



FEAT-Houston NEWS

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FEAT-Houston Meeting *Home Programs for Students with Autism*

Presenter: Gerald Harris, Ph.D.,
BCBA-D

**Thursday, March 11
6:30- p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Depelchin Children's Center
4950 Memorial Dr., Houston**

Generalization of skills across school, home and community settings is critical to the overall success of students with autism. Our speaker will discuss the benefits of establishing a quality, effective early intervention home program as well as adapting a home program to serve as an adjunct to school programs as kids progress. Dr. Harris also will provide guidance as to goal selection, scheduling, structure and collaboration with school personnel.

Gerald E. Harris, Ph.D., BCBA-D, is a Clinical Psychologist, licensed by the State of Texas, and Board Certified Behavior Analyst with extensive experience in the treatment of young children. He is the Executive Director of the Texas Young Autism Project and has more than 25 years experience working with special children and their families, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses at the University of Houston, training behavior therapists, and working to advance the field of behavioral psychology and the provision of mental health services to children.

FEAT-Houston meetings are free. We regret we are unable to provide childcare.



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Help raise funds for FEAT-Houston's scholarship and training programs. For every 1¢ donation per birdie (or \$20 flat donation), the donor is allowed one guess as to the total number of birdies that will be made at the Shell Houston Open Golf Tournament starting March 31. (5¢ per birdie = 5 guesses/10¢ per birdie = 10 guesses)

If you guess the correct number of birdies you will be entered into a drawing for a 2010 Honda Fit hybrid automobile provided by Goodson Honda! This is an opportunity to encourage family and friends who would like to help our children with autism by pledging to FEAT-Houston.

Anyone making or collecting a total pledge of \$1 per birdie is entitled to a Birdies Club Package which includes coupons for entrance to the Shell Open which are good for any day. Pledge forms in this newsletter or online can be mailed to: Cindy Cooper, 889 Country Lane, Houston, TX 77055. You can also email your pledge by 3/25 to: cindy.cooper@sbcglobal.net.



FEAT-Houston

2010 Calendar of Events

FEAT-Houston Meetings are held at various locations throughout Houston. For more information on any event, send an email to feathouston@yahoo.com.

Mar. 11: FEAT-Houston Meeting - "The Benefit of Home Programs" - at Depelchin Children's Center, Speaker: Dr. Gerald Harris, BCBA-D

Mar. 15: FEAT-Houston - Clear Lake Meeting, "Autism 101", United Way of the Bay Area, Speaker: Frank Carle, BCaBA

March 27: Community Outreach Workshop, "Early Skills: Where to Begin" includes childcare. Including Kids, Contact: inkidsoutreach@earthlink.net

April 15: FEAT-Houston - Ft. Bend Meeting, Sugar Creek Baptist Church (Sugar Land)

April 17: Community Outreach Workshop, "Answering the WH Questions of Inclusion" includes childcare. Including Kids contact: inkidsoutreach@earthlink.net

April 19 - FEAT-Houston Clear Lake - United Way of the Bay Area

April 23 & 24: FEAT-Houston 2010 Conference, Autism Intervention Today Renaissance Houston Greenway Plaza Hotel, view brochure online.

May 13: FEAT-Houston Meeting

May 17: FEAT-Houston Clear Lake

June 17: FEAT- Ft. Bend (Sugar Land)

July 8: FEAT-Houston Meeting

July 31: ABCs of ABA Workshop

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



FEAT-Houston Clear Lake Meeting

"ABA 101"

An introductory talk on ABA providing an overview of various teaching strategies within ABA and a brief insight into the basic teaching principles upon which the field of applied behavior analysis is founded and how they are applied today with individuals who have autism spectrum disorders.

Monday, March 15
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
United Way of the Bay Area
1300 Bay Area Blvd. Building A

Presenter: Frank Carle, BCaBA

To learn more about FEAT-Houston's Clear Lake Chapter contact Jen at 713-392-9258 or email feathouston@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Workshops

Region 17 Autism Conference, June 8 & 9, 2010, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock. Features Dr. Vince Carbone, BCBA. Parents of individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder may register for free by contacting Annie Padilla at 806-281-5873 or apadilla@esc17.net.

DePelchin Autism Services monthly education presentation for parents, educators, and others interested in learning more about how to assist a child with autism. Scheduled dates: **March 18, Managing Your Child's Behavior**, Rachel Halpern, M.Ed., BCBA. 5:00PM-6:30P, DePelchin Children's Center. 4950 Memorial Drive. RSVP: 713.802.7758 or email rhalpern@depelchin.org.

The ARC of Greater Houston, Special Ed 101 trainings monthly, 11 am – 1 pm. Next training: March 10; RSVP 3 days in advance ksnead@thearcofgreaterhouston.com 713-957-1600; 3737 Dacoma, Suite E. For additional speakers and trainings, including workshops in Spanish, visit: <http://www.thearcofgreaterhouston.com>

Classifieds

FEAT Houston offers families seeking in-home trainers and therapists an opportunity to place Help Wanted ads through our e-mailings and newsletter. We occasionally allow researchers to place a classified that announces a research study or site-based programs supervised by Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) to announce a novel program or service that the FEAT Board of Directors believes meets a strong community need, the most recent example being summer camps. Please note that inclusion in the "Classifieds" in no way implies an endorsement or certification by FEAT-Houston. If you would like to place an ad, email the text for consideration to Program Director at feathouston@yahoo.com

Free Couples Therapy Research Project for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. 12 treatment sessions for both partners with childcare available. Interested participants may contact the research team at 281-283-3304 or UHCLCouplesResearch@gmail.com

This email address and telephone number are confidential and only accessed by authorized research assistants.

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Community Outreach Workshops

Saturday Support Services for the Whole Family!

FEAT-Houston sponsors the following *FREE* workshops presented by Community Outreach, Including Kids, Inc. at 5364 FM 1960 East, Humble, TX 77346. The workshops include a parent education session; interaction group for kids; childcare; and a sibling support group. Registration with refundable deposits is mandatory.

UPCOMING TOPICS:

March 27

Answering the WH Questions of Inclusion: When, Where, Who, Why, What and How? Register by March 20

April 17

Early Skills: Where to Begin? Register by April 10

May 22

ABA for Families: Creating a Reinforcing Home Life. Register by May 15

June 26

Complex Skills Made Easy: Shaping and Chaining Behaviors. Register by June 19

For registration forms and additional information, visit:
<http://www.includingkids.org/workshops.html>

You may contact Including Kids by calling (281) 852-0501 or e-mailing inkidsoutreach@earthlink.net. (A \$20 deposit for each workshop component is refundable upon attendance.)