



# FEAT-Houston News

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## January Meeting

### **Building Language:**

### **Teaching Kids to Talk and Improving Articulation**

Thursday, January 14th  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

#### **The Woodlands United Methodist Church**

Asbury Hall, 2200 Lake Woodlands Drive

Developing vocalizations in children of all ages is often a challenge for professionals and parents. We will discuss research based strategies to encourage vocalizations in non-vocal children and increase vocalizations in low-rate talkers. Strategies for improving articulation will be discussed for children whose speech is unclear.

Stephanie Hulshoff, M.A., BCBA, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Texas A&M University and her Masters of Arts in Communication Disorders from the University of Houston. In 2001, Mrs. Hulshoff completed her coursework and clinical mentorship that led to her certification as a Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst under Dr. Vince Carbone, BCBA, and worked under his direct supervision for five years. She currently works as the Program Director of The Learning Lane, a school for children with Autism in The Woodlands.

Note: FEAT-Houston meetings are free to anyone who wishes to attend. We regret we are unable to provide childcare.

**Directions:** *The Woodlands United Methodist Church is located at 2200 Lake Woodlands Drive. Please see [www.twumc.org](http://www.twumc.org) for directions and a map of the building.*

### Teaching & Managing a Public School Classroom Using ABA *A Workshop in the 123s of ABA Series*

FEAT-Houston is pleased to present a new workshop in the 123s of ABA Series: **“Teaching & Managing a Public School Classroom Using ABA”** scheduled Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the University of Houston. Covering such topics as setting up and arranging your classroom for maximizing learning and minimizing problem behavior as well as distributing staff responsibilities, data collection (skill acquisition and behavior), schedules for classroom, staff, and individual students, inclusion, reinforcement systems, shadowing, and managing classes with higher ratios, the workshop will be presented by **Ellen Catoe, M.A., BCBA**, and **Kelly Bivens, M. Ed., BCBA**, of the Behavior Treatment & Training Center (BTTC) in Rosenberg.

#### **Teaching in Public Schools Using ABA**

**Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: University of Houston, Central  
Campus, Heyne Building**

This workshop is for parents, teachers and others who have some training in basic ABA skills. (See the *registration form in this newsletter.*)

#### **About Our Presenters**

Ellen Catoe, has been employed at the BTTC of Texana Center since September 2005 and currently works in the Training Center Day Treatment Program. Kelly Bivens, a former PCD teacher for Spring Branch ISD, is the Lead Clinical Behavior Analyst for the day program.

Note: Previous attendance at an ABCs of ABA Series workshop is strongly recommended as attendees at the 123s workshops should be able to demonstrate basic behavioral teaching skills.



## FEAT-Houston 2010 Calendar of Events

FEAT-Houston Meetings are held at various locations throughout Houston. ABCs and 123s Workshops are held at The University of Houston - Central Campus unless otherwise noted. For more information on any event email [feathouston@yahoo.com](mailto:feathouston@yahoo.com).

- Jan. 14: FEAT-Houston Meeting
- Jan. 23: Community Outreach - InKids-Homework Help
- Jan. 30: **123s of ABA** - Teaching & Managing a Public School Classroom Using ABA
  
- Feb. 2: Birdies Fundraiser Kick-Off
- Feb. 13: **ABCs of ABA** Workshop
- Feb. 18: FEAT- Ft. Bend (Sugar Land)
- Feb. 20: Community Outreach - InKids
  
- Mar. 11: FEAT-Houston Meeting
  
- April 15: FEAT- Ft. Bend (Sugar Land)
- April 23-24: **"ABA Today" Conference**
  
- May 13: FEAT-Houston Meeting
  
- June 17: FEAT- Ft. Bend (Sugar Land)
  
- July 8: FEAT-Houston Meeting
- July 31: **ABCs of ABA**
  
- Aug. 19: FEAT- Ft. Bend (Sugar Land)
  
- Sep. 9: FEAT-Houston Meeting
- Sep. 25: **123s of ABA** - Reinforcement
  
- Oct. 16: **123s of ABA** - Maximizing Cooperative Behavior
- Oct. 14: FEAT- Ft. Bend (Sugar Land)
  
- Nov. 11: FEAT-Houston Meeting
- Nov. 13: **123s of ABA** - Teaching & Changing Behavior of Adolescents and Adults

View our online calendar for details and updates under "Events" - [www.feathouston.org](http://www.feathouston.org).



