ABOUT FBR

It is the mission of Family Behavioral Resources to be a leader in delivering the highest quality of recovery oriented mental health services. Services are designed in accordance with FBR’s philosophy of care, and delivered through a variety of theoretical approaches and interventions based on evidence-based practice. We are committed to supporting children, families and their surrounding community with quality care which upholds the utmost integrity. Here, caring is everything.

FAMILY BEHAVIORAL RESOURCES

137 Mathews Street - Suite 2000
Send Mail To: P.O. Box 879
Greensburg, PA 15601

Phone: 724.850.8118 Ext. 25
Toll Free: 1-866-4-FBR-ASD
Fax: 724.850.9500

E-Mail: autismservices@familybehavioralresources.com

At FBR, it is our policy that services are provided and admissions and referrals are made without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, disability or age.

A CARF Three-Year Accreditation has been awarded to Family Behavioral Resources for its Intensive Family-Based Services - Mental Health (Children and Adolescents), Outpatient Treatment - Mental Health (Adults), and Outpatient Treatment - Mental Health (Children and Adolescents). FBR falls under Outpatient Treatment. Ask us about CARF today!

PLEASE RSVP AT:
autismservices@familybehavioralresources.com
or call
724-850-8118, Ext. 25
www.familybehavioralresources.com
SPACE IS LIMITED!

AUTISM AWARENESS NIGHT 2010

“From Science to Practice: Autism in Western PA”

Featuring:
Nancy Minshew, MD
John J. McGonigle, PhD

April 1, 2010 • 6:30PM-9:00PM
Doubletree Hotel, Monroeville
101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
OUR SPEAKERS

**John J. McGonigle, PhD**

Dr. John McGonigle has over 35 years of clinical experience in working with children, adolescence and adults with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. He is the Director of the Western Pennsylvania Regional ASERT in the Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh. Dr. McGonigle currently holds the rank of Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Rehabilitation Science Technology in the Department of Psychiatry, at the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Medicine. His background, education, and training are in Child Development, Education and Behavioral Psychology. His areas of specialization are in the assessment and treatment of individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Neuropsychiatric Disorders across the Lifespan. He has published journal articles and book chapters on issues related to staff training, behavioral interventions, and developing systems of mental health care for Complex Needs Populations. Dr. McGonigle is the Chair of the National Association for Dual Diagnosis (NADD) program Certification Committee and a current Advisory Board member of the PA Bureau of Autism Services. He is a national presenter and consultant to schools, hospitals and community programs for persons with learning and behavior differences.

**Nancy Minshew MD**

Dr. Minshew is a child neurologist and faculty member of the University Of Pittsburgh School of Medicine for the past 25 years. She is currently director of the NIH Autism Center of Excellence supporting innovative research on underlying mechanisms of autism and on developing novel interventions. This program is a collaboration of scientists at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University who are widely known for defining alterations in brain connectivity and information processing in autism. She is also director of the Pittsburgh Autism Treatment Network site, which is one of 14 ATNs developed by Autism Speaks to establish standards of care for the medical aspects of autism. The ATN network is completing its second year and with it a number of practice guidelines, which are now being piloted. The ATN also has many small research studies directed at problems confronting families such as sleep difficulties and nutritional-diet issues.

OUR PROGRAM

This program will address current research and interventions across the lifespan of an individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this presentation, the participants will be able to:

- Understand generally how the brain is developing in the first several years of life and how this relates to the emergence of developmental milestones
- Understand how autism presents in infants and how that has radically changed the theories about autism
- Understand the distinction between syndromic and non-syndromic genetic cases of autism and how these genes led to the use of Rapamycin in to prevent the development of seizures, mental retardation and ASD in tuberous sclerosis
- Understand the current issues facing people with Autism Spectrum Disorders living in Pennsylvania
- Using the 2009 Governor’s census data, describe current prevalence rates and future trends in the number of Pennsylvanians diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Understand the function of the Autism, Service, Education, Research and Training (ASERT) Centers and the role that the Western Region ASERT plays in building capacity to serve children, adolescents and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Western Region

AGENDA

- **6:30-7:30 PM** DR. MCGONIGLE
- **7:30-8:30 PM** DR. MINSHEW
- **8:30-9:00 PM** QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

**SOCIAL WORKERS**

For social workers, 2.0 credit hours of continuing education are provided for the completion of the conference through co-sponsorship of the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, a Pennsylvania-approved sponsor of social work continuing education.

**PA EDUCATORS ACT 48**

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit is recognized by the PA Department of Education to offer continuing education credits ACT 48 under guidelines. A maximum of 2.0 hours of PA EDUCATORS ACT 48 credits will be awarded for the completion of the conference.

_A certificate of attendance is provided as well._

**On-Site Respite Care Provided**

(Reservation Required)