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## **The Rebecca Center at Molloy College Presents Seminar on Autism Education and Treatment**

The Rebecca Center at Molloy College is hosting an upcoming seminar covering issues surrounding Autism. The seminar, *Revolutionizing Education and Treatment in Autism on Long Island: The Developmental, Individual Difference, Relationship-based Approach (DIR®/Floortime™)*, will take place on Thursday, April 24, 2008.

Pioneered by Drs. Stanley Greenspan and Serena Wieder, the DIR® Model is a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach that focuses on the emotional development of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. It takes into account the child's feelings, relationships with caregivers, developmental capacities and individual differences (child's ability to process and respond to sensory information). It focuses on the child's skills in all developmental areas, including social-emotional functioning, communication, thinking and learning, motor skills, body awareness, and attention.

This presentation will focus on introducing participants to the theoretical foundation of DIR®/Floortime™. Clinical video excerpts will be used to illustrate DIR® principles, strategies and techniques, including: clinical application, assessment, and parent/teacher training.

Participating lecturers include: Gil Tippy, Psy.D, Clinical Psychologist; Alex Klein, Floortime™ Coach, and John Carpente, MA, MT-BC, NRMT, LCAT, Music Therapist, Adjunct Instructor of Music, Molloy College.

Parents, Teachers, Occupational & Physical Therapists, Speech Therapists, Psychologists, Creative Arts Therapists, and Program /School Administrators are all encouraged to attend. Early registration is recommended due to limited seating.

The event is scheduled for April, 24, 2008 from 7-9 p.m., Reception Room, Kellenberg Hall, Molloy College. For more information please contact John Carpente at [jcarpente@erols.com](mailto:jcarpente@erols.com).

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