## ABA/Autism Conference Calendar

### January 22-24

4th Annual Autism Conference - Association for Behavior Analysis International (**ABAI**) **Autism Conference**, Hyatt Regency, Chicago. Details at [www.abainternational.org/Events/autconf2010/index.asp](http://www.abainternational.org/Events/autconf2010/index.asp)

### January 27-29

**"Language Barriers & Assessment Workshop"** - Verbal Behavior - MAPP, featuring Dr. Mark Sundberg, BCBA, San Antonio, TX. For information [brooke@autismcommunitynetwork-sa.org](mailto:brooke@autismcommunitynetwork-sa.org)

### February 22-24

**"Introduction to Verbal Behavior,"** featuring Dr. Vince Carbone, sponsored by the Central Texas Autism Center (CTAC), at the University of Texas, J.J. Pickle Research Campus, 10100, Burnett Rd. Austin, TX. Seats are limited. Online registration available at [www.ctac1.com](http://www.ctac1.com)

### February 26-27

2010 Annual Texas Association for Behavior Analysis (**TxABA**) **Conference**, Galveston, TX. Details at [www.txaba.org](http://www.txaba.org)

### May 28-June 1

Annual Convention, Association for Behavior Analysis International, San Antonio, TX. Details at [www.abainternational.org](http://www.abainternational.org)

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## February Workshop

# The ABCs of ABA Essential Skills

The ABCs of ABA is an introductory workshop sponsored by FEAT-Houston for anyone with a desire to learn more about ABA. This workshop isn't just for beginners. It is an excellent review of the basics and an opportunity to see if you really understand the principles involved in teaching new skills and creating and maintaining positive learning behavior in children and adults with autism.

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**Saturday, February 13, 2010**

**University of Houston**

**Central Campus**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Registration: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

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Presented by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, the ABCs of ABA is designed for parents, therapists, teachers, case workers, family and friends and is especially useful for parents and schools facing the need to provide introductory training when hiring and training staff to work with individuals with developmental disabilities. No prior experience is necessary. Lecture, video, and handouts may be used. Discounts are available for early registration!

*A registration form for this workshop is included in this newsletter.*

For additional information email [feathouston@yahoo.com](mailto:feathouston@yahoo.com) or sign up for email announcements at our website [www.feathouston.org](http://www.feathouston.org) for workshop updates and registration materials as they become available.

Space is limited to about 50 attendees, so register early!

## UH-Clear Lake Autism Center Launches New Speaker Series

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University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities will launch a new speaker series in January 2010. Sponsored by CHRISTUS St. John Hospital, the series will be provided by the center at no cost. Scheduled speakers are graduate students of the university's Behavior Analysis program. A question and answer session and complimentary lunch will follow each lecture.

"Our goal is for parents and educators to take with them strategies that they can begin using immediately at home and school to improve their children's lives," said center Director and UH-Clear Lake Professor of Psychology Dorothea Lerman, Ph.D.

Four lectures are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays as follow:

**Jan. 16** -- "Toilet Training and Life Skills" will be held in the Student Services and Classroom Building, Room 1100.

**Feb. 13** – "Increasing Compliance" will be held in the university's Bayou Building, Room 1418.

**March 6** – "Understanding and Managing Problem Behavior" will be presented in the university's Bayou Building, Room 1418.

**April 10** – "Prompting and Reinforcement" will be offered in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, Room 1100.

Lerman said the speaker series was developed to reach more people in the community, since the intensive nature of University of Houston Clear Lake's program services for children with autism requires that they focus on a small percentage of families. Currently, there are more than 100 families on their waiting list to receive services.

For more information or to RSVP, e-mail [autismcenter@uhcl.edu](mailto:autismcenter@uhcl.edu).

**FEAT-Ft. Bend Meeting**

**Sponsored by FEAT-Houston**

**Small steps to big success:**

**InKids' Homework Workshop  
Includes Childcare Jan. 23**

**Shaping Techniques  
for Early Learners**

Including Kids, Inc. (InKids), an ABA school for children with autism located in Humble, will kick off its popular Saturday morning Community Outreach series for 2010 with a training on "Homework Help & Organization" from 10 a.m. to 12 noon January 23.

**Date:** Thursday, February 18  
**Time:** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Sugar Creek Baptist Church,  
Adult Chapel  
13333 SW Freeway  
Sugar Land

The Saturday Support Services series, which consists of a monthly workshop for adults and free childcare and a sibling support club for the kids, is presented with the financial support of FEAT-Houston, which provided \$15,000 to cover the program in 2009 and will continue its support in 2010 with an initial commitment of \$7,500.

