



## Atlanta Community Forum

# AD/HD at Home and In the Classroom

Presented by:

**CHADD**

Children and Adults with Attention-  
Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

### When:

Thursday, March 25, 2010  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Where:

*Sophia Academy  
2880 Dresden Drive  
Atlanta GA 30341*

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*for map & directions*

## Program

**7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Intro: Education, Advocacy, and Support**

**7:30 - 8:00 p.m. (Choose A or B)**

### **A. The Do's and Don'ts of Behavior Management: Structuring for Success** **Sharon Weiss, MEd**

There is little debate that children and adolescents with ADHD often present a greater behavioral challenge. This presentation focuses on the tools and approaches to achieving meaningful change in behavior. Just as importantly, it will provide insights regarding what not to do so that the daily classroom and home-based behaviors are less of a struggle.

### **B. Creating AD/HD Friendly Classrooms: Innovative Practices**

**Anne Teeter Ellison, EdD and Mark Katz, PhD**

This session focuses on elements essential for reducing problems that appear in educational settings and provides effective strategies to enhance student adjustment. Practical techniques, interventions, and model programs for increasing social, emotional and psychological adjustment of students with AD/HD will be highlighted.

**8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Closing/General Session:**

### **Ask the Expert Panel - Your Questions Answered**

**Anne Teeter-Ellison, Sharon Weiss, Mark Katz, Marie Paxson,  
Steven Peer, Joan Teach, Ann Abramowitz**

**FREE To the Public**

Reservation required due to limited seating

Register before March 23, 2010

(E-mail registration instructions page 2)

Sponsored by:  
**The Centers for Disease Control**

Co-hosts:  
