



SPEAKER APPLICATION

13TH GLOBAL SOCIAL THINKING[®]

PROVIDERS' CONFERENCE

JUNE 26-28, 2020

Thank you for your interest in our 13th annual **Global Social Thinking Providers' Conference, June 26-28, 2020!** The Providers' Conference is a time for practitioners of the Social Thinking Methodology around the globe to come together to learn, share ideas, and network with one another. Our hope is that attendees will gain new knowledge from one another to not have to "re-create the wheel." Each year, the Providers' Conference showcases unique ways in which individuals, teams, clinics, and schools expand upon and share their ideas for implementing components of the methodology. The origin of this conference came from Michelle's travels and interactions with people from around the globe who were developing great ideas on how to extend the work into their communities, classrooms, homes and schools. She decided that a "Providers' Conference" would be the perfect opportunity to allow others to share their triumphs and challenges. We encourage you to apply to speak if you are one of those people!

THE FOCUS OF THIS YEAR'S 2020 CONFERENCE THEME:

Deeper Thinking, Better Teaching: Executive Functioning, Self-Regulation and Beyond....

THE 2020 STPC WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM PAST CONFERENCES BECAUSE:

- **FRIDAY WILL BE THE ONLY DAY WITH BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**
 - THERE WILL BE TWO BREAKOUT ROOMS (RATHER THAN THE THREE WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST) WITH SESSIONS RUNNING SIMULTANEOUSLY
- **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WILL BE INTERACTIVE:**
 - KEYNOTE SESSIONS TO EXTEND AND TEACH IN FURTHER DEPTH CORE CONCEPTS FROM THE SOCIAL THINKING METHODOLOGY

PURPOSE

- Share new insights and ideas that influence how the Social Thinking (ST) Methodology continues to evolve
- Report on research currently in progress or recently completed
- Provide a means for sharing diverse topics related to the ST Methodology and the treatment of individuals with social learning challenges
- Provide an opportunity for ST professionals, individually or in teams, to share their unique diagnostic, treatment, or service delivery models
- Share treatment data or qualitative assessment methods

WE ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS TO APPLY WHO HAVE:

- Used many different Social Thinking treatment frameworks (e.g. Friendship Pyramid, Social Behavior Mapping, Social Anxiety Spirals, etc.) and strategies in combination as part of a longer treatment journey
- Integrated the ST methodology into a school-wide program.
- Worked closely with a classroom teacher who integrate components of the ST methodology classroom-wide.
- Utilized aspects of the Social Thinking Methodology at home with siblings and parents as "family teaching for everyone".

- Found new and exciting ways to infuse the latest technology into the therapy/treatment setting and across the school day.
- Utilize innovative treatments which dovetail with the Social Thinking Methodology.
- Developed new ways of utilizing aspects of the Social Thinking Methodology with college students and/or adults to improve their competences in their college, community, or work-based setting.
- Completed research related to the ST methodology and have data to share.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

Avoid submitting:

- Presentations about information already covered in one of our Social Thinking conference days or products. (The Providers' Conference does not cover "Social Thinking 101" topics from submitted speakers.)
- Presentations about other approaches or interventions that don't explicitly connect to the Social Thinking methodology. We embrace a link to other treatment philosophies, but do not consider submissions that introduce concepts without dovetailing the ideas back to our work.
- Presentations that are overly technical, formal, or full of obscure vocabulary. Instead, use common every day terms when talking about your ideas. Given that the Social Thinking Methodology is about using basic language to explain complex ideas, we expect our speakers to practice what we preach. Avoid acronyms and ivory tower vocabulary when talking about clinical strategies and/or research. The Social Thinking methodology is intended for professionals, as well as individuals with social learning challenges and their families.

APPLICATION DETAILS

If you are interested in speaking at the conference, please complete the following application. The deadline is **Monday, FEBRUARY 03, 2020**. Submission information can be found below the application. Applicants will be notified by **Friday, February 07, 2020**.



CONFERENCE DETAILS

WHEN: Friday June 26, Saturday June 27, and Sunday June 28, 2020

WHERE: South San Francisco Conference Center, South San Francisco, California

***KEYNOTES AND SCHEDULE:** Keynotes typically present on Friday morning and all day on Saturday. Breakout sessions will only be held on Friday for the 2020 conference. The full schedule will be released to the public March 1st, 2020.

