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Richland Newhope to hold free two-day autism conference

(Mansfield, OH) – Registration is underway for a free two-day autism conference Oct. 28-29 sponsored by Richland Newhope. The guest speaker will be Dr. David Meichenbaum, a renowned speaker and clinical psychologist who specializes in the field of autism intervention and treatment. Meichenbaum is also the Director of Consulting Services at Summit Educational Resources in Buffalo, New York.

The first day of the conference on Oct. 28 is entitled “Practical Strategies, Tools, and Considerations for working with Students with Autism and for Assessing Their Response to Intervention.” It’s designed for educators, therapists, related professionals, community providers, and administrators working with and/or supporting individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The second day of the conference on Oct. 29 will focus on “Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders: Critical Considerations for Fostering Independence, Reducing Challenging Behaviors, and Building Social Skills.” It will be geared toward parents, caregivers, and families living with and/or supporting an individual with an ASD. Hands-on sessions with small group discussion will be part of the day’s activities.

The conference will be held at the Masonic Temple, 1250 Middle-Bellville Rd., in Mansfield from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day. Box lunches will be available for \$4.50-\$5.50 (cash only).

On-line registration is available on Richland Newhope’s website, www.rnewhope.org. Registration forms are also available at area schools or by calling 419-774-4235. Attendees can register for one or both days of the conference.

The conference is part of a series of activities related to autism that Richland Newhope is sponsoring in 2011.

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Media coverage of the workshop is welcome. The lunch break will be between 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. The contact person each day of the event will be Carla Rumas, Richland Newhope Director of Therapy Services.