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# training workshops

January - December 2008



PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) & the Pyramid Approach to Education

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*Implement evidence-based strategies.  
Create effective learning environments.  
Teach functional communication.*

# Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc.

Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. was established in 1992 by Andrew Bondy, Ph. D., and Lori Frost, M.S., CCC/SLP with a revolutionary approach to teaching communication skills to children and adults with Autism and related developmental disabilities. This approach quickly expanded throughout the United States and the world. They and the entire staff of Pyramid are the only authorized professionals that conduct effective workshops and consulting services to the Pyramid Approach and PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System). Pyramid is internationally acclaimed for providing dynamic training workshops and consultative services in both home and school settings that combine the broad spectrum of applied behavior analysis and a revolutionary approach to functional communication. Pyramid consultants include speech/language pathologists, psychologists, Board Certified Behavior Analysts and special education teachers and have many years of practical experience before joining Pyramid. PECS is a dynamic alternative/augmentative system that focuses on initiation of communication rather than teacher controlled responses. A step-by-step approach to developing environments that blend motivational systems with functional activities and creative communication strategies. The Pyramid Approach is the basis for effective staff and family training and not only uses pictures to communicate but also introduces speech as well. The PECS Training Manual, written by Ms. Frost and Dr. Bondy, guides readers through the six phases of PECS and is a wealth of knowledge that has helped thousands of professionals implement this system.

The PECS protocols and teaching strategies have been scientifically validated within the field of applied behavior analysis. This approach is used for individuals with: autism, related developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries.



There is a difference. Insist on dynamic Pyramid workshops and consultative services. Your staff, students and family members deserve the best. Once you see PECS in use and its effects on the students you will not want to use any other system.

Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

## Live Remote Training & Consultation **NEW!**

Can't make it to one of our workshops? Live remote presentations will be available for many of our trainings beginning January 2008! Through two-way audio and video technology enjoy the same workshop content and interaction with a Pyramid Consultant without the travel! Remote classroom and home consultation will also be available beginning January 2008. We'll take advantage of webcam technology for live two-way, real-time interaction between the Pyramid Consultant and the consultation site.



1-888-732-7462 Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm EST or visit: [www.pecs.com](http://www.pecs.com)

# Workshops

Pyramid has traveled to all fifty states and to over thirty countries offering schools and treatment facilities a unique blend of program design, staff development and family training that can help make educational programs more successful and responsive to student and family needs.

## The PECS Series:

- *PECS Overview*
- *PECS Basic Training\** (see pages 4&5)
- *PECS Advanced Training\** (see page 6)

## Language & Communication Series:

- *Teaching Communication Skills for Independence*
- *Analyzing and Fine Tuning Communication*

## Excellence in Teaching Series:

- *Pyramid Approach Overview: Creating Effective Teaching Environments*
- *Pyramid Approach: Creating Effective Teaching Environments*
- *Pyramid Approach: Creating Effective Teaching Environments + Basic PECS Training*
- *Guide to Managing Challenging Behaviors*
- *Teacher's Guide to Organizing and Managing the Classroom*
- *What is Autism: Critical Features and Effective Strategies*
- *Asperger Syndrome: Critical Features and Effective Strategies*

\* **Scheduled Workshops:** Register today for one of our scheduled training workshops listed in this booklet on pages 4-7. Group discounts are available for groups of five or more.

**On-Site Workshops:** Contact Pyramid today to inquire how you can bring one or more of our dynamic training workshops to your community, organization, or school.

# Consultation Services

Pyramid specializes in consultation within schools, home, and work programs. Our expert consultants have extensive experience with all age groups and across many disabilities. Let us provide you with state-of-the-art assessment and recommendations, customized to your staff, students and needs.

## The PECS Series:

- *PECS Start-Up™*
- *PECS Check-Up™*
- *PECS Telephone Consultation*
- *PECS Distance Supervision*
- *PECS Two-Week Intensive Program*

## Excellence in Teaching Series:

- *Pyramid Approach Program Evaluation*
- *Pyramid Approach Classroom Consultation*
- *Pyramid Approach In-Home Consultation*

# Certification Services

## The PECS Series:

- *PECS Implementer Certification*
- *PECS Group Implementer Certification Skills Demonstration Day*
- *PECS Supervisor Certification*

## Excellence in Teaching Series:

- *Pyramid Powered Certified Classrooms*

# PECS Basic Training

The 1st workshop you need to attend

Professional \$395 · Parent \$295

The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) is a language training package that is used to teach communication skills rapidly 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, including 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.

