About the presenter:

Linda Hodgdon, M.Ed., CCC-SLP is a Speech Therapist who is internationally known as a pioneer in developing the use of visual strategies to support communication for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Her programs are packed with best-practices and effective ideas for improving communication and behavior. A powerful and entertaining presenter, Linda shares practical information that inspires program participants to accomplish new goals with students.

Linda is the author of *Visual Strategies for Improving Communication* and *Solving Behaviors in Autism*. Considered essential resources for professionals, these are two of the most recommended books in the field.

Linda Hodgdon is the Director of Cornerstone Communication Center, an organization that provides consultation, training, and professional development with the goal of improving communication.

The Region 1 Autism Education Consortium is pleased to offer the following workshop:

**Discovering the Possibilities with Visual Strategies: Meeting the Communication, Behavior & Social Skill Challenges in Autism Spectrum Disorders & Related Learning Challenges**

**Presented by:**

Linda Hodgdon
About the workshop:

Communication challenges are a defining feature of Autism Spectrum Disorders and for many students with related learning needs. The social skill and behavior difficulties demonstrated by these individuals are frequently related to their communication challenges. While it is common for educational programming to focus on enhancing expressive communication, comparatively little attention is directed toward supporting the student’s ability to understand. This program will demonstrate why an inability to effectively take in and process information can be a significant factor in the student’s ability to participate successfully. It will define the need, discuss training, and demonstrate many practical ideas for school and home.

When:
March 6, 2009

Time:
8:30-4:00pm

Where:
Thomas Fulghum Center
4003 Cogbill Road
Richmond, Va. 23234

Cost:
$100.00

Lunch:
On your own

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