

## **Workshop Title: Special Considerations & Challenges in Assessment & Treatment of Bilingual Children with Developmental Disabilities**

- Date:** January 25, 2012
- Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Eligible Hours:** Six (6) Professional Development Hours
- Learning Community:** Speech/Language Specialists/Therapists, Special Education Teachers, Administrators, Child Study Team Members, Guidance Counselors, Psychologists, Social Workers.
- Registration:** \$120 Full Tuition, \$100 PDA Subscription Members
- Location:** Professional Development Academy, 1690 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854, (732) 777-9848 Ext. 3560

### **Description:**

While many children who learn several languages during childhood exhibit appropriate language milestones in both languages, there are some children who present with evident dual language acquisition difficulties, often without a clear reason for the delay. These children are frequently referred for diagnostic assessments due to their dual language based learning deficits (which typically begin to manifest in their primary language first). This workshop will focus on how to provide effective evidence based practice diagnostic and treatment services to bilingual children with suspected and confirmed language deficits. It will discuss normal developmental progression of dual language learning, describe how language impairment signs manifest in bilingual children, list assessment challenges, explain unequal linguistic skills distribution (how communicative and cognitive language mastery differ from home/community vs. school environment) as well as go over latest clinical approaches to assessment and intervention of bilingual children.

### **Presenter:**

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