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### SPEAKER:

**Tamara S. Kasper, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA**



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## SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

**Learn strategies to reduce problem behavior,  
to promote functional communication,  
and to increase early vocal skills**

Many children with autism and other developmental disabilities live with little or no verbal skills. The inability to communicate even basic requests creates a high level of frustration and can lead to many challenging behaviors, including self-stimulatory and self-injurious behavior.

Presented by a practicing Speech-Language Pathologist who has also become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, this seminar draws from multiple treatment frameworks to gain insight into reasons that some children make minimal progress and provides specific methods for enhancing the effectiveness of your treatment approaches. The seminar shines a spot light on the challenges in working with children with autism and other developmental disabilities and provides innovative teaching strategies to reduce problem behavior, to promote functional communication, and to increase early vocal skills in this population.

Building on current treatment methods from the field of Speech-Language Pathology as viewed through the eyes of a behavior analyst, this workshop provides real world examples of practical and easily implemented interventions that can be applied across contexts. Emphasis will be placed on the use of Skinner's behavioral classification of language, which refocuses and refines the teaching of functional communication. Methods for effective transfer of skills from imitative to spontaneous requesting will be presented. Procedures to systematically shape functional verbal and/or manual communication will also be addressed, including utilization of the K & K Sign to Talk teaching tools and Kaufman's system of a hierarchy of vocalizations (*word shells*).

Focused on practical strategies, dozens of video clips illustrating the treatment strategies are integrated throughout the day. Past participants have described this dynamic seminar as **inspirational and empowering**.

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## SPEAKER

**Tamara S. Kasper, M.S., CCC-SLP, BCBA,**

is a Speech-Language Pathologist with 20 years experience working with children with challenging behaviors. Tamara's commitment to the children she serves led her to pursue treatment methods outside the field of Speech-Language Pathology. Under the mentorship of renowned Behavior Analyst Dr. Vincent Carbone and his protégé, Tamara became a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She has also completed advanced training in application of Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior, Greenspan's DIR approach, and Kaufman's strategies for apraxia of speech.

Tamara is a frequently invited international lecturer, having treated clients and trained professionals in England, Ireland, Greece, and other countries. She enthusiastically shares her unique approaches and her outside-the-box intervention techniques that are successful in building functional verbal behavior for children on the autism spectrum.

Tamara is also Director of The Center for Autism Treatment near Milwaukee, WI, a center which provides personalized ABA intervention plans for children as well as consulting services and workshops to autism treatment teams in the United States and abroad. Tamara's publications include the *K&K Sign to Talk* materials and *Speak with Sign*. She is a past recipient of the Wisconsin Speech and Hearing Association's Clinical Achievement Award. For more information on Tamara Kasper and her treatment center visit [www.centerautismtreatment.org](http://www.centerautismtreatment.org).

### Speaker Disclosure:

Tamara Kasper, Children with Autism, employed by The Center for Autism Treatment.

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*Nonfinancial* — None.

## SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

At seminar conclusion, participants will be able to:

1. List two skills required for the development of verbal language.
2. List three motivators that can increase the use of verbal language.
3. Explain the rationale of using reinforcement in the teaching of verbal skills.
4. Describe the process of using phonemic approximations in the teaching of verbal language.
5. Explain the rationale of using manual communication in conjunction with teaching verbal language.





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## SEMINAR OUTLINE

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:30-7:50   | Check In and Onsite Registration<br>(Coffee and Tea)                                             | 11:15-12:15 | Lunch (on your own)                                                                                                                  |
| 7:55-8:00   | General Seminar Information                                                                      | 12:15-1:45  | Applying Kaufman's Word<br>Shell Approach To Shape<br>Speech Production Skills in<br>Children with Autism                            |
| 8:00-9:30   | Impacting Verbal Language Through<br>Application of Verbal Behavior:<br>Rationale and Strategies | 1:45-2:00   | Break                                                                                                                                |
| 9:30-9:45   | Break                                                                                            | 2:00-3:30   | Utilizing Sign Language and<br>Vocal Language Training<br>(K & K Sign to Talk):<br>Evidence-Based Practice To<br>Support Methodology |
| 9:45-10:30  | Strategies To Reduce Problem<br>Behavior and Promote Verbal<br>Language                          | 3:30        | Adjourn, Sign Out and<br>Certificates                                                                                                |
| 10:30-11:15 | Building Motivators To Encourage<br>Communication                                                |             |                                                                                                                                      |

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Speech-Language Pathologists,  
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**LEVEL:** Intermediate.

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