

**Carol Gray** is the President of The Gray Center for Social Learning and Understanding in Grand Rapids, a non-profit organization serving people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and those working on their behalf. She is an internationally respected author and speaker with over 20 years experience as a teacher and consultant working on behalf of children and adults with ASD. In 1991, Carol developed Social Stories™, a strategy used worldwide with children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). She has published several articles, chapters, and books on topics related to the education and welfare of people with ASD, addressing challenging issues ranging from how to teach social understanding and social skills; bullying; death and dying; loss and learning; and categorization and generalization. Carol is the recipient of the Barbara Lipinski Award for her international contribution to the education and welfare of people with ASD.

## **DAY ONE SOCIAL STORIES™ 10.1**

*This hands-on workshop uses lecture, demonstration, discussion, activities and practice of new skills to teach the elements of the social understanding interventions developed by Carol Gray. Most notably, participants will be trained in Social Stories™ 10.1, the first major revision of (the previous) Social Stories™ 10.0. The Social Stories™ 10.1 training has many new features, including a more detailed rationale, discussion of Social Story™ research and evidence-based practice, the introduction of Story templates, the positive past tense, Sentences that Coach, and an expanded emphasis on gathering information for a Social Story™, Story format, and emotional and social safety. By the close of this exciting, fun, and fast paced workshop, participants will leave with an updated and more detailed understanding of Social Stories™ Concepts and skills will be applicable for those working with individuals ages 2-adult.*

## **DAY TWO: Taming the Social Context Jungle, Teaching Individuals with ASD to Effectively “Read” and Respond to Social Context**

*Workshop Description: It is well documented by research and practice that individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) have difficulty “reading” and responding to the dynamic array of social interactions that surround them each day. To others, the responses of an individual with ASD may seem “out of context” or “inappropriate”. The ability to gain meaning from social context is highly complex, yet taken for granted by typical peers, parents, and professionals. They are able to quickly and accurately derive meaning from a simultaneous consideration of the multitude of social cues that lie within spoken words, pragmatics, and context. This presentation breaks new instructional ground, providing a working definition of social context that supports effective intervention, and leads to practical, inexpensive, instructional strategies. This is a lively, activity based workshop, with time for participants to discuss ideas and apply them to the specific challenges of the individuals in their care.*

Please contact us at [conference@autismmanitoba.com](mailto:conference@autismmanitoba.com) or call 204-783-9563 for more information.

## **Things you may need to know**

**Terms:** Registrations are accepted on a full-payment, first-come, first-served basis only. A \$25.00 charge will be applied to NSF cheques.

**Check-in:** Begins one hour prior to the opening session. The session begins promptly at 8:50am. Refreshments and Lunch are included.

**Cancellations:** If you are unable to attend the conference, contact us by phone (783-9563) or email [admin@autismmanitoba.com](mailto:admin@autismmanitoba.com) to either designate an alternate or to request a refund. No-shows and cancellations received after April 12, 2010 cannot receive a refund.

**Subsidies:** There are a limited number of subsidized spots available. To access a spot you must call Sandra McKay at 783-9563 by February 1, 2010.

**On-site registrations:** When space is available, on-site registrations are welcome. A valid purchase order, cash or cheque is required at time of onsite registration. Please call 783-9563 24 hours before the conference for a recorded message if the conference is sold out or check our website at [www.autismmanitoba.com](http://www.autismmanitoba.com)

**Accommodations:** A group of rooms at The Viscount Gort have been set aside for this conference.

Please visit [www.viscount-gort.com](http://www.viscount-gort.com) or call 204-775-0451 to reserve your room, quoting Autism Conference.

**Miscellaneous:** This conference is being videotaped. There is plenty of free parking onsite. Please bring a sweater as the room may be cool. The registration fees include coffee breaks and sit down lunch.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmations will be sent via email only when accompanied by a purchase order or other payment method (online credit card, cheque).

- Two Day Workshop April 22 & 23, 2010
- Day one April 22, 2010
- Day two April 23, 2010

- PROFESSIONAL
- ECE,EA,PARENT
- MEMBER
- GROUP

To register by mail, please include registration form, cheque or purchase order. Online registration is available via credit card at [www.autismmanitoba.com/store.php](http://www.autismmanitoba.com/store.php)

Please make cheques payable to:  
Autism Society Manitoba  
825 Sherbrook Street  
Winnipeg, MB  
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## REGISTRATION FEES

### TWO DAY CONFERENCE RATES:

Early Bird before Jan 15, 2010 after Jan 15, 2010

PROFESSIONALS 200.00 235.00

EA/ECE/PARENT 150.00 175.00

MEMBER 125.00 150.00

### ONE DAY CONFERENCE RATES:

Early Bird before Jan 15, 2010 after Jan 15, 2010

PROFESSIONALS 150.00 185.00

EA/ECE/PARENT 110.00 135.00

MEMBER 85.00 110.00

Please register early.

Groups of 5 or more, deduct 10% from your selection above. Please e-mail us for a group registration form. All registrations must be made at one time and payment or purchase order must be included. No exceptions will be made.

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There is plenty of onsite parking at this venue.

Special Education Credit Hours Available



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Autism Conference



### Presenting Carol Gray

Carol will present two new workshops:

2009 Social Stories™ 10.1  
And

Taming the Social Context Jungle:  
Teaching Individuals with ASD to  
Effectively “Read” and Respond to  
Social Context

April 22 and 23, 2010  
8:50 am – 3:45pm  
Viscount Gort Hotel  
1670 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB