

## I Would Like To Register For Autism & Safety Issues

• **Registration Fee:**

\$45

• **Registration Deadline:**

January 21, 2008

(NO refunds for cancellations after January 10, 2008)

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ASRC  
101 North Plains industrial Road  
Harvest Park Building A  
Wallingford, CT 06492**

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### DIRECTIONS To CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY

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**From the EAST**

Take I-84 West to exit 40. Go left at end of ramp and turn right at next light onto Rt 71 South. Follow for 3 miles to the University.

**From the WEST**

I-84 East to exit 35, Rt 72 East. Follow to Rt 9 North & take exit 29. At light at end of ramp, go left. At 2<sup>nd</sup> light go right onto Paul Manafort Dr & follow to the Univ.

**From the NORTH**

Take I-91 S. to I-84 W. to exit 40. Turn left at end of ramp. Go right at next light onto Rt 71 S. Follow for 3 miles to the University.

**From NY**

I-95 N. to I-91 N to exit 22 North to Rt 9 North. Take exit 29 (Rt 175). At light at end of ramp, go left. At 2<sup>nd</sup> light go right onto Paul Manafort Dr & follow to the Univ.

**From RI**

I-95 S. to Rt 9. Take Rt 9 N to exit 29 (Rt 175). At light at end of ramp, go left. At 2<sup>nd</sup> light go right onto Paul Manafort Dr & follow to the Univ.

#### Memorial Hall

The conference will be held in the Constitution Rm, Memorial Hall. Parking will be available in the Welte Garage located on the corner of Stanley St & Ella Grasso Blvd or on the surface lots E – Welte Lot and B – Burritt lot off of Ella Grasso Blvd.



## Autism and Safety Issues –

### What Parents, Caregivers, Community Providers & School Personnel Need to Know

With Dennis Debbaudt

Do You Know All the Things You  
Need to Know to Keep Your Child  
or Adult with ASD Safe?

#### CEU's Will Be Offered

February 9, 2008  
(Snow Date May 17<sup>th</sup>)

9:00am – 1pm

Registration begins at 8:30am

To Be Held At:  
Central CT State University Campus  
New Britain, CT

Sponsored By:

The CT Autism Spectrum Resource Center,  
The Dept of Developmental Services,  
Division of Autism Spectrum Services &  
Central CT State University

## **Safety risks to kids and adults with ASD:**

- Not recognizing danger
- Wandering, bolting
- Special interests in water sources, trains, etc
- Stranger danger – not recognizing inappropriate relationships/actions
- Caregiver becomes incapacitated
- Medical emergency, fire, natural disaster
- Aggressive behavior escalates
- Runs from first responders, police officers
- Internet or phone solicitations and scams
- Victims of crime

## **Legal risks to kids and adults with ASD (intentional & unintentional):**

- Illegal entry, shoplifting
- Stalking, sexual harassment, sex-based offenses
- Acting as an accomplice or sidekick
- School incidents – retaliation for bullying

## **Legal consequences for kids and adults with ASD:**

- May not understand their rights
- May make false confessions, misleading statements in interrogation
- May be held, even temporarily, in unsafe conditions (among violent criminals)
- May act aggressively toward, or run from, armed police officers.

## **About Dennis Debbaudt**

Dennis Debbaudt is the father of a young man with autism and has been a professional investigator and journalist for 28 years. Over the past 11 years he has trained and developed training materials for law enforcement, first responders and criminal justice professionals throughout the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

He has authored numerous articles and books including *Autism, Advocates and Law Enforcement Professionals: Recognizing and Reducing Risk Situations for People with Autism Spectrum Disorders* (Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2002) and *Contact with Individuals with Autism: Effective Resolutions* with Darla Rothman for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin (2001). Among many other accolades, his workshops have been certified for law enforcement credits in CA, GA, ID, IL, IN, MI, MO, NH, OR and TX. His Autism and Law Enforcement Video and Handout are in use by Dept. of Homeland Security, PA State Police, Philadelphia PD, Boston Police Academy, Portland Police Bureau, Cincinnati PD, Virginia Beach PD and many other agencies throughout the U.S. including the New Haven, CT PD.

Dennis is a lively, well informed creative and passionate presenter. Debbaudt's training offers tips and options for communications, and responses designed to successfully resolve a call involving a person with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) – autism, PDD-NOS and Asperger's syndrome. Everyone will come away with a good, practical understanding of the best approaches when they interact with children and adults who are affected by autism spectrum disorders.

## **Do You know All the Things You Need to Know to Keep Your Child or Adult with ASD Safe?**

### **Would your child or adult with ASD:**

- Be able to call 911 without assistance?
- Run from a firefighter attempting a rescue?
- Be able to remain calm and follow directions if questioned or arrested by police?
- Act aggressively to anyone in private or public settings?
- Refuse treatment or struggle with emergency medical professionals?
- Be talked into committing a crime by streetwise companions?
- “Hold” drugs for an acquaintance?
- Enter a neighbor's home without permission or look through windows?
- Make inappropriate sexual comments?
- Be respectful to a judge, jury and attorneys?
- Manage being held in a jail cell?

Children and adults with autism spectrum disorders are at risk in the community in a number of ways. Parents and other caregivers must prepare for unexpected medical emergencies, natural disasters, and fire, and notify appropriate professionals before an emergency happens. They must also teach their children skills to manage emergency situations and how to establish positive relationships with emergency responders and law enforcement professionals.