

What is Friends? Friends is a national volunteer organization created to provide a network of support for children and teenagers who stutter, their families and the professionals who work with them. 866-866-8335

[www.friendswhostutter.org](http://www.friendswhostutter.org)

### **DESCRIPTION OF CONFERENCE**

This one- day workshop is designed to bring together young children and teenagers who stutter, their parents, members of stuttering self-help groups, and speech-language pathologists. Adults who stutter are encouraged join us. Separate workshops will be presented for adults and young people.

The workshop format includes brief presentations, small discussion groups and panel presentations. Emphasis will be placed on integrating treatment techniques and support services for people who stutter. Offerings for children will include enjoyable workshops on stuttering facilitated by speech- language pathologists and members of the adult stuttering community.

#### **Young People**

- Meet others who stutter
- Have fun talking!
- Learn about stuttering and ways to increase your confidence communicating

#### **Parents**

- Find out what you can do to support your child
- Meet other parents and share experiences

#### **SLPs and SLP students**

- Learn more about stuttering, current treatments and the support available to people who stutter.

## **DIRECTIONS**

Wake County Public Schools  
110 Corning Road  
Cary, NC 27518



Friends-The National Association  
for Young People Who Stutter,  
The Stuttering Foundation of  
America  
and Wake County Public School  
Speech and Language  
Department

***Present:***

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**CHILDREN, TEENS  
AND ADULTS  
WHO STUTTER:  
Families, Professionals  
and Friends Working  
Together**

**Saturday March 3, 2012  
9:30am – 4:00 pm  
Cary, NC**

## .5 CEUs offered



The Stuttering Foundation of America 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. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:

At the completion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Describe effective intervention strategies for children who stutter and their families.
- Understand need for management approach to childhood stuttering that includes parents, professionals and support networks.
- Identify specific social and clinical strategies for supporting children who stutter and their families.

## Workshop Schedule:

9:30-10:00	Registration/Welcome
10:00- 12:00	Workshops
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00- 4:30	Workshops

## Facilitators and Presenters

**include:David A. Shapiro**, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, Board Recognized Fluency Specialist, and the Robert Lee Madison Distinguished Professor at W.C.U in Cullowhee, NC. Providing clinical services for people who stutter for 35 years, his book, *Stuttering Intervention: A Collaborative Journey to Fluency Freedom* continues to find a wide international audience. He is the 2006 recipient of the IFA's Award of Distinction for Outstanding Clinician. He is a person who stutters, has two young adult children with his wife, Kay, and lives near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

**Steffi Schopick**, MA, CCC/SLP. Steffi works in private practice treating stuttering . She has also coordinated workshops for children who stutter at the FRIENDS Convention in addition to facilitating children's workshops.

**Rita D. Thurman**, M.S., CCC/SLP. Rita has worked with people who stutter for 35 years and is a Board Recognized Specialist in Fluency Disorders. She has presented workshops on evaluation/ treatment for children and adults who stutter at the NC Speech and Language Convention, DPI Exception Children Conference, Fluency Leadership Conf. and NSA. She is an NSA Adult/Teen Chapter leader

**Lee Caggiano**, M.A.CCC/SLP. Co-Founder and Director of Friends. She is a Board Recognized Specialist in Fluency Disorders, and the parent of an adult son who stutters. Lee is the director of the Long Island Stuttering Therapy and Resource Center.

**Taro Alexander**, Founder and Director of *Our Time*, a non-profit group dedicated to helping kids who stutter. Taro is an accomplished performer, teacher, and director who stutters. *Our Time* has been featured on NBC Nightly News , National Public Radio (NPR), The Today Show, WNBC, as well as in the NY Times, Chicago Tribune, and Washington Post.

## Registration fees:

Checks payable to FRIENDS.

Mail to:

Lee Caggiano  
38 South Oyster Bay Rd  
Syosset, NY 11791

After 2/12/10

- \$30 per individual \$40
- \$ 50 per family \$60
- \$ 65 SLP –CEU \$75
- \$ 20 students \$30
- \$ 35 WCPSS SLPs
- I am requesting C.E.U.'s
- \$40 Reduced fee for SLP**  
Referring clients to conference

Registration fees include lunch

For more information: 866-866-8335  
or Rita Thurman: (919) 571-0622

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and age(s) of children attending  
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Please check all that apply:

- I am an adult who stutters
- I am a parent
- I am an SLP
- I am a student