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**The Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and
Placement Program: The VB-MAPP**

Conducted by:

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**Gwynedd-Mercy College
Gwynedd Valley, PA**

This workshop will teach the participant how to administer the VB-MAPP, and how to use the results to develop a behavioral language and social skills intervention program for a child with autism. The VB-MAPP is an assessment tool that is based on Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior, applied behavior analysis, typical developmental milestones, and field-test data from typically developing children, as well as children with autism. There are four components of the VB-MAPP. The first component is the VB-MAPP Skills Assessment. This part is designed to provide a representative sample of a child's existing verbal and related skills (e.g., mand, tact, intraverbal, play and social skills). The assessment contains 165 milestones balanced across 3 developmental levels (0-18 months, 18-30 months, and 30-48 months) and 16 different skill areas. The second component of the assessment is the VB-MAPP Skills Task Analysis, which provides a further breakdown for 9 of the skills in order to provide a more detailed identification and tracking of the target skills. The third part is the VB-MAPP Barriers Assessment, which provides an assessment of 22 common language and learning barriers faced by children with autism. The final component is the VB-MAPP Placement System, which provides an interpretation of each milestone and suggestions for specific IEP goals and intervention strategies.

Participants will...

- be able to use the three components of the VB-MAPP to assess an individual child's learning, language, and social skills
- be able to use the VB-MAPP to identify appropriate IEP goals for children with language and social delays
- be able to use the Placement Guide to set up an intervention program for an individual child that incorporates social, language and learning goals
- be able to describe how the VB-MAPP is linked to the verbal behavior intervention procedures incorporating social, language and learning goals



Mark L. Sundberg, Ph.D., BCBA received his doctorate degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from Western Michigan University (1980), under the direction of Dr. Jack Michael. Dr. Sundberg is the co-author of the books *The Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills: The ABLLS*, *Teaching Language to Children with Autism or Other Developmental Disabilities*, and *A Collection of Reprints on Verbal Behavior*. He has published over 45 professional papers, including a recent book chapter titled "Verbal Behavior" in the new edition of *Applied Behavior Analysis* by Cooper, Heron, & Heward (2007). He is the founder and past editor of the journal *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, a twice past-president of The Northern California Association for Behavior Analysis, a past-chair of the Publication Board of ABA: International, and was a member the BACB committee that developed the BCBA and BCABA Task Lists. Dr. Sundberg has given over 450 national and international conference presentations and workshops, and taught 80 college courses on behavior analysis, verbal behavior, sign language, and child development. He is a

licensed psychologist in private practice who consults to programs and classrooms that serve children with autism in the San Francisco Bay Area. Dr. Sundberg has received a number of awards, including the 2001 "Distinguished Psychology Department Alumnus Award" from Western Michigan University.

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