

# Summer 2020 RAAC Training Institute: *Severe Autism*\*

## Featuring: Gloria Satriale and PAAL team (Preparing Adolescents and Adults for Life)

\*Severe. Profound. Significantly Impacted. These are just some of the terms used to describe people with autism who require the most intensive supports. There is no consensus on how to best describe this segment of the spectrum because it is a complex issue involving multiple factors. The intention of this training series is NOT to debate the language, but to address systemic barriers and *yield true forward progress.*

### Candid COVID Conversation: Dissecting Our Reality & Where to Go From Here

COVID has created a forced experiment giving us a glance into what life may look like in the absence of supports. Everyone must make the conscious decision to buy-in to this new normal and how our roles have shifted in the lives of "our kids" (caregivers and professionals alike). Getting back to the basics does not mean going backwards, but to introspect on what we know works, how to apply it, and make forward progress instead of simply trying to hold still and hang on.

Date: July 27 Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

### Process Over Destination: Transitioning Despite the Boulders

The struggles with the transition process and the new barriers of COVID are nothing new, only now highlighted in a new way. Instead of focusing on the 'boulders' blocking our path, focus in on what can be accomplished in spite of the unknown and the barriers in our way. We have not come this far to come this far. Although the car may not be moving, the map can be devised, and revised, and plan A may need to become plan B, C, D, and E.

Date: July 28 Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

### Sustenance vs. Support: How to Move Past Survival

COVID has handcuffed our ability to do what we do and how we do it across a number of considerations. From limiting reinforcers, limiting the ability to provide services, changing the model in which services can be provided, and competing with all the "life" variables in between, now is a greater time than ever for creativity.

Date: July 29 Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

### Parent Perspective of Profound Autism Across the Lifespan

Panel: Jennifer Brown, Cindy Molloy, & Tulika Prasad

Caregivers of children who are significantly impacted by their autism share their experiences as parents, advocates, cheerleaders, teachers, detectives, and so much more. Join this session to learn from parents who have, "been there, done that." Their insights and stories will allow caregivers and professionals to adjust their approach to more successfully support people with autism across the lifespan.

Date: July 31 Time: 9:00 am-11:00 am

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