***Applicant must be able to present their talk, if accepted, on Friday, June 26, 2020.**

COST

Early bird registration for the public to attend all 3 days will be approximately \$611.99 (includes coffee, tea, lunch and dessert). All speakers will receive an additional 20% discount for the full three-day event (limited to two speakers per accepted submission).

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS will be offered to certified counselors, educators, speech and language pathologists, social workers, school & clinical psychologists, and some other mental health professionals. A certificate of attendance for 6 contact hours will be provided to attendees each day (whether you are attending for CEs or not). Please refer to our website for additional details.

2020 SPEAKER APPLICATION

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Friday, February 03, 2020

Acceptance notifications will be sent via e-mail by Friday February 07, 2020

- It is important that the speaker’s presentation accurately represents core ideas taught utilizing the Social Thinking Methodology.
- Conference attendees are assumed to have basic knowledge of the methodology, so avoid teaching basic Social Thinking concepts in your presentation plan.

SPEAKER INFORMATION (NO MORE THAN TWO SPEAKERS CAN APPLY TO SPEAK PER SUBMISSION)

Please print information clearly! Parts of this information may be used in the conference brochure.

Speaker #1 (primary contact):

NAME		JOB TITLE PROFESSION/CREDENTIALS	
*MAILING STREET ADDRESS		BUSINESS NAME OR AFFILIATION #1	
CITY		WEBSITE #1	
STATE/PROVINCE		BUSINESS NAME OR AFFILIATION #2	
ZIP CODE/ MAIL CODE		WEBSITE #2	
COUNTRY		If you work with clients, please indicate AGE GROUP of clients. Check all that apply.	
PRIMARY E-MAIL		PRESCHOOL	
SECONDARY E-MAIL		K-5	
PRIMARY TELEPHONE		MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL	
SECONDARY TELEPHONE		YOUNG ADULT & TRANSITION TO ADULT (16-25)	
ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE		ADULTS (26 AND BEYOND)	

***Be sure to include your email to ensure you receive status information**

Speaker #2: Please print information clearly. Parts of this information may be used in the conference brochure.

NAME		JOB TITLE PROFESSION/CREDENTIALS	
*MAILING STREET ADDRESS		BUSINESS NAME OR AFFILIATION #1	
CITY		WEBSITE #1	
STATE/PROVINCE		BUSINESS NAME OR AFFILIATION #2	
ZIP CODE/ MAIL CODE		WEBSITE #2	
COUNTRY		If you work with clients, please indicate AGE GROUP of clients. Check all that apply.	
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Please include a brief bio and headshot in color in good resolution for each speaker for our website. Bios must be submitted in Word format only and 50 words or less.

THEME THIS YEAR IS: Deeper Thinking, Better Teaching: Executive Functioning, Perspective taking, Self-Regulation and Beyond...

Please tie your talk to our theme. This is our 25th birthday since the inception of our ST Methodology.

Which of the following categories describes your talk?

- Teaching clients ST concepts, vocabulary or strategies in schools, private practices, homes, community organizations, post-secondary programs, adult support programs, or via technology.
- Teaching ST concepts, vocabulary or strategies to adult educators, graduate students, or parents.
- Conducting and sharing research related to the ST methodology.
- Developing data collection or archival tools related to any component of the Social Thinking methodology (narrative data, behavioral checklists, caregiver or teacher-based reports, etc.)

LENGTH

Please indicate your desired length of time and select as many boxes as you are willing to consider.

- 45-minute PowerPoint presentation
- 60-minute PowerPoint presentation
- I Plan to show video
- Will provide student work examples or data collection samples
- Other (please explain):

1. TITLE Tip: Please make your title sound interesting! If your talk is accepted, this title will be the basis for how we promote the conference and your specific talk. We also reserve the right to modify your title to make it as user-friendly as possible for our audience.

2. ABSTRACT

Please prepare a 150 to 200-word abstract of your presentation. If your application is accepted, this will also be included on our website as your session description.

Tip: Please write your abstract in a manner that not only explains your topic and how it directly incorporates aspects of the Social Thinking Methodology, but also shows how you will engage attendees and provide take-aways.

