PECS: Level I Basic Training Training by Pyramid Educational Consultants

for educators, paraprofessionals, in-home support workers, SLPs, OTs, PTs, SWs psychologists, behavior analysts, pediatricians,

Dates: Thursday March 22 & Friday March 23, 2018

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (8:00 a.m. registration first day)

Location: TVCC, 779 Base Line Rd, London, ON.

Hotel: <u>Country Suites by Radisson</u>, across road from workshop. A block has been booked under "TVCC" at rate of \$99.95/2 Queens & \$95.99/1 king room until Feb. 21st. TVCC Staff room requests will be made with registration. External registrants must book their own.

Cost: \$400 per community professional (\$50 pp less than regular fee) TVCC staff registrations have

been paid in advance. Includes 2 days snacks/lunch, text and work books.

Register: Online at https://pecsbasic2day.eventbrite.ca with a credit card or call Carrie at 519-685-

8700, ext 53367 to discuss other options. Space is limited so registrations will not be

confirmed without payment.

Additional Information: Certificate of attendance will be provided. BACB CEUs are available.

This intensive 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.

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 learners with autism and related disabilities is the high proportion of learners 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.

