

September 23 & 24, 2008 in Grand Forks
8:00 Registration
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Conference Session
Hosted by Anne Carlsen Center for Children
**“Communicating Partners – Building Social and Communicative Lives with
Late Talking Children”**
James D. MacDonald, PhD, CCC, SLP

Dr. James MacDonald has spent more than 30 years investigating how persons with developmental and emotional disabilities socialize and communicate. He spent 24 years at Ohio State University in the clinical, research and teaching arenas. Dr. MacDonald wrote the book *Communicating Partners* to chart results from decades of research mapping five early stages of social and communicative development – interaction and social play, nonverbal communication, social language, conversation and civil behavior. The book describes the clinical model that he uses in his own work, which focuses on developing social relationships. It is used internationally by over 500 professionals and 1,000 parents. Dr. MacDonald directs the Communicating Partners Center in Columbus, Ohio. His website is www.jamesmacdonald.org.

Conference Outcomes:

- To learn how children become social and communicative.
- To learn to use a developmental roadmap for assessing lifelong communication.
- To identify and treat a variety of ‘late-talking’ conditions.
- To learn how a responsive relationship approach helps children socialize and communicate.
- To learn common barriers to becoming social and communicative.
- To learn a system for building relationships with persons with language disorders.
- To learn about 30+ years of research findings on how families help children communicate.
- To see and hear adults and children successful in the program.
- To become much more optimistic and personally involved in the social potential of children with Autism, Down Syndrome, and other developmental delaying conditions.
- To learn proven approaches you can begin at home and in professional settings.

Location:

University of North Dakota
University Ave. and N. Columbia Rd.
Grand Forks, ND
Memorial Union – Lecture Bowl

Who Should Attend?

Parents
Educators
Therapists
Medical Personnel
All Care Provider

Watch for additional information at:
www.annecenter.org

For Registration Materials:

Contact Julie Hoeckle at 1-800-568-5175 or
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Registration:

Posted marked by August 15, 2008:

\$170 Early Bird
\$160 (Each) Groups of 4 or more
\$110 Parents of children with ASD

Posted marked after August 15, 2008:

\$185 for 2-day Conference
\$175 (Each) Groups of 4 or more
\$120 Parents of children with ASD

Nearby Hotels:

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