

## **Course Objectives:**

Understand the development and relationship of communication, play and social skills in children.

Discuss research related to the importance of social skills and how this relates to personal and educational success in children and adolescents.

Discover how to use everyday household items and common toys for facilitation of speech, play and social interaction.

Use materials to create a social skills program in desired setting.

Demonstrate ways to embed social skill opportunities into the child's environment.

Identify ways to facilitate carry-over of social skills in other environments through parent and teacher training.

Identify standardized and non-standardized tools for assessing social skills.

## **Course Agenda:**

8:30-9:00    Registration

9:00-10:00    Typical Play and Social Skills in Children  
                  Importance of Social Skills  
                  Developmental Levels of Play  
                  Language Development in Relation to Socialization

10:00-10:45    Atypical Play and Social Skills in Children  
                  Where Breakdown Occurs  
                  Sensory Integration and Social Skills  
                  Use of Assessment Tools

10:45-11:00    Break

11:00-12:00    Teaching Strategies  
                  Bridging the Gap

12:00-1:30    Working Lunch and Teaching Strategies  
                  Fun and Functional Activities  
                  References and Resources

1:30-2:00    Parent and Professional Q & A

2:00-2:30	Break, Parents Dismissed
2:30-3:45	Small Group Brainstorming and Hands-on Skill Building
3:45-4:00	Case Studies
4:00-4:30	Q&A