

## Theory of Mind

Theory of Mind is the ability to understand that others have thoughts and feelings that are different from one's own. Those who have trouble with theory of mind might have trouble

- knowing when to stop inappropriate behavior despite visual cues from others
- recognizing tone of voice or understanding facial expressions
- understanding others' feelings
- learning to use words

**If you know someone like this,  
then this is a conference for you!**

## Conference Description

When theory of mind "works" as it does in neurotypical individuals—one gives nary a thought to how crucial a role it plays in understanding and negotiating the social world; how it affects joint attention (sharing of one's experience) and language development; or how it impacts behavior.

During this conference, Dr. Twachtman-Cullen will address what it means to have theory of mind and how impairments in this critical social cognitive process affect social understanding, language development, and overall behavior. The presenter will draw on information from research literature, and will address need-based intervention for deficit areas. The attendee will take away helpful knowledge and easy-to-implement intervention techniques to help the child(ren) who brought them to this conference.

This conference will be helpful for parents and families, as well as educators, therapists, and other professionals who work with individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

## During this conference the attendee will learn:

- How theory of mind impacts social behavior and language learning.
- How deficits in theory of mind affect joint attention and word learning.
- How deficits in theory of mind affect perspective-taking and behavior.
- How to address theory of mind deficits.
- Various intervention techniques that address theory of mind impairment.

## Diane Twachtman-Cullen, Ph.D., CCC-SLP



Diane Twachtman-Cullen is a licensed speech-language pathologist specializing in autism spectrum disorders. She holds an MA in speech-language pathology, a Sixth Year Diploma in early childhood education, and a Ph.D. in special education.

She is the author of numerous chapters and articles, as well as three books, *A Passion to Believe: Autism and the Facilitated Communication Phenomenon*; *Trevor Trevor*; and *How to be a Para Pro: A Comprehensive Training Manual for Paraprofessionals*. Her book entitled, *How Well Does Your IEP Measure Up?* was co-authored with Jennifer Twachtman-Reilly, M.S., CCC-SLP.

Dr. Twachtman-Cullen is the editor-in-chief of Autism Spectrum Quarterly ([www.ASQuarterly.com](http://www.ASQuarterly.com)). She is also a member and immediate past co-chairperson of the Panel of Professional Advisors of the Autism Society of America. She serves on several other professional advisory boards, and was recently invited to serve on the National Behavioral Health Quality Advisory Committee for the Aetna Insurance Company. Dr. Twachtman-Cullen is the recipient of the 2006 Divine Neurotypical Award ("DNA") given by the Global and Regional Asperger Syndrome Partnership, Inc. (GRASP).

She provides consultative services and training seminars internationally on a variety of topics. Information about her publications may be obtained by contacting Starfish Specialty Press ([www.starfishpress.com](http://www.starfishpress.com)). Dr. Twachtman-Cullen's consultation agency, ADDCON Center, LLC is located in Higganum, Connecticut ([addconcenter@snet.net](mailto:addconcenter@snet.net)).

## Conference Schedule

8:00-9:00	Registration and breakfast
9:00	Conference begins
10:30-10:45	Break
12:00-1:00	Lunch provided on site
2:30-2:45	Break
4:00-4:30	Questions and wrap up

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more information or call 615-385-2077.**

## Registration Form

Complete and send form with payment to:  
ASMT, 955 Woodland Street, Nashville, TN 37206  
or fax to 615-383-1176

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please do NOT include me on your email list.

## Registration Fees

(Includes breakfast, lunch, snack, and handouts)

	ASMT Members	Non-members
____ Individual with ASD	\$35	\$35
____ Family of Individual with ASD	\$55	\$70
____ 2 members of same family	\$90	\$110
____ Professional	\$85	\$120

Join ASMT today to receive the member price!  
Complete the form on the other side.

\_\_\_\_ I will need CEUs for attending this conference.  
(CEUs will be available for SLPs)

## School System Discount!

**15% off group of 5 or more**

Must send a registration form for each person with  
payment.

## Payment:

\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed (Payable to ASMT)

\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ Mastercard

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Include membership fee from other side if applicable)

If you are in need of any ADA accommodations, please  
contact Tonya at [asmt@tnautism.org](mailto:asmt@tnautism.org) or 615-385-2077,  
ext. 1. Relay Service 711

**Autism Society of Middle Tennessee  
Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I would like to volunteer – please call me.  
I would like to receive periodic email updates.

**Membership Categories and Fees**

Adult with Autism (16 yrs. or older) - Free  
Student - \$10  
Family - \$10  
Professional - \$25  
Agency (up to 3 subscribers) - \$50

**For professionals:** Educator Physician  
SLP OT Psychologist  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**For individual/families (optional):** Information about person with autism:

Male Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

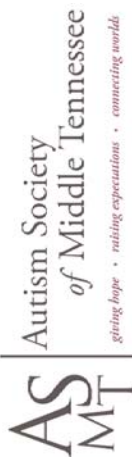
Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Fee:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total to be added to conference payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail membership form and payment with conference registration form and payment to ASMT.



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**ASMT's 2008 Fall Conference**

**Are You Thinkin' What I'm Thinkin'?**

**Theory of Mind: Where Social Cognition, Language Development, & Behavior Meet**

Featuring nationally recognized speaker:  
**Diane Twachtman-Cullen, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

**Saturday,  
September 27, 2008**

**Registration 8:00 - 9:00 AM  
Conference 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Scarritt – Bennett Center  
1008 19th Avenue S. Nashville, TN**

**Directions available at  
[www.tnautism.org](http://www.tnautism.org)**