

A **FREE** workshop for professionals, parents, caregivers and college students majoring in special education sponsored by:

**The Foundation for Autism Training and Education**



# “Overcoming Everyday Challenges of Autism”

**May 15-16, 2015 – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

**Helemano Plantation  
64-1510 Kam Highway  
Wahiawa, HI 96786-2915**

With millions of children already diagnosed with autism, and tens of thousands being diagnosed every year, parents and teachers need real help.....and they need it NOW!

Addressing the varied needs of a child with autism can be overwhelming for parents and teachers, often leaving them with more questions than answers: Which skills do I teach? When do I teach them? How do I teach them?

This two-day workshop will outline how to minimize the effects of autism by zeroing in on the core deficits that define the diagnosis: functional communication, social skills, and cooperation. The presenter will demonstrate, through extensive use of video case studies, how the basic behavioral principles can be applied effectively across settings and people to improve quality of life for children with developmental disabilities and their caregivers.

Specifically, participants will learn about practical strategies that can help them to:

- Engage a child that shows little or no interest in interacting with others
- Expand a child's interests and activities
- Decide if a child should be considered a “vocal” or “non-vocal” learner
- Teach functional communication skills to vocal and non-vocal children
- Engage children in meaningful social situations with their peers
- Shape cooperative behavior and decrease escape-motivated problem behavior
- Utilize research-based teaching procedures to establish and maintain instructional control during structured teaching
- Develop an effective schedule to maximize learning opportunities
- Implement reinforcement-based approaches that reduce problem behavior



**Thomas M. Caffrey** is the parent of a child with autism who brings personal passion to his work. His mission is to provide targeted and sustained training to teachers and other professionals who work with children who have autism in public school settings. This drive was born from a desire to help his daughter, Alicia, and other children like her. Tom received a Bachelor in Education from Arizona State University and a Master in Education from Georgian Court University. In addition, he earned a post-graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis from Penn State University. Tom is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Tom Caffrey is an internationally recognized speaker, having presented over 300 conferences and workshops on Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism. Tom's extensive use of video featuring actual case studies and his ability to make complex material understandable has made the science accessible to thousands of professionals and parents. Tom recently finished his most important work to date – a comprehensive video-based training series that zeroes in on everyday challenges that parents of children with autism face, with titles that include Overcoming Irrational Fears, Expanding Interests, Getting Kids to Eat, Making Friends, etc. Currently, Tom and his colleagues at VBN Training provide professional development workshops and in-class support to schools and agencies that serve children with developmental disabilities throughout the United States and abroad.

This free workshop is hosted by the



For additional information, please visit [www.thefate.org](http://www.thefate.org) – ONLINE Registration available at [www.thefate.org](http://www.thefate.org)

**\*\*REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY \*\*\*Register ONLINE!!!!!!**

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration is required and available on-line at [www.thefate.org](http://www.thefate.org). Phone-in registrations not accepted. Workshop confirmations will be e-mailed. Registration forms may be mailed to:

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PO Box 107  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

Parent  Family Member

Special Education Teacher  SLP  OT  General Education Teacher  Special Area Teacher  Other   
Student-Special Education Major

Lunch will be available for purchase at the on-site restaurant on Friday only. On Saturday there will be a \$25.00 charge at the door for breakfast/lunch as the restaurant is closed. No outside food/beverages are allowed into Helemano Plantation.

A certificate of completion will be mailed to you upon receipt of your signature on both days sign-in sheet; no partial certificates will be issued.

BCBA CEUs are available for this workshop upon receipt of your signature on the daily sign-in/sign-out sheets.

-Approximately 5 days before the workshop you will receive an email with link for the workshop handouts, it will be your responsibility to print and bring those handouts to the workshop as none will be provided...Please refrain from using your school email addresses when registering on-line as most times that email will go directly to spam due to school security settings.

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