Practical Treatment Strategies for Preschool Children Who Stutter
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Program Description:
Many speech-language pathologists have expressed uncertainty about the best way to help preschool children who stutter overcome their speaking difficulties. Common questions include: **which children need treatment and which are likely to “outgrow” stuttering, what treatment methods are most appropriate for young children who stutter, how to incorporate parents in treatment and what to do if parents are not involved, and what to do if treatment is not “working.”**

The purpose of this workshop is to help clinicians find real-world, practical answers to these and many other questions. Specific diagnostic and treatment strategies will be discussed in detail, and participants will have the opportunity to explore a variety of different ways to help children who stutter overcome the challenges associated with their stuttering. Participants will come away from the workshop feeling more confident in their own abilities for helping preschool children who stutter and their families.

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Learning Objectives:
Following this presentation, participants will be able to:
- Explain the factors that are involved in the development of childhood stuttering
- Discuss the role that parents play in the onset of stuttering
- Design efficient diagnostic evaluations of preschool children who stutter
- Select treatment strategies to help children speak more easily

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Cost: $160. Eligible for 5.5 hours of continuing education
Registration Deadline: Friday, February 27th

Registration Form

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Name

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E-mail Address (for registration confirmation and more details)

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City   State   Zip

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Phone

Pizza, salad and beverages will be included with the registration fee.

Cost: $160
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