



Little Steps Therapy Services Presents:

# Michelle G Winner

April 1, 2010 – April 2, 2010

The Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria BC

A 2-Day Comprehensive Workshop Introducing The ILAUGH Model of Social Thinking, Informal Social Thinking Assessment and Core Treatment Strategies for Home and School

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**Day 1 – Thursday April 1, 2010:  
Social Thinking Across The Home & school day: The ILAUGH  
Model of Social Cognition**

**Day 2 – Friday April 2, 2010:  
Informal Dynamic Social Thinking Assessment and Core  
Treatment Strategies for Home and School**

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Parents, teachers, speech-language pathologists, clinical and educational psychologists, clinical and educational administrators, physicians, nurses, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, paraprofessionals, other family members and caregivers of individuals with social thinking challenges.

#### POPULATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Autism spectrum disorders, high functioning autism, PDD-NOS, Asperger Syndrome, NLD, ADHD and related disabilities. The bulk of the strategies presented will be for school-age children and adults, although the information is also helpful for those living and working with younger children.

**Michelle Garcia Winner** will present the dynamic assessment and treatment approaches she has developed in her clinical work and describes in her books. Educators, parents, therapists, psychologists and other caregivers have used and modified these techniques to better understand and address a broad range of students' social communicative difficulties and the related effects on academic tasks, including written expression, reading comprehension and organizational skills. This workshop offers practical strategies that break down abstract concepts into more concretely defined teachable moments. Participants will leave the workshop with practical strategies that can be implemented immediately.

### **Social Thinking Across The Home and School Day: The ILAUGH Model of Social Cognition**

**Thursday April 1, 2010**

- Examine ways to better understand the inner minds of your students and why they react the way they do
- Learn the related treatment strategies
- Explore the ILAUGH model of social cognition that helps to reveal how social-processing difficulties affect social skills as well as the ability to work as part of a group and focus on a range of academic tasks.
- Address the writing of IEP goals that lead to real improvements
- Examine the problems with using only standardized tests to qualify these students

### **Informal Dynamic Social Thinking Assessment and Core Treatment Strategies for Home and School**

**Friday April 2, 2010\***

- Gain specific knowledge about what professionals have called an “eye-opening” informal procedure for assessing a student’s social-cognitive abilities
- From these insights, learn how to build specific treatment strategies and capture teaching opportunities
- Learn teaching techniques to help students better understand their own educational program and why this helps
- Explore Social Behaviour Mapping to help explain to students how their behaviours go from affecting others to affecting themselves
- Examine the basic concepts for running Social Thinking groups

*\*Attendance at “Social Thinking Across the Home and School Day” (day 1) is strongly suggested to fully appreciate the information presented on this day*

#### **Workshop Schedule (both days):**

8:30am – Registration/Reception

9:00am -10:30am – In session

10:30am -10:45am – Morning break

10:45am -12:00pm – In session

12:00pm – 1:00pm – **lunch (provided)**

1:00pm – 2:30pm – In session

2:30pm – 2:45pm – afternoon break

2:45pm – 4:30pm – In session

## ABOUT THE PRESENTER

**Michelle Garcia Winner**, MA, CCC-SLP, is an internationally respected Speech-Language Pathologist who specializes in the treatment of individuals with social cognitive challenges, including those with Asperger's Syndrome, Autism, and Non-Verbal Learning Disability. Michelle's pioneering practical assessment and treatment strategies for professionals and parents earned her a 2008 Congressional award. Her work regarding social thinking has provided a basis from which instructional programs are developed across the U.S. and internationally, influencing a range of professions: education, counseling, speech-language therapy, among them. In 2007, an article in the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorder validated Michelle's social thinking methodologies for higher-functioning autism. Michelle has a private practice in San Jose, CA, where she works with clients and consults with families and schools. Michelle's goal is to help educators and parents appreciate how social thinking and social skills are integral parts of students' academic success and social experiences. To learn more about Michelle and her work, as well as more detail about her workshops, books and video's, see [www.socialthinking.com](http://www.socialthinking.com).

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## **THE HARBOUR TOWERS HOTEL**

**345 Quebec St.  
Victoria BC  
PH: 1800-663-5896**

Victoria BC is a beautiful destination with many hotel choices in close proximity to the workshop venue. Little Steps Therapy Services has pre-booked several rooms at the prestigious Harbour Towers Hotel for this event. The Harbour Towers Hotel is located right downtown in Victoria's inner harbour. The Social Thinking workshop will take place in the main ballroom of this hotel. We urge you to take advantage of this special price made available only for our workshop participants. The cost per night is **\$85** based on double occupancy. The Harbour Towers Hotel will extend this price for any participants wishing to extend their visit up to 3 days before or after the workshop. Please contact the hotel directly to make your booking. **1800-663-5896**  
Mention this workshop to receive the special room rate.

**For further information please contact Sarah Thorne  
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## Registration

You may register by phone at  
250-386-1171 or on line [www.mylittlesteps.net](http://www.mylittlesteps.net)

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## Cost

Early Bird (postmarked before February 1, 2010)    \$325

Regular Rate (postmarked February 1 – April 1, 2010)    \$350

Late Registration

(At the door, space permitting) \$375

Single Day \$175    Day 1 / Day 2    (circle one)

Method of Payment (circle one)

Cash (enclosed)

Cheque (enclosed)

Visa\* or Mastercard\*

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Card # \_\_\_\_\_

\*Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Refunds will be provided for cancellations made before March 1, 2010. A \$50 administration fee will be charged for all cancellations.