

# **EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS IN CHILDREN: CONCEPTS, ASSESSMENT, AND INTERVENTION**

*Presenter: James S. Gyurke, Ph.D.*

**Friday, October 16, 2009 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

This workshop focuses on developing a working understanding of the concepts, assessment methods, and intervention approaches for the inclusion of an executive function model in everyday practice. The purpose of this workshop is to assist the psychologist in conceptualizing and assessing the self-regulatory aspects of children's and adolescents' functioning and in developing interventions based on an executive function model. This important set of self-regulatory functions plays a substantial role in development and is central to most other domains of functioning (e.g., attention, language, motor) with an impact on the learning, social, behavioral, and emotional domains. Topics addressed include functional definitions and underlying concepts, components of the developing multi-domain executive system, methods of assessment, executive contributions or characteristics of disorders, and guidelines for developing appropriate interventions.

## **PROGRAM LOCATION**

Nova Southeastern University  
Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies (MSI) – Room 2215  
7600 SW 36 Street  
Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida 33328

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## ABOUT THE PRESENTER

James S. Gyurke, Ph.D. is currently the vice-president of marketing and sales for Psychological Assessment Resources (PAR) in Lutz, Florida. Serving in that position for nine years, he manages an internal and external sales group in providing consultative services to schools. Prior to joining PAR, Gyurke worked as a senior national healthcare consultant, a senior national measurement consultant, and a senior project director in early childhood for The Psychological Corporation in San Antonio, Texas. He earned his doctorate in developmental psychology from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. His primary research interests include the development of high risk infants, assessment of intelligence and general cognitive abilities, and program evaluation. He has authored numerous articles and chapters, and has served as an ad hoc consultant for the CDC, NIMH, and NICHD.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Define executive functions, understand the relationships among subdomains or components of the executive system, and discuss relevant concepts as they affect learning, social, emotional, and behavioral functioning
- Describe executive functions within a developmental framework, considering both the intrinsic maturation of the child as well as the changing environmental conditions and expectations that place greater demands on executive functioning
- Describe some assessment methods available to measure, qualitatively and quantitatively, the child's profile of executive functioning
- Generate intervention methods based on a working model of executive function

## PROGRAM AGENDA

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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.   | Registration and refreshments                                  |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  | Overview of executive functions within a developmental context |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Assessment methods and intervention approaches                 |

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