

# SocialThinking<sup>®</sup>!

## Richmond Conference

November 8 - 9, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton Richmond - Midlothian

### About Social Thinking

Our mission is to help people develop social competencies to better connect with others and live happier, more meaningful lives. We do this by creating concepts, curricula, and materials that serve two purposes:

1. To break down and organize abstract social concepts to educate professionals and family members on how to teach social competencies.
2. To help individuals age 4 through adulthood improve their social competencies to meet their personal, academic, and professional goals. Along the way, we teach how to share space effectively, work as part of a team, and develop relationships—with family, friends, classmates, coworkers, romantic partners, etc.

### Who We Help

While our deeper work is for individuals age 4+ with solid learning and language skills (Asperger's syndrome, ASD levels 1 & 2, ADHD, and other social communication challenges), a subset of our work is being adopted into mainstream classrooms and workplaces around the world to improve social-emotional competencies for all.

### Who Should Attend?

In short—anyone who wants to help those with solid learning and language skills improve social competencies: speech-language pathologists, special and general education teachers, social workers, counselors, school and clinical psychologists, family members and caregivers, occupational therapists, behavior specialists, and school administrators, to name a few.

### The Social Thinking Methodology builds:



- social competencies
- social self-awareness
- perspective taking
- self-regulation
- executive functioning
- social skills
- social-emotional understanding
- organizational systems
- reading comprehension of literature
- written expression, and more...

### Continuing Education Available

**6 Hours of Instruction Each Day**  
**2 Courses = 12 CE hours**

Each attendee will receive a certificate of attendance and a course agenda for their records.

We are proud to provide access to continuing education credit for:

- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Educators
- Social Workers
- Counselors
- Clinical and School Psychologists
- Board Certified Behavior Analysts
- ...and others!



Social Thinking Publishing is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.



These courses are offered for 0.6 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area).

Social Thinking, Inc. has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 6685. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. Social Thinking, Inc. is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

## Conference Schedule

**Thursday, November 8****Zooming In: Strategies for Concrete Learners** | ages 5 - young adult

Nancy Tarshis &amp; Debbie Meringolo

Using video from treatment\* sessions, we zoom in on strategies to promote social attention and perspective taking (theory of mind) with students who interpret language very literally and struggle to interpret what others think and feel. These more literal-minded students—who may have a diagnosis of high-functioning autism, ADHD, ASD, and/or sensory integration challenges—are slow to learn social skills and exhibit a range of other learning challenges related to their weak socially based critical thinking. Video-based case studies will guide how this type of student evolves in their understanding of the social world as they grow up to help illuminate treatment ideas. Audience members will receive checklists to help differentiate types of social learners and how social learning connects to the educational standards. Group treatment ideas for different age groups will also be introduced. Audience members appreciate the practical information shared across the day!

**Friday, November 9****Zooming In: Strategies for Individuals with Subtle but Significant Social Problems**

ages 5 - young adult

Nancy Tarshis &amp; Debbie Meringolo

Explore the needs of nuance-challenged social communicators who may have diagnoses such as Asperger's syndrome, ASD, ADHD, and social anxiety as well as traits such as perfectionism, being oppositional, etc. Usually in mainstream classes, these individuals struggle with the intricacies of developing social relationships, working through assignments, and engaging in peer-based groups. Learn how even a slight impairment in flexible thinking, emotional understanding of self and others, problem solving, self-advocacy, and nuanced social interpretations can contribute to subtle but significant social challenges. Explore related treatment strategies while also learning tips to motivate students to participate in treatment activities encouraging development of executive functioning, perspective taking, and emotion management!

## Speakers

**Nancy Tarshis | November 8-9**

Nancy Tarshis, MA, MS, CCC-SLP, is a speech-language pathologist, supervisor, and adjunct clinical instructor at Teachers College, Columbia, Hunter College, NYU, and Hofstra University. She is a frequent speaker on Social Thinking's concepts and strategies, and co-authored *We Thinkers! Volume 1 Social Explorers* and *We Thinkers! Volume 2 Social Problem Solvers*. Along with Debbie Meringolo, Nancy co-founded Altogether Social, a Social Thinking practice that serves clients and provides individual and group sessions, school consultations, and trainings for parents and professionals.

**Debbie Meringolo | November 8-9**

Debbie Meringolo, MA, MS, is the associate director of the infant/toddler team at the Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center (CERC) at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where she supervises clinicians, conducts evaluations, and provides treatment. She also participates in research projects examining early diagnosis of children with autistic spectrum disorders. Debbie runs a Social Thinking practice along with Nancy Tarshis, where they work with individual and groups, consult to public and private schools and provide training for parents and professionals.

\*Treatment refers to using conceptual and strategy-based frameworks to help individuals improve their social thinking, skills, and competencies.



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## Registration Form

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Discount	20%	25%	30%
1 Day	\$196.00	\$183.75	\$171.50
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REGULAR PRICING			
# OF DAYS	PROFESSIONAL*		NONPROFESSIONAL ■
	SINGLE	TEAM*	SINGLE
Discount	-	10%	15%
1 Day	\$245.00	\$220.50	\$208.25
2 Days	\$434.00	\$390.60	\$368.90

All discounts based on the price of a Regular Professional ticket. See website for more about Regular vs. Early Bird pricing.

- \* **Professional Pricing:** Applies to individuals who will use the information presented at the conference as part of their paraprofessional or professional work. Only those registering as Professionals will have access to continuing education credit.
- **Nonprofessional Pricing:** Applies to individuals who are 1. family members or caregivers assisting those in their care with social learning challenges 2. students enrolled in an academic program who are training to become a paraprofessional or professional.
- ♦ **Team Pricing:** Applies if 5 or more professionals register at the SAME TIME; prices are per person. If you would like to register a team with separate payments, all registration info and payments must be received together to be eligible for team pricing.

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**NOTE:** You are not registered until we receive and process payment. When submitting registration(s) for others, include the name and email of the actual attendee and not your own, as the confirmation email should go to the true attendee. Name substitutions will incur a \$25 change fee. Any onsite changes will incur a \$75 fee.

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

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### CANCELLATION and CHANGE POLICY:

Conference attendees who cancel their registration for any reason up to 15 days prior to the first day of the Conference will be charged a \$25.00 Administration Fee for each day they are cancelling. The remainder of the paid Conference Fee will be refunded no later than 4 weeks past the cancellation date. No cancellations are accepted 14 or fewer days before the first day of the Conference. If any other change is requested such as a name change on any attendee Registration, there is a \$25 Administration Fee per change.

**Print and attach more forms if needed**