

# Smith-Magenis Syndrome

## Successful Interventions in the School Setting

May 7, 2010 – Elwyn, Pennsylvania

### AGENDA

#### Morning Session

- 8:00 - 8:30 AM *Continental Breakfast / Welcome!*
- 8:30 - 9:00 AM [What is Smith-Magenis Syndrome?](#)
- 9:00 - 9:30 AM [Putting the SMS Diagnosis into Context in the School Setting](#)
- 9:30 - 9:45 AM *Break*
- 9:45 - 10:30 AM [Developmental Asynchrony: Embracing the Inner Toddler](#)
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM [Matching Best Practices in Special Education to the Unique Needs of Students with SMS](#)
- 11:30 - 12:00 PM Questions and Answers
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM *Lunch*
- #### Afternoon Session
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM [The Challenges \(and Rewards!\) of Including a Student with SMS in a Mainstream High School](#)
- 1:45 - 2:00 PM *Break*
- 2:00 - 2:45 PM [Setting the Stage for Success: Effective Behavior Strategies for Students with SMS](#)
- 2:45 - 4:00 PM Behavior Brainstorming: Interactive Discussion

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### ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Brenda Finucane, MS, CGC is a certified genetic counselor who serves as Executive Director of Elwyn's Genetic Services. She is widely published and has gained national recognition for her expertise in the behavioral and cognitive aspects of SMS and other genetic syndromes.

Barbara Haas-Givler, MEd, BCBA has worked extensively with students who have SMS. She has over 30 years' experience in special education, serving in many different capacities over the course of her career, including classroom teacher, administrator, and behavior analyst.

Julie Knight, MEd joins us from Exeter High School, NH where she works as a special education case manager. For the past 3 years, she has led her educational team in meeting the daily challenges of supporting and including a high school student with SMS.