Insert your 150 to 200-word ABSTRACT here (if you need more space, continue to add text to extend the area or submit a word attachment with your application):

3. DESCRIPTION

Please prepare a 900-word (or less) description of your presentation, including:

- A. The basic concept(s) you are addressing, and how it directly incorporates aspects of our broad-based Social Thinking Methodology;
- B. The age group and location (school, community, etc.) where the service is provided;
- C. If your talk expands upon the use of a treatment concept other than components of the Social Thinking methodology, please include details about the intersection between both;
- D. How your presentation will be unique and advance the knowledge of new and returning attendees;
- E. If you have data, please let us know and add it to your description.

Insert your 900-word description here or attach it to the application:

4. MAIN IDEAS YOU HOPE THE LEARNER WALKS AWAY WITH AFTER HEARING THIS TALK:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

5. THREE LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND RELATED OUTCOMES:

All outcomes in your objectives must be **observable** and/or **measurable** so please avoid words like “understand” or “know.” Instead, use action words like “show”, “discuss” or “demonstrate.” Please write all course objectives according to the guidelines listed in this link: <http://www.asha.org/ce/for-providers/outcomes/>

Examples include:

Learner Outcome Example: "As a result of this activity the participant will be able to list..."

Learner Outcome Example: "As a result of this activity, the participant will be able to summarize..."

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Important: Social Thinking will email all speakers 5 weeks after the conference with survey feedback from their audience about the learning objectives, so make them focused and highly relevant to the content of your talk!

TECHNOLOGY AND MATERIALS

Social Thinking will provide the following:

- HDMI cable only (No VGA available at this venue)
- Audio via HDMI or audio cable
- 1 Wireless Handheld Microphone
- Projector and screen
- Podium

The speaker is responsible for all technology not listed above (e.g., laptop, HDMI adapter for your laptop or tablet, clicker, etc.). Please bring a copy of your talk on a flash drive/thumb drive just in case!

Handouts: If accepted, speakers are responsible for submitting a rough draft outline of their PowerPoint handout by **February 28th, 2020**. Once we receive your rough draft, our Social Thinking team will review, and we will email you feedback. We also reserve the right to ask that you modify your slides to make them as user-friendly and relevant to your talk as possible for our audience.

We will provide a detailed guideline about creating handouts for this event once you are accepted. All handouts will be available for download on our website one month prior to the conference and one month after the conference. The final conference handout deadline is **May 1st, 2020**. Speakers must use the final handout they submit. Please be prepared to meet this deadline when submitting your application. Late handout submissions may not be available for attendees to download. This will affect the quality of your talk and the audience feedback survey.

Use of client images/video: All videos used must be submitted to Social Thinking for inspection that the video is appropriate. If you are using any image/video of a client or clients, you are required to have a signed permission from the individual or their guardian giving you permission to use this personal information in your talk. You are required to blur out the faces of all bystanders you did not get video/image permissions from.

Use of copyrighted information: If you are using another's copyrighted material, you are required to gain permission to use that material and then give proper attribution to the creator of the work you are mentioning. Please also provide a reference to their work in your description and handouts.

SPEAKER DISCLOSURE

Does your presentation promote an idea, program, or product from which you will gain financially or non-financially?

- No
- YES—please explain: _____

*****Application deadline is Friday, FEBRUARY 03, 2020*****

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION EMBEDDED IN THE APPLICATION:

- Speaker application** (save as: STPC2020App-YourLastName)
 - ✓ Accurate contact information for up to two presenters per submission
 - ✓ A catchy title
 - ✓ 150 to 200-word abstract
 - ✓ 900-word description of talk
 - ✓ 3 learning objectives

- E-mail completed applications to STPCSpeakerapp@socialthinking.com**
 - ✓ Subject Line: STPC Application (Your Last Name)
 - ✓ You will receive an e-mail confirmation within 24 hours once we have received your application. ***If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation, do NOT assume we received it!***
 - ✓ Speakers will be notified no later than Friday, February 07, 2020 via e-mail.

Questions about the application or conference can be sent to **Vanessa Alcantar** STPCSpeakerapp@socialthinking.com or by phone at 408-557-8595

Thank you for applying!

My Best,



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