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Workshop offered for parents of autistic children

Oakland University's **School of Education and Human Services (SEHS)** is sponsoring "Structuring the Home for Children with Autism, Improving Communication and Independence" for parents of children with autism.

The workshop is being held over two Saturday sessions on Feb. 2 and 9 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Macomb Intermediate School District in Clinton Township. The deadline to register is Thursday, Jan. 31.

Topics to be addressed include structured teaching techniques, setting realistic goals, and applying systems to increase communication and independence in autistic children. Positive behavioral-support plans for parents will be provided.

Liz Priebe, who is the mother of three sons, two of whom have autism spectrum disorders, will lead the workshop. Priebe is a teacher for the autistically impaired in Birmingham Public Schools and has taught in Oakland Schools' autism program. She has been active as a parent leader and advocate in her children's school district for several years, and the Metro-Detroit Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children named her "Parent of the Year" in 1996.

Cost of the workshop is \$59 for both sessions. For more information, visit the **Department of Professional Development and Education Outreach** Web site. To enroll, contact Professional Development at (248) 370-3033 or **pro-development@oakland.edu**. Pre-registration is required.

SUMMARY

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