**Agenda:** 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Registration time 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM**

1.3 ASHA CEUs Intermediate Level, Professional Area

## What You Will Learn:

- The key Pyramid components to designing effective educational environments
- Strategies to create an abundance of opportunities for communication
- How to discuss in detail the Picture Exchange Communication System and its relationship to traditional training programs
- How to implement all six Phases of PECS with target individuals using a behavior analytic orientation
- The criteria for transitioning from PECS to other communication modalities

## Tuition includes:

- The Second Edition PECS Training Manual (a \$69 value)
- Detailed Handouts with space for note-taking
- Certificate of Attendance
- Continental Breakfast both days
- ASHA CEUs are available



**FREE** to every PECS Basic Training participant!

*The Picture Exchange Communication System Training Manual, 2nd Edition*  
by Lori Frost, M.S., CCC/SLP and Andy Bondy, Ph.D. (Regularly a \$69 value!)

See page 4 in the products catalog.

(See opposite page for PECS Basic Training workshop dates and locations.) ▶

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**Denver, CO** (May 1 & 2) \*  
**Newark, DE** (August 4 & 5) \*  
**Chicago, IL** (December 4 & 5) \*  
**Boston, MA** (October 6 & 7) \*  
**Detroit, MI** (May 19 & 20) \*  
**New Brunswick, NJ** (January 31 & February 1) \*  
**Plainview, NY** (July 17 & 18) \*  
**Philadelphia, PA** (April 3 & 4) \*  
**Philadelphia, PA** (October 23 & 24) \*

PECS Basic Training dates and locations:

Please register early as workshop seating is limited.

## ALABAMA

Birmingham - November 6 & 7

## ALASKA

Anchorage - September 11 & 12

## ARIZONA

Phoenix - February 11 & 12  
Phoenix - September 25 & 26

## ARKANSAS

Little Rock - March 3 & 4  
Little Rock - October 20 & 21

## CALIFORNIA

Anaheim - January 8 & 9  
Campbell - April 17 & 18  
Fresno - June 2 & 3  
Fresno - December 11 & 12  
Los Angeles - May 5 & 6  
Los Angeles - September 18 & 19  
Redding - March 13 & 14  
Sacramento - January 28 & 29  
Sacramento - August 18 & 19  
San Diego - March 6 & 7  
San Diego - August 21 & 22  
San Diego - December 8 & 9  
San Francisco - February 28 & 29  
San Francisco - June 23 & 24  
San Francisco - October 27 & 28  
Ventura - November 13 & 14

## COLORADO

Denver - May 1 & 2\*

## CONNECTICUT

Hartford - April 28 & 29  
Hartford - September 8 & 9  
North Haven - December 15 & 16

## DELAWARE

Newark - August 4 & 5\*

## FLORIDA

Jacksonville - January 24 & 25  
Miami - October 6 & 7  
Tampa - April 28 & 29  
Tampa - December 4 & 5

## GEORGIA

Atlanta - August 11 & 12

## HAWAII

Honolulu - July 14 & 15

## IDAHO

Boise - August 25 & 26

## ILLINOIS

Chicago - April 9 & 10  
Chicago - December 4 & 5\*  
Rosemont - August 21 & 22

## INDIANA

Evansville - December 15 & 16  
Indianapolis - March 3 & 4

## IOWA

Cedar Rapids - June 26 & 27  
Des Moines - December 11 & 12

## KENTUCKY

Frankfort - October 9 & 10  
Louisville - May 12 & 13

## LOUISIANA

Shreveport - February 21 & 22

## MARYLAND

Towson - December 8 & 9

## MASSACHUSETTS

Boston - March 6 & 7  
Boston - July 24 & 25  
Boston - October 6 & 7\*

## MICHIGAN

Detroit - May 19 & 20\*  
Detroit - November 17 & 18  
Grand Rapids - July 14 & 15

## MINNESOTA

Bloomington - March 17 & 18  
St. Paul - September 22 & 23

(PECS Basic Training dates and locations continued on page 6)

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PECS Basic Training dates and locations (continued from page 5):

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**MISSOURI**

Kansas City - February 11 & 12  
St. Louis - March 6 & 7  
Springfield - July 10 & 11

