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## THE SPEAKER

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**The Early Childhood Direction Center is proud to present:**

***Susan Cuoccio, M.S.Ed.***

**Ms. Cuoccio**, earned a master's degree in special education, with a concentration in autism. She works as an Autism Consultant, Early Intervention Ongoing Service Coordinator, Parent Trainer, Adjunct professor and Special Education Teacher. In addition she has consulted for school districts and private schools and has presented various workshops for both parents and professionals

**Workshop Development by:**

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## ECDC: The Right Direction

The ECDC provides information and confidential referrals that link families and their children to: infant and preschool programs and services; respite and recreation programs; support groups and counseling; medical services and financial support. The ECDC also provides ongoing community training programs to both parents and professionals.

**Are you looking for a workshop to be conducted at your site for staff development or for your families?**

**Contact our office to find out more about tailoring a workshop to your organization's needs.**

**Queens Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC)**

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## THE QUEENS EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTION CENTER

**PRESENTS**

**FREE  
WORKSHOPS**

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**FALL/WINTER**

**2016**

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**For all early childhood and preschool special education programs**

***Register early – space is limited!\*\*  
Each participant will receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of each workshop attended\****

## ***WORKSHOPS FOR PROFESSIONALS***

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### **Value of Visuals in the Early Childhood Classroom**

This workshop will highlight the importance of using visual aids and strategies to enhance communication and self-management skills of preschool children.

September 21, 2016 12:30 PM-3:00PM

### **Helping Early Childhood Educators Work with Challenging Behaviors**

This workshop will introduce strategies on how to focus on children's positive interactions rather than their distracting behavior.

October 26, 2016 12:30-3:00 PM

### **Respecting the Relationship: Working with Paraprofessionals**

This workshop will suggest guidelines for teachers to create a positive working relationship with the assistants in their classrooms.

November 16, 2016 9:30-12:00

### **Literacy in the Early Years**

Language is the foundation of reading and writing. Learn ways that you can promote young children in achieving language for literacy development.

December 14, 2016 12:30-3:00 PM

*Who should attend: Teachers, paraprofessionals, clinicians, social workers and anyone who works with young children.*

## ***WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS!***

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### **The Value of Visual Aids in the Home**

This workshop will highlight the importance of using visual aids and strategies to enhance communication and self-management skills of preschool children in the home.

September 21, 2016 10:00-12:00 PM

### **How to Understand the Meaning of Your Child's Challenging Behavior**

Dealing with challenging behavior in preschool children can be a daunting task, but you can learn positive coping strategies here.

October 26, 2016 10:00 - 12:00 AM

### **The Importance of Literacy in the Early Years**

Most parents today recognize the importance of reading aloud to young children. Many, though, are not sure how to do it or may not know how to select the best books for their child. This workshop will give parents the tools they need to make reading aloud to their children a warm, nurturing and fun experience, while building the foundation for later reading success.

December 14, 2016 10:00-12:00 PM

*Who should attend: Parents, guardians or family members*

*Special fliers that introduce workshops to parents will be made available by the ECDC*

*Workshops may be cancelled due to insufficient registration*

## **FINDING THE WORKSHOPS**

All workshops for Fall/Winter Spring 2015/2016 will be held at:

**Queens Centers for Progress  
Natalie Katz Rogers Training and  
Treatment Center**

81-15 164 Street  
Jamaica, NY 11432

Directions to this site are available in this mailing or by calling the Queens Early Childhood Direction Center.

## **TO REGISTER**

**Call 718 215-1299**

**The Queens Early Childhood  
Direction Center (ECDC)**