**Presenter:** Hellen Adedipe, M.A., BCBA Executive Director, The Reason For Hope

Scheduled dates for the workshops are:

Breaking new skills into small steps, prompting each step carefully and fading those prompts to promote independence are essentials of shaping new behavior in young children with autism. Developing solid shaping skills is a challenge that can make or break a good teacher or therapist but it's essential in building big successes for children with autism.

- Jan. 23  
Homework Help and Organization**
- Feb. 20  
Writing Effective IEP Goals**
- March 27  
Answering the WH Questions of Inclusion**
- April 17  
Early Skills: Where to Begin**
- May 22  
Complex Skills Made Easy: Shaping and Chaining Behaviors**
- June 26  
ABA for Families: Creating a Reinforcing Home Life**

Hellen Adedipe holds a BA in Psychology from the University of North Texas and a MA in Applied Behavior Analysis from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. As the executive director of The Reason for Hope site-based program for children with autism in League City, she specializes in early intervention for children with autism spectrum disorders.

Although the workshops are free, InKids does require a fully refundable deposit of \$20 per family per service to assure that registrants attend. For additional information on the workshops, including sibling and childcare groups, check the *registration form on page 6* of this newsletter.

**Directions:** From Houston take 59 South past the Sam Houston Tollway to Sugar Creek/Dairy Ashford exit; make a U-turn under the SW Fwy. Get back on feeder heading NE & church will be on the right, before Bill Heard Chevrolet. From Richmond/Rosenberg take 59 N past HWY 6 and exit Sugar Creek/Dairy Ashford. Stay on feeder, church will be on right, before Bill Heard Chevrolet. The meeting will be held in the Adult Chapel. It is the building on the Northwest corner of the church campus, parking faces Bill Heard Chevrolet.

Additional information is available from InKids at 281-852-0501 or [inkidsoutreach@earthlink.net](mailto:inkidsoutreach@earthlink.net).

*FEAT-Ft. Bend meetings are free. We regret we are unable to provide childcare.*

FEAT-Houston is pleased to present:

## Teaching & Managing a Public School Classroom Using ABA

Presented by: Ellen Catoe, M.S., Board Certified Behavior Analyst  
Kelly Bivens, M. Ed., Board Certified Behavior Analyst  
Behavior Treatment and Training Center, Rosenberg, Texas

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Registration: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: University of Houston Central Campus, Heyne Building, H-Building 534, Room 135

This workshop will cover such topics as setting up and arranging your classroom for maximizing learning and minimizing problem behavior as well as distributing staff responsibilities, data collection (skill acquisition and behavior), schedules (classroom, staff, and individual student schedules), inclusion-when is inclusion appropriate, reinforcement systems (individual and classroom), shadowing, managing a classroom with a higher ratio, and planning for the unexpected. Previous attendance at an ABCs of ABA is strongly encouraged. We will be referencing the skills learned in the ABCs workshop and not spending much time teaching them. **The goal of the workshop is to demonstrate how to use ABA in a school environment.** Lecture, video, and handouts may be used. Box lunch provided but no child care is available. **Space is limited so register early!**

### Registration and Fees: Register by January 20<sup>th</sup> to save!

Individual	\$50.00 (\$40 if before 1/20)	Student	\$25.00 (with documentation)
Married Couple	\$75.00 (\$65 if before 1/20)		
Groups of 5 or more	\$35/attendee (deduct \$10 per group if before 1/20)		

There are a limited number of scholarships/reduced rates available for families in financial hardship or for teachers/program staff working with those who have autism/pdd. Email [ejbgoudeau@aol.com](mailto:ejbgoudeau@aol.com) to inquire.

**Directions:** Take I-45 south (if coming from downtown area) to Cullen Exit. Turn right on Cullen. Before you get to Wheeler, the Heyne Building is the last building on the left. Turn left into the front of the building and the parking lot is immediately on the right, entrance 13. Parking lot gate should be up to allow free entrance for those attending the workshop. Follow the signs inside the building. Map available at [http://www.uh.edu/campus\\_map/buildings/H.html](http://www.uh.edu/campus_map/buildings/H.html)

Please send check made out to FEAT-Houston to: Ellen Goudeau  
4610 Trail Lake Dr.  
Houston, TX 77045

Confirmation of receipt of payment will be sent by e-mail. Send questions to: [ejbgoudeau@aol.com](mailto:ejbgoudeau@aol.com)

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### Teaching & Managing a Public School Classroom Using ABA – January 30th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Therapist \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Others Attending: (Please note category: Parent, Teacher, Therapist)

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## Including Kids Saturday Support Services

**Registration Form: Saturday, January 23, 2010**

**Registration Deadline: January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Spaces available are limited and fill quickly. A confirmation email will be sent to participants registered by mail. Phone or fax registrations cannot be accepted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position (teacher, parent, other): \_\_\_\_\_

**Homework Help and Organization (10-12):** Is homework time the hardest part of your day? Trade stress for success! We will share helpful tips for parents and tutors on organization, prioritizing and teaching approaches. Help your child experience efficient homework time.

