

# Autism Behavioural Therapist Training Workshop

*at Douglas College*

a one day workshop on the implementation of behavioural autism treatment

**Families for Early Autism Treatment of British Columbia (F.E.A.T. of B.C.)** is sponsoring a 1-day workshop on the behavioural treatment of autism spectrum disorders based on techniques of Lovaas-style Applied Behaviour Analysis. The workshop will include general information on autism and behavioural theory, but will focus mainly on the practical aspects of delivering effective behavioural autism treatment. The workshop will include both seminar instruction as well as some hands on role playing practice of concepts discussed.

## Topics to be covered:

This workshop will include basic terminology and theory of Lovaas-style ABA, with a focus on:

- the core elements of discrete trial instruction
- the importance of and key issues in using reinforcement
- when and how to prompt
- the process of teaching from introduction to mastery
- a practical look at maintenance and generalization
- commonly used behaviour terminology and practices
- issues of professionalism and confidentiality
- the process of accurate data collection

## Who can benefit from this workshop:

- present and potential behavioural therapists
- classroom assistants
- aides or other individuals interested in working with children with autism spectrum disorders.

## About the Workshop Leaders...

The early autism intervention training workshop is conducted by two Senior behavioural instructors. The workshop leaders have a broad range of experience in the behavioural treatment of children with autism. Collectively their experience spans many teams and individualized programs for children from 20 months to 9 years old.

Together their experience includes training numerous new therapists, overlapping and providing ongoing training for established teams, training and overlapping with school aides, working as school aides, designing individualized data collection methods, training and overlapping senior instructors as well as providing ongoing training for senior instructors, leading training workshops and overlapping junior instructors.

### Theresa Tournemille, B.A.

Senior Behavioural Instructor

Ms Tournemille is a Senior Behavioural Instructor and holds a Bachelors Degree from U.C.F.V. in Psychology. She is currently completing requirements to gain entry into a Masters of Applied Behaviour Analysis program, to achieve the goal of becoming a Behavioural Consultant. In her over 3 years of experience, Theresa has worked with clients who are both verbal and non verbal; with beginning, intermediate and advanced learners; with various extreme behaviour profiles. Her areas of interest include: systematic data collection, logbook organization and protocol, comprehensive yet highly efficient initial and ongoing training of team members, as well as effective team management. She is especially interested in the creation of novel organizational systems

(based on client/team needs) for programs and stimuli, as well as improving quality and consistency of therapy delivery. Her educational experience includes both public and private schools. Ms Tournemille has had the opportunity to learn from 5 different consultants, with 9 different clients ranging in age from 21 months to 8 years of age.

### Michelle Karren, B.A. (Honours),

Senior Behavioural Instructor

Ms. Karren has been working as a Senior Behavioural Instructor for over 4 years and is currently working on a Masters of Science in Applied Behaviour Analysis. Ms. Karren's experience includes working with over 8 different consultants and 9 different children with ages ranging from 20 months – 9 years of age. Ms. Karren has experience with children with severe and challenging behaviours, children with multiple diagnosis as well as both verbal and non verbal children, spanning a wide range of abilities. Her work experience includes working in a variety of classrooms as both Teaching Aide and Overlap Instructor. Ms. Karren has a keen interest in the application of ABA principles to teaching ABA practices and continues to work on developing teaching tools for training new instructors, providing additional ongoing training for team members, training for the role of Senior Instructor as well as effective team management. Ms. Karren is also the parent of a child with autism who is in a successful ABA program. As both instructor and parent, she has a unique perspective of having seen both sides of a program and is able to help therapists and parents to better understand and appreciate the challenges each face.

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- **Workshop location:** Douglas College, New Westminster Room #2203
- **Workshop Date:** Saturday, November 13th, 2004
- **Time:** 8:30 am to 5:30 pm; in addition to a morning coffee break, time is available to purchase lunch on or off campus.
- **Registration:** please mail the registration form on the reverse of this page with payment to **F.E.A.T. of B.C.** **Please reserve early — space is limited to 50 people.**
- **Cost:** \$25 per person (parking is \$5.00 per day)

**NOTE:** The Autism Intermediate Behavioural Therapist Workshop has been designed for training in the practical aspects of behavioural autism treatment only. The workshop does not include any instruction on how to design individual programs.

