

ISSWA 2016 Conference – Featuring Kari Dunn Buron, Autism Education Specialist/Author

Ain't Just Misbehavin': *The Emerging Debate for Educators about the Neuroscience of Challenging Behavior*

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Over the past 10 years, there have been unprecedented advances in neuroscience related to the development of social behavior and emotional regulation. These advances include information about social awareness, social attention, self awareness, self management and self-control. This new research not only documents that these skills are brain-based, but emerging educational research indicates that these skills can be taught. The information in this presentation should be a part of every team discussion for all students who exhibit upsetting, confusing, challenging or even violent behavior.

This presentation includes an overview of Social Cognition, Executive Function and Emotional Regulation as they relate to Social Anxiety and a Loss of Emotional Control. 5-6 specific strategies used to teach social information and emotional regulation will be presented.

Speaker Bio:

Kari Dunn Buron taught in the K-12 public school system with students on the autism spectrum for 30+ years and was a founding member of the MN Autism Project. She developed an Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate program for educators at Hamline University in St. Paul, MN and is on the Advisory Board for the Autism Society of Trinidad and Tobago; Life College in MN and the Autism Society of MN. In 2003, Kari received a Self-designed Fellowship that allowed her to spend a year interviewing and working internationally with a number of scientists and researchers in the area of Neuroscience, Social Cognition, Education and Autism with a focus on challenging behaviors. Kari has presented her work both nationally and internationally and in 2012, she was inducted into the Illinois State University Department of Education Hall of Fame.

Kari is the co-author of *The Incredible 5-Point Scale (Revised Edition)*, and the author of *When My Worries Get Too Big (Revised Edition and winner of the 2013 Mom's Choice Award)*, *A 5 Could Make Me Lose Control* and *A 5 is Against the Law!* (2008 ASA literary award winner). Kari is the co-editor of a textbook for educators titled *Learners on the Autism Spectrum: Preparing Highly Qualified Educators* (2009 ASA literary award winner). Recently Kari co-authored a book for college students and young adults with autism entitled *Social Behavior and Self-Management*. Kari recently wrote an early chapter book for children ages 7-12 entitled *Adalyn's Clare* about a highly anxious 4th grader and her social therapy dog, Clare. Her latest project is a social skill curriculum based on her Social Times magazines and due to be released in June 2016.

When: Friday, November 11, 2016

Time: Registration at 8:00 AM, Conference concludes at 4:00 PM
Includes lunch and awards banquet

Where: Grand View University, Des Moines, IA
2811 East 14th Street

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Student Conference Fee	\$45
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