**NEVADA**

Reno - February 25 & 26  
Reno - September 22 & 23

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Manchester - July 21 & 22

**NEW JERSEY**

New Brunswick - January 31 & February 1\*

**NEW MEXICO**

Albuquerque - October 16 & 17

**NEW YORK**

Albany - April 21 & 22  
Buffalo - June 5 & 6  
Plainview - July 17 & 18\*  
Syracuse - October 2 & 3  
White Plains - November 20 & 21

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Charlotte - March 6 & 7  
Durham - December 11 & 12

**NORTH DAKOTA**

Bismarck - April 7 & 8  
Fargo - October 9 & 10

**OHIO**

Cleveland - August 7 & 8  
Columbus - April 17 & 18

**OKLAHOMA**

Oklahoma City - September 15 & 16  
Tulsa - December 4 & 5

**OREGON**

Portland - March 10 & 11  
Portland - November 6 & 7

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Philadelphia - April 3 & 4\*  
Philadelphia - October 23 & 24\*  
Pittsburgh - May 1 & 2

**RHODE ISLAND**

Providence - May 15 & 16

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Columbia - June 16 & 17

**TENNESSEE**

Nashville - June 19 & 20  
Nashville - November 13 & 14

**TEXAS**

Arlington - February 11 & 12  
Arlington - October 20 & 21  
Austin - December 15 & 16  
Fort Worth - July 21 & 22  
Houston - September 29 & 30  
San Antonio - May 19 & 20

**VERMONT**

Burlington - September 15 & 16

**VIRGINIA**

Alexandria - June 26 & 27  
Norfolk - November 3 & 4  
Richmond - August 14 & 15  
Roanoke - January 24 & 25

**WASHINGTON**

Tacoma - October 6 & 7

**WISCONSIN**

Eau Claire - September 18 & 19  
Green Bay - November 24 & 25  
Milwaukee - April 21 & 22

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# PECS Advanced Training

Your next step in PECS Training... Fine-tune your implementation skills and expand your repertoire of advanced PECS activities! **Professional \$295 · Parent \$195**

**PART I: PECS Review, Practice, and Problem Solving**

This training day focuses on a thorough review of how to implement each Phase of PECS. Discussions of the most common implementation problems, discrimination difficulties and cutting edge problem solving strategies will be addressed. Participants will practice their PECS skills under the guidance of a Pyramid consultant, troubleshoot their personal implementation issues and watch video examples of PECS lessons in action. We encourage participants to share their own successful and difficult cases. Our aim is to respond to the difficult cases in a manner that does not simply "fix" the situation but results in successful problem solving. We welcome videotapes of participants implementing PECS. Please contact us in advance if you would like us to review your tape at the training session.

**PART II: Incorporating PECS Across the Day**

The successful use of PECS is dependent on the students being expected and able to communicate across an entire day within both structured and incidental lessons. This training day describes strategies for incorporating PECS across the day within functional contexts with the specific goal for the student to use language beyond single picture requests. "Advanced" PECS lessons that teach a variety of linguistic concepts and syntactical structures are described.

**All participants must have previously attended a PECS Basic Training (2-Day) Workshop.**

**Agenda:** 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Registration time 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM**

1.2 ASHA CEUs Advanced Level, Professional Area

**What You Will Learn:**

- How to describe and implement the Picture Exchange Communication System
- How to analyze common difficulties with PECS implementation
- How to generate solutions to your difficult PECS implementation situations
- How to design advanced PECS lessons
- How to analyze a classroom day and program communicative opportunities into all activities
- Strategies for teaching linguistic concepts with PECS within functional routines across the day

PECS Advanced Training dates and locations for 2008:

**CALIFORNIA**

Anaheim - February 25 & 26  
Los Angeles - October 23 & 24

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Manchester - March 3 & 4

**ILLINOIS**

Chicago - January 28 & 29  
Chicago - September 25 & 26

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Philadelphia - November 17 & 18\*

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Boston - January 17 & 18  
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## Parent Training: An Adjustment in Perspective

Parent \$150

The purpose of this 2-day workshop is to go beyond "typical" parent training discussions of behavior techniques and instead develop a basic understanding of fundamental behavioral and teaching concepts. This focus will be applicable to reducing or eliminating behavior problems as well as improving skill acquisition within the home and neighborhood. This workshop is designed for parents, adult family members, and others who are responsible for the care and supervision of a child with a disability. The content has been specifically tailored for parents of children with autism, and also is applicable to parents of children across the spectrum of disabilities.

