

# PECS Level 1 Training

May 5-6, 2017

\$399 for professionals • \$299 for families

8:00am – 4:00pm • Registration 7:30 – 8:00am

ChildServe – Johnston, Iowa



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## Course Description:

This intensive two-day training is designed to teach participants the theory behind the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) and the protocols for how to appropriately implement the six phases of PECS.

The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) is used to rapidly teach communication skills to those with limited functional speech. PECS promotes communication within a social context, without lengthy prerequisite training. Training in PECS begins by teaching a spontaneous request and goes on to teach additional communicative functions such as responding to questions and commenting. An added attraction for preschool children with autism and related disabilities is the high proportion of children who acquire independent speech. Participants will learn how to implement the six phases of PECS, plus attributes, through presenter demonstrations, video examples and role-play opportunities. Participants will leave the workshop with an understanding of how to implement PECS with individuals with autism, related developmental disabilities, and/or limited communication skills.

## Participants Will Learn:

1. The key Pyramid components to designing effective educational environments
2. Strategies to create an abundance of opportunities for communication
3. The relationship between PECS and traditional communication training approaches
4. How to implement all six phases of PECS with target individuals using a behavior analytic orientation
5. The criteria for transitioning from PECS to other communication modalities

## Presenter: Julia Hoffman, MS, SLP/CCC

Julie Hoffmann, MA, CCC-SLP, has been a practicing SLP for over 25 years. She has been on the faculty at Saint Louis University since 1994 and is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor. She provides clinical instruction for diagnostics and therapy and teaches courses in Phonetics, Survey of Speech Disorders, and Speech/Language Development & Disorders for the Classroom Teacher. Julie has a private practice in Columbia, IL specializing in treating children with severe speech disorders. She has a passion for teaching and working with challenging clients and their families.

## COURSE LOCATION

### ChildServe

5406 Merle Hay Road  
Johnston, IA 50131

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Hilton Garden Inn - \$74/night

8600 Northpark Dr., Johnston, IA 50131  
(2.5 miles from ChildServe)

For reservations, call 800-445-8667  
or 515-270-8890. You may also  
make room reservations online at  
[www.desmoinesurbandale.gardeninn.com](http://www.desmoinesurbandale.gardeninn.com)

### Sleep Inn Hotel - \$69/night

11211 Hickman Rd., Urbandale, IA 50322  
(7.5 miles from ChildServe)

For reservations, call 515-270-2424.  
You may also make room reservations  
online at [www.heartofamericagroup.com/hotels/des-moines/](http://www.heartofamericagroup.com/hotels/des-moines/)

## Discounted Rate:

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