

# Pathways to Parent Support & Training

## March 2008: Autism – A Parent's Perspective

### Next Meeting

Join us as PPST meets on Friday, March 14th, 2008 from 7pm to 9pm.

### Topic

Make plans now to join us for a personal, informed perspective on parenting a child who has Autism. Frank (Francis M.) Seidel will describe his experiences with his daughter's autism and illustrate techniques that may be useful when seeking to engage a child who has Autism. A full-time teacher at Frederick Community College with an M.S.E. degree from Johns Hopkins University, Frank has taught at Frederick Community College full-time for the past 15 years. He has pursued and received specialized training at the Autism Treatment Center of America. Professor Seidel will be teaching a continuing education class at Frederick Community College starting in March entitled "Parenting a Child with Autism."



### What is PPST?

PPST is a group specially designed for parents and caregivers of children with speech and language delays/disorders. PPST is run and sponsored by the SPEECH PATHways Foundation, a non-profit organization. The first group of its kind in Carroll County, PPST offers parent training and support. Meetings include a meet and greet, a guest lecture on various topics, and Q&A time. Trained professionals and other parents/caregivers are on hand for support and guidance. For more information, visit [www.speechpathwaysfoundation.org](http://www.speechpathwaysfoundation.org).

### Who can attend PPST?

PPST is open to the community. You do not have to have a child receiving therapy from SPEECH PATHways to attend. However, it is necessary to **RSVP to reserve a seat**.

### When does PPST Meet?

PPST meets one Friday each month from 7-9 pm in 2008 (except for November, December, May, July & August)

### Where does PPST Meet?

PPST meets at the Non-Profit Center in Westminster, which is located at 255 Clifton Boulevard.

### RSVP Please!

PLEASE RSVP to SPEECH PATHWAYS at 410-374-0555 or [kim.bell@speechpathways.net](mailto:kim.bell@speechpathways.net), including your name and phone#.

### About the SPEECH PATHways Foundation

SPEECH PATHways is the only comprehensive pediatric speech-language pathology clinic in Carroll County, Maryland, offering services since 1999. Owner Kimberly A. Bell, M.S., CCC-SLP, has been a speech and language pathologist for over ten years. She and her associates offer a wide variety of specialized pediatric programs in addition to traditional speech and language services. In 2007, Kimberly organized the nonprofit SPEECH PATHways Foundation in 2007 to help provide funding and speech therapy resources for those who might otherwise not be able to afford services. The PPST Group is one of the Foundation's active support services.