### What You Will Learn:

- How to examine behavior in terms of sequences and functional outcomes.
- How to expand a "common language" which will assist in problem solving in the home and community settings.
- How to develop or expand routines as a means of providing structure and consistency in home and community settings.
- How to enhance the coordination of home and school-based efforts.

**Agenda:** 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Registration time 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM**

Parent Training: An Adjustment in Perspective dates and locations for 2008:

#### ILLINOIS

Chicago - October 13 & 14

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Boston - November 3 & 4

## PECS Two-Week Intensive Summer Program

**Includes PECS Training for Parents and all necessary PECS materials!**

This two-week program is ideal for families seeking summer communication training for students who need to begin or who are currently using the Picture Exchange Communication System. This program is designed for students needing comprehensive and intensive functional communication intervention with an emphasis on teaching students to communicate within functional routines.

### Student Objectives Include:

- Requesting preferred items, activities, help and break
- Responding to wait, yes/no and greetings within social situations
- Commenting on environmental events and activities
- Responding to directions and following visual schedules

**Cost of Summer Program:** \$3,100

To receive \$200 off the cost of the Summer Program, register by March 1, 2008!

PECS Two-Week Intensive Summer Program dates and locations for 2008:

#### CALIFORNIA

Santa Rosa - July 28 - August 8

#### RHODE ISLAND

Cranston - Dates TBD

Contact us at 888.732.7462 for more information or log onto [www.pecs.com](http://www.pecs.com)

**DUE TO THE INTENSITY OF CAMP LIMITED SPACE IS AVAILABLE!**

**CAMP STUDENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.**

## Order Training Products and have them delivered to your workshop

Now you can leave the workshop ready to get started. For a limited time Pyramid is offering five of the basic learning products needed to get started right away. You can order any one or all three and they will be waiting for you at the workshop. All sales are final.

- Orders must be accompanied by registration and payment (check/credit card/purchase order) and must be received by our office 10 business days prior to the workshop start date.
- Product orders and payments received within 10 days will not be accepted and will be returned to the participant.



### ◀ Large Communication Book

The large 10" x 9" communication binder includes Velcro, two insert pages, and one sentence strip. This 3-ring binder was created with busy little hands in mind and is up to the challenge of any preschooler. Now features spine-attached rings. Great for PECS beginners! **\$33** *see page 5 in the products catalog*

### Pyramid Approach to Education in Autism ▶

by Andy Bondy, Ph.D. and Beth Sulzer-Azaroff, Ph.D. This book presents Bondy's integrative approach to teaching people across the autism spectrum, and within any learning environment. Designed to guide teachers, other professionals, and parents toward asking the right questions and designing constructive answers as they develop powerful home, school and community-based educational programs. The Pyramid Approach allows readers previously frustrated by marginal student learning to find answers to many of their questions. It recommends how and where to begin to teach, and methods for following through for greater success and instructional satisfaction. **\$35** *see page 14 in the products catalog*



### ◀ Pics for PECS 2008 CD

Over 1600 jpeg images for PECS communicators of all ages. Some of our new pictures include porcupine, many, few, straight, curvy, menorah, cartoons, scones, clotted crème, mermaid and snowboarding. We also include our most popular grids in Word® format. Compatible with all Windows and Mac operating systems! **\$47** *see page 6 in the products catalog*

### Schedule Board Kit ▶

Add pictures, and our popular, easy-to-use Schedule Board Kit has everything you'll need to create a student schedule. The 40" x 6" durable board has a Velcro® strip running down the entire length of the middle, a "Current Activity" section at the top, and a "finished" box at the bottom. We include two plastic cards that correspond to two 8.5" by 11" color-coded Choice Boards. The kit includes detailed directions on the Pyramid Approach to teaching picture-based direction following and using a schedule. **\$43** *see page 22 in the products catalog*



### ◀ Complete Visual Reinforcement System Set

This set provides students with a visual reminder of reinforcers available for staying on task and focusing on the lesson. Two sizes of reinforcement (token) systems are included. An informative brochure outlining how to use the system will accompany your order. Each set of reinforcer cards comes complete with Velcoins® (both hook and loop dots) and a supply of tokens. Also included are 10 break cards, one wait card, and one help card in a boxed set. (tokens may vary from those pictured, and may present a choking hazard.) **\$45**



*see page 21 in the products catalog*

