



The Arizona Division for Early Childhood (AZ DEC) in conjunction with  
The Arizona Department of Education-Early Childhood Education present



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of



# Teaching Strategies for Preschoolers with Autism and other Developmental Challenges

Saturday, March 1, 2014  
7:30 AM – 4 PM

Desert Willow Conference Center <http://www.desertwillowconferencecenter.com/>  
4340 East Cotton Center Boulevard  
Phoenix, Arizona 85040

## Workshop Agenda (please note extended time frame)

7:30-8:30	Registration and <u>full continental breakfast</u>
8:30-noon	<i>Morning Session</i>
12 to 1:00	Lunch served at Desert Willow
1:00	LML Outstanding Leadership Award Presentation
1:30 to 4:00	<i>Afternoon Session</i>

At 4 PM participants will receive a certificate for

5 Professional Development Hours from the Arizona Department of Education

If you have Arizona teaching certification, these credits can be applied to re-certification

## Course Objectives:

The STAR Program will be used to demonstrate successful implementation of STAR teaching strategies in preschool classrooms.

Participants will learn:

- 1) to implement discrete trial training techniques/the importance of generalization of these skills into natural learning environments;
- 2) how to teach the attending skills needed to be a learner, imitation skills needed to model teachers/peers, safety skills, and how to teach students to follow one-step directions;
- 3) the importance of functional routines to teach independence and generalization of skills through preschool routines of circle, snack, centers and transition.

**Course Instructors** Joel Arick, Ph.D. is lead author of the STAR Program (Strategies for Teaching based-on Autism Research) and Links Curriculum. Dr. Arick has 30 years of experience working in the field of autism and measuring the progress of children using the STAR Autism Program. Dr. Arick is Prof Emeritus at Portland State University. **Sheila Magee, MS** has over 30 years of experience as a classroom teacher, school psychologist and administrator for programs for preschool as well as school-age children. These programs have implemented the STAR Program and served as model training sites. She is currently an adjunct faculty member in the Special Education Dept at Lewis & Clark College.

**Directions to Desert Willow:**

**From the North:** I-17 South towards Tucson. Merge onto I-10 East via the exit on the left towards Globe/Tucson. Exit at 40th Street. Turn right onto South 40th Street and left onto east Cotton Center Boulevard. Desert Willow will be on your left.

**From Tucson:** I-10 West towards Phoenix and exit at Broadway Rd. Left onto Broadway Rd and left onto South 48th Street. Turn right onto East Cotton Center Blvd, pass through 1 roundabout and Desert Willow will be on your right.

**From East Valley:** US-60 West, merge onto I-10 West and exit at Broadway Rd. Left onto Broadway Rd and left onto South 48th Street. Right onto East Cotton Center Blvd, pass through 1 roundabout and Desert Willow will be on your right.

**From the West:** I-10 East to 40th Street. Right onto 40th St, left onto east Cotton Center Blvd. Desert Willow will be on your left.  
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 100 PARTICIPANTS.

Please register ASAP to ensure your spot. **We need your registration check or a P.O. and this form by Thursday, February 27th.** NO REFUNDS will be given, but you can substitute another attendee if you can't attend. Contact us: [LLevine1@mindspring.com](mailto:LLevine1@mindspring.com)

**Registration cost (includes lunch)**

\$ 75.00 non-DEC members

\$ 60.00 DEC Members

\$ 50.00 Childcare Providers, Parents of Children (under 10) with Special Needs and Students (full time)

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<b>Address:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
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<b>Position:</b>	
Please indicate if you need accommodations at the conference	
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_____ \$ 60.00 DEC Member Membership #	
_____ \$ 50.00 Childcare Providers, Parents of Children with Special Needs (under age 10) & Students (full time)	

**NO CHILDCARE ~~ NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION ~~ NO REFUNDS~~  
MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS**

**Nearby hotels include: Homewood Suites-Phx Airport South, Hampton Inn/Suites-Phx Airport South**

**CHECKS** payable to: Arizona DEC

**Mail to:** Arizona DEC, c/o Linda Levine, 2181 E Circulo Solaz Tucson, AZ 85718

**Or EMAIL P.O. and registration form to:** [LLevine1@mindspring.com](mailto:LLevine1@mindspring.com)

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