**# of people attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deposit: \$20**

**Childcare (10-12):** This session is for children ages 2-4 years old with & without special needs. Parent participation in the workshop is required.

**# of children attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deposit: \$20**

**Names and Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interaction Group (10-12):** This session is designed for children 5-years-old and up with special needs, as well as 5-6 year old siblings. The goal is to address common challenges such as turn taking, sharing, requesting items/activities, etc. Parent participation in the workshop is required.

**# of children attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deposit: \$20**

**Names and Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_

**“SibClub” (10-12):** This session is for children ages 7-15 years old that have a sibling with special needs. The purpose is to have a safe and positive place for siblings to share their experiences and receive guidance on how to handle situations involving their sibling. Children may still participate in this group if their parents are not attending the workshop. Monthly attendance is encouraged to maximize the benefits and connections with other children.

**# of children attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deposit: \$20**

**Names and Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Deposit: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **“Cash” or “Check #”?** \_\_\_\_\_

Each group utilized requires one \$20 deposit regardless of the number of participants. This deposit will be returned unless a cancellation is not made at least 24 hours before the workshop.

**PLEASE SEND CASH/CHECK PAYABLE TO INCLUDING KIDS & FORM TO:**

**Including Kids, Inc. c/o Workshop Registration**

**5364 FM 1960 East, Humble, TX 77346**

For questions, please contact Elizabeth at [inkidsoutreach@earthlink.net](mailto:inkidsoutreach@earthlink.net)

\*Including Kids is not responsible for checks lost in the mailing process\*

FEAT-Houston is pleased to present:

## The ABCs of ABA - Essential Skills

Presented by: Board Certified Behavior Analyst, TBA

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Registration: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Location: University of Houston Central Campus, Heyne Building, H-Building 534, Room 135

This workshop is an introduction to the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). It is an excellent starting point for parents, therapists, teachers, case workers, family and friends and an opportunity to review the basic principles involved in teaching new skills and creating and maintaining positive learning behavior in children and adults with autism. It is especially useful for parents and schools facing the need to provide introductory training when hiring and training staff to work with individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. Workshops are open to anyone with a desire to learn more about ABA. No prior experience is necessary. Lecture, video, and handouts may be used. Box lunch provided but no child care is available. **Space is limited so register early!**

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### ABCs of ABA – February 13, 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you new to ABA? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Parent \_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_ Therapist \_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Internet Resources

### Autism Partnership

Sign up for an online newsletter at <http://www.autismpartnership.org>. Ron Leaf, Ph.D. and other staff at California-based Autism Partnership worked alongside O. Ivar Lovaas at UCLA producing the seminal studies on intensive ABA programming for children with autism. They continue to practice today, implementing a comprehensive treatment program using "contemporary ABA" and have published some widely used books including: *A Work in Progress: Behavior Management Strategies & A Curriculum for Intensive Behavioral Treatment of Autism*; *It's Time for School: Building Quality ABA Educational Programs for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders*; and *Sense and Nonsense in the Behavioral Treatment of Autism: It Has to be Said*.

### Association for Science in Autism Treatment

Visit the website and sign up for the outstanding in-depth newsletter from this organization at [www.asatonline.org](http://www.asatonline.org).

## Upcoming Trainings/Workshop Listings Online:

### Shape of Behavior

Check the calendar for training dates in the Shape of Behaviors "Shape It Trainings" series on ABA & Autism at: [www.shapeofbehavior.com/calendar.html](http://www.shapeofbehavior.com/calendar.html). The next talk takes place January 14<sup>th</sup> in The Woodlands.

**Depelchin Children's Center is offering the following FREE workshops:**

**Treatment and Interventions - 2/18**

**Managing your child's behavior – 3/18**

Presenter: Rachel Halpern, M.Ed., BCBA

**Workshop Times:** 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** 4950 Memorial Drive, Houston

For more information visit:

<http://www.depelchin.org/fw/main/Autism-Information-Series-384.html>