation's first college support programs for students with autism. She has served as president of the International Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities, and has over 30 years' experience directing graduate and post-graduate programs to train school personnel in autism. Dr. Zager has done extensive work in the transition of students with autism to adulthood and employment. She was founding editor of *Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities*, one of the most widely read autism journals in the nation. She is Co-Director and Dean of Education at Shrub Oak International School in Shrub Oak, New York.

Other presenters include: Tom Hays, PhD, Josh Acocela-Stollerman, PsyD Shannon Cove, MEd, Rebecca Hays, PhD, Ashley and Gus, Irwin Krieger, CSW, and Janet Price.

To Register: complete enclosed form or email Mary@fa-ct.org



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 8:15 – 8:55 Breakfast and Registration
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15 – 10:45 **Keynote: Dr. Christine Emmons and Dr. Dianne Zager**
Increasing collaboration self-efficacy to improve educational programming for students with autism
- 10:45 – 12:15 Session 1
- A. Shannon Cove, Kinsley Rausch Sanders, Chelsea Lazos, and Sean O’Leary **Team Approach at Franklin Academy**
 - B. Janet Price, CLE **Employment Preparation: Teaching your child to tell their story.**
 - C. Alex Wood, Beacon College **Navigating Disability Services in College: Strategies for Success**
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:15 Session 2
- A. Dr. Christine Emmons **School Climate and Its Effects on Learning**
 - B. Post-Secondary Options Panel Discussion and Q&A
 - C. Ashley and Gus **We’ve Been There... School, Work, Marriage, and Parenthood on the Spectrum: A View from Inside**
- 2:30 – 3:45 Session 3
- A. Dr. Tom Hays and Sarah Giroux **Teaching and Coaching Executive Functioning at School and at Home**
 - B. Irwin Krieger **Understanding and Supporting Transgender and Non-Binary Teens**
 - C. Dr. Rebecca Hays and Sean O’Leary **Emotional Intelligence for All of Us**
- 3:45 – 5:00 Parents and Presenters Reception

Conference to be held at beautiful Water’s Edge Resort and Spa.
Go to www.watersedgeresortandspa.com for more information or to book a room.



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