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**Autism Update 2011**

**Thursday, April 7th**  
**Sheraton Four Points**  
**Norwood, MA**

Sponsored by The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism  
and Children Making Strides



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**REGISTRATION:** Registrations will be accepted by mail only. Payment is only accepted in the form of check or money order. No Credit Cards accepted. Space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first come basis. We will attempt to accommodate all afternoon seminar requests, but each seminar is limited and preferences can only be assured by early registration. Handouts will not be available for those not registered for a specific breakout session. The registration fee includes all conference events, meals, activities and handouts as listed in the published conference schedule. Hotel arrangements, evening meals and incidental charges are the responsibility of the individual.

**Complete the following registration form and send with your check or money order to Children Making Strides, 4 Barlow's Landing Rd., Suite 13, Pocasset, MA 02559**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

### COST

Check off one of the following:

Parent: \$75 ( ) Professional: \$85 ( )

Exhibitor: \$100 ( ) Additional Table Rep.: \$75 ( )

Seating in afternoon breakout session is limited. Indicate your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices. Sessions are assigned on a first come basis.

SESSION I \_\_\_ RAISING AN INDEPENDENT TEEN

SESSION II \_\_\_ BEST PRACTICES IN CLASSROOM & COMMUNITY

SESSION III \_\_\_ NO MORE BULLYING

SESSION IV \_\_\_ HOW TO BILL HEALTH INSURANCE

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7:45 – 8:30

## Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:30 – 8:35

### Welcome

Pat Antonellis, Children Making Strides

Lisa Borges, Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism

8:40 – 9:30

### Health Insurance & Autism - A Panel Discussion

This panel discussion will feature members of the insurance industry including insurance company representatives, state officials and advocates who will outline the coverage that is available under new legislation effective January, 2011 and how families can access it. A Q & A period will follow the presentation.

9:30 – 10:30

### “THE BEST KIND OF DIFFERENT”

Shonda Schilling

Shonda Schilling, wife of Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling, talks about their family's journey after their 10 year old son was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome and how it changed them as a family.

10:30 – 10:45

### Coffee Break – please visit our many vendor tables

Shonda will be available to sign her book.

10:45 – 12:00

### THE 1000 PIECE PUZZLE

CarolAnn Edscorn

Using neuroscience, sensory integration, and special interests to look toward the future, Carol Ann will introduce current neuroscience research about the autistic brain. Edscorn is a writer and presenter who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. Her presentation will focus on the issues of autism interspersed with her own experiences and life, as only a person on the spectrum can.

12:00 – 12:30

### PRESENTATION OF THE DOUG FLUTIE JR. AWARD

Laurie Flutie

The Doug Flutie Jr. Award is presented each year to a person who has gone above and beyond in making a difference and improving the lives of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

This year's award is presented to:

**Amy Weinstock**

Amy is chairperson of the AFAM Insurance Committee and has been instrumental in the passage of ARICA, the insurance coverage for autism services. Amy is an appointee to the State's Special Commission Relative to Autism and a past president of the Friends of LADDERS.

12:30 – 1:45

### Lunch, Raffle & Exhibit Hall

2:00 – 4:30

### Afternoon Breakout Sessions

#### SESSION I: RAISING A MORE INDEPENDENT TEEN: HOW YOUR SCHOOL CAN HELP

Lynne Mitchell, MSW

As teens move through middle & high school they need to learn academics but also how to become more independent within school and the community. This session will focus on how to use the school and community to build these independence skills.

#### SESSION II: EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES IN THE CLASSROOM & COMMUNITY SETTINGS

Sue Constable, M.Ed

This session will cover what is known about how individuals with ASD think and learn. A number of Evidenced Based Practices to support children and youth with developmental disabilities and autism in classrooms and in the community will be shared throughout the session. Resources and online training modules are available.

#### SESSION III: NO MORE BULLYING AROUND

Mass Advocates for Children

Has your child been bullied? Has the school addressed

the bullying to your satisfaction? Learn about the new law requiring school wide efforts to create safe and supportive schools, as well as ways to address bullying in your child's IEP to compliment these efforts.

#### SESSION IV: HOW TO BILL HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR ABA SERVICES

Kim Allbaugh, MRC Billing Co.

This session is for professionals who want information on the ins and outs of how to bill health insurance companies for ABA services. Information on outsourcing, credentialing, collection, co-pays and medical software will be available.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**CANCELLATIONS:** In the event of cancellation, there is a \$50 fee up until 21 days prior to the conference. Within 21 days of the conference there is no refund, but you may transfer your reservation to another person. All cancellations must be received in writing or by fax (508-563-5774). No phone cancellations are accepted.

**PDP's:** A certificate of attendance will be given to conference participants who attend the conference.

**FUNDING:** This conference is funded in part by the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism as part of their commitment to ongoing autism education and awareness.

**EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:** Space for exhibitors is available at a cost of \$100 per day. This fee covers admission, meals and exhibit table for one representative. Additional representatives are \$75 per person.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a special conference rate of \$125 per room per night. Rooms will be held at this rate until March 16th, 2011. After that date rooms will be on a space available basis and not available at the conference rate. Make reservations directly with the Four Points Sheraton by calling 781-769-7900. Identify yourself as part of the Autism Update conference to receive the special room rate. For directions to the hotel, go to [www.fourpointsnorwood.com](http://www.fourpointsnorwood.com)