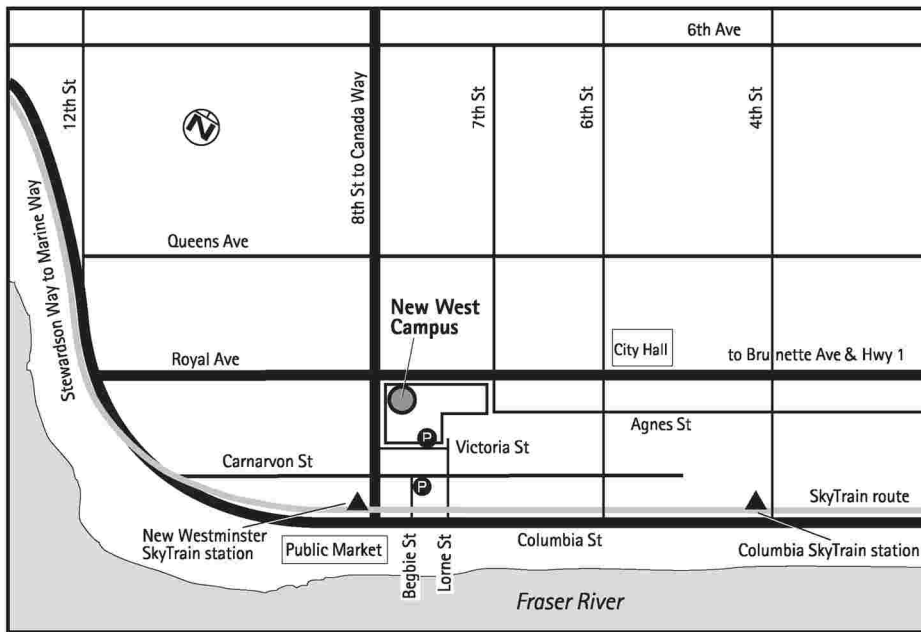


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# Autism Behavioural Therapist Training Workshop at Douglas -- Directions

## New Westminster Campus Area Map



**From Downtown Vancouver** take Highway 1 east to Kensington Ave Exit. Follow directions to Canada Way & go east on Canada Way until it becomes 8th St. Stay on 8th St., until you reach the College (corner of Royal Ave).

**From South Van.** travel east on Marine Way to Stewardson Way & New Westminster. Continue on Stewardson way (becomes Columbia Street). Turn at 8th Street & go north until you reach the College (corner of Royal Ave).

**From Langley, Surrey, Richmond, Delta, White Rock & Ferries** take routes to New Westminster via Port Mann, Patullo or Alex Fraser & Queensborough bridges. Turn north off Columbia Street onto 8th St., and continue until you reach the College (corner of Royal Ave).

**From Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Mission.** Campus may be reached from the Lougheed Highway (7) or Highway 1. Take the Brunette exits & follow directions to New West. along Brunette Ave., then Columbia Street. Turn north at 8th St., and continue until you reach the College (corner of Royal Ave).

**Skytrain:** Disembark at New Westminster Station & exit onto 8th Street. Once on 8th street, turn left (uphill) & walk two short blocks. The campus is the large red-brick building on the east side of 8th Street (at the southeast corner of 8th Street and Royal Avenue).

**Buses** 23, 100, 102,103, 106, 108, 112 123, 147, 148, 156, 159, 169, and 321 begin, terminate or stop at the loop.

**Location:** Room 2203

## Autism Behavioural Therapist Training at Douglas College. -- Reservation Form

■ Reservations can be made by mail with payment of \$25 per person

I would like to attend the FEAT BC therapists' workshop on Saturday, November 13th, 2004

Information about me:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of members in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Workshop space is limited to 50 attendees -- please reserve early*

### ***F.E.A.T. of B.C.***

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