



Saun holds a Masters Degree in Mental Health Counseling from Marshall University. He has presented at national, state, and regional conferences on a variety of topics from child development, parenting and communication skills,

to discipline/guidance and challenging behavior. His work history includes Behavior Consultation, Birth to Three Early Intervention, Parenting Education, Family and Children's Therapy, and Project Manager/Instructional Coach for Pre-K at the West Virginia Department of Education, Charleston, WV. He is presently the Behavior Consultants Coordinator for West Virginia Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

Saun provided consultation to Family Communications Incorporated (Mr. Roger's Neighborhood) in producing *Challenging Behavior, Where do We Begin?*; a training workshop addressing the dynamics of difficult behaviors, and *Learning Discipline*; a workshop connecting discipline, communication and positive relationships. He was a member of F.C.I.'s National Advisory Committee on Positive Discipline and the Power of Relationships.

Saun has also developed an interactive children's music CD for use in early care and education. Caretunes is designed to support a typical daily routine in early childhood settings. The interactive songs provide curriculum opportunities, support social/emotional development, and set a positive tone.

Challenging behavior or communication breakdown?

An interactive, 3 module training session designed to look at behavior from the ground up.

Saun Floyd has designed three modules that provide a comprehensive approach to study the child, environment, and staff when dealing with challenging behaviors. These modules come from a positive behavior support model, focusing on the function of the behavior, rather than the form. While most people use a stimulus response ("I'll give you a reward if you do this."), it doesn't provide a realistic set of expectations for the child or the adult. Instead, learn how to incorporate different strategies and skills when communicating with the child.

The 3 modules include an overview of theory and process; components of competent staff, policies, and environments; and teaching social skills to children while using individual observations and strategies.

Those who have attended Saun's trainings have appreciated the experience. One teacher in Mineral County recently wrote that Saun's presentation "helped me reflect on how to be more positive in various situa-

Saun will provide the three modules for up to 35 people in any location.

The cost of the three modules is \$1,000 (this includes three-2 hour modules and 2 hours of travel). Each additional hour is \$150. After completing all three modules, Saun will provide six months of remote technical support at no charge.

tions in the classroom." Another private practitioner wrote "In Challenging Behavior/Communication Breakdown, Saun communicates research based information in the 'real world' way that he is known and loved for. You will walk away from this workshop with a functional view of challenging behavior that will help you develop effective strategies immediately. This workshop is a must for all educators and parents!"

This session is registered with WV STARS. For more information, visit www.rvcds.org.

River Valley Child Development Services began in 1972 as the Region III Early Childhood Demonstration Center, a component of a state-wide system of regional early childhood centers. Since 1972, River Valley Child Development Services has experienced growth and transition. All of the services provided have always focused on one main component: providing developmentally appropriate resources and opportunities for children of all abilities, ethnicities, and cultures.

Today, River Valley Child Development Services continues to value the dignity and uniqueness of the individual; the importance of families in a child's life and development; teamwork among our staff and our clients; a well-trained and adequately compensated staff; a commitment to research and continuing education; and a commitment to advocacy on behalf of children and families.

In a challenging world of economic downsizing, River Valley Child Development Services remains committed to providing high quality, educational and developmental services to children and families.

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