



Hands-On Verbal Behavior

Thursday – Saturday, April 2 – 4, 2009
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Room 1300/1500
Segal Graduate School of Business
Simon Fraser University – Downtown Campus
500 Granville Street, Vancouver

Conducted by Suzanne Jacobsen, Ed.D., BCBA
& Richard Stock, M.Sc., BCBA

Who is this Workshop for?

This workshop is designed to provide teachers, special education assistants and behavior interventionists with guided practice in implementation of applied behavior analysis teaching methods described by the presenters in “An Introduction to the Verbal Behavior Approach to ABA”. For more information on VB, go to www.dr-carbone.net. To read the comments of previous participants, see www.actcommunity.net/workshops_and_training/workshops/2009/HOVB09VAN.htm.

The Workshop

Substantial time will be dedicated to guided practice in methods of effective instruction as demonstrated by video during the Intro to VB Workshop. Each participant will have the opportunity for individualized feedback regarding teaching methods.



Instruction and supervised practice are provided for the following areas:

- Establishing instructional control with an unwilling learner.
- Manipulating motivational operations (MO) during teaching opportunities to maintain attention and maximize learning.
- Using the findings of the Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills Revised (ABLLS-R) to develop instructional objectives.
- Transitioning from sign language to vocal verbal behavior.
- Manipulating MO to teach early to advanced manding skills.
- Teaching early to advanced skills within the following areas: receptive, visual performance, motor imitation, tacting, and intraverbals.
- Organizing program materials.
- Recording data that guides teaching.

Prerequisites: Substantial understanding of the terminology of Applied Behavior Analysis and Verbal Behavior is a prerequisite for this fast-paced course. Attendance in an Introduction to Verbal Behavior workshop or equivalent training and experience in teaching children with autism in either the home or school setting is also necessary for participants to get the full benefit of this opportunity. All participants must be prepared to be actively engaged in the hands-on exercises. Participants should bring a completed ABLLS or ABLLS-R for a child so activities can be applied to programming for a “real” child. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation if they complete the full three days.

About the Presenters

Dr. Suzanne Jacobsen is well known to professionals and parents across BC for her exceptional range of expertise as a diagnostician, educator, psychologist and behavior consultant. A registered psychologist and certified teacher, Dr. Jacobsen is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, a certification that is becoming increasingly valued in the autism field. Her mentor is Dr. Vincent Carbone and she is particularly interested in how the Verbal Behavior approach to Applied Behavior Analysis can be used in high quality, cost-effective autism treatment programs. Dr. Jacobsen is Clinical Director of ABA Learning Centre. She is a member of ACT's Advisory Council.

Richard Stock has a Master's of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. He is currently working towards his Ph.D. in Special Education at UBC where he also works as a Research Evaluator for the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Laboratory and teaches courses on Positive Behavior Support. He has extensive experience providing hands-on behavioral intervention to children with ASD in home, preschool and public school settings, and he has presented at national and international ABA conferences. Richard is the Co-Clinical Director of ABA Learning Centre.

About the Segal Graduate School of Business, Hotel Information and Schedule

Segal Graduate School is **not** in Harbour Centre or the Wosk Centre! It is located at 500 Granville Street, close to the Seabus ter-

minal, West Coast Express, Skytrain, and buses. Parking is plentiful but expensive. For schedule and hotel information see www.actcommunity.net or call ACT.

Just Ask!

ACT Information & Support Services

ACT is a registered not-for-profit society, founded in 2003 by parents of children with ASD. ACT's Information Officers are available to answer questions about which of our events would be relevant for the child or student you support. ACT also offers extensive information and support to families and community professionals on diagnostic, treatment and educational topics. We can be reached by telephone at 604-205-5467, toll-free at 1-866-939-5188, or e-mail info@actcommunity.net. Want to know more about our mission and the people behind ACT? See www.actcommunity.net/about_us.

A Note on Fees and Bursaries

Parents may use 20% of their autism funding to pay for training workshops and travel costs. Some bursaries for low-income participants and/or those traveling from outside their region are available for residents of British Columbia. Before registering, see www.actcommunity.net/Foot/bursaries.htm or telephone ACT. Bursaries are provided as reduced registration fees. Donations to ACT for our bursary fund are gratefully received and enable us to make our workshops more affordable as many receive no external subsidy. ACT is a registered charity: #86169 1236 RR0001. Tax receipts are issued.

REGISTRATION FORM

Hands-On Verbal Behavior

You may register online at www.actcommunity.net, unless you are requesting a bursary or registering as part of a group. Please confirm registration before booking flights.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

E-mail (for e-mail confirmation of your registration): _____

Do you wish to receive ACT info by post? Yes Do you wish to receive workshop updates by e-mail? Yes

ACT is committed to respecting your privacy. We do not share information with any other organization or individual. See www.actcommunity.net for privacy policy.

COST OF WORKSHOP Early Bird Rate (postmarked by February 13, 2009) = \$300 CDN/US
ACT is no longer Regular Rate (postmarked February 14 – March 25, 2009) = \$350 CDN/US
required to charge GST. Late Registration (postmarked after March 25, 2009, space permitting) = \$400 CDN/US

I am aware that I must have a basic knowledge of ABA-Verbal Behavior to register in this course and that I will need to speak with a member of ACT's staff to ensure that I have the pre-requisite knowledge.

Please indicate your professional or para-professional status: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Cash Cheque Name on Card: _____
 Mastercard VISA Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

In addition to on-line registration, ACT accepts telephone registration using a credit card at 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188 or by fax at 604-205-5345. Registrations are accepted only when accompanied by payment. Refunds for registration, less a \$25 handling charge are available until seven days prior to the workshop. Details of the cancellation policy are available on ACT's website. Cheques that are not honoured will result in a loss of registration status. Bank charges incurred by ACT as a result of a NSF cheque are the responsibility of the registrant. Cheques or money orders should be made out to: ACT—Autism Community Training. Mail to: Suite 240–2250 Boundary Road, Burnaby, BC Canada V5M 3Z3. To confirm registration, e-mail info@actcommunity.net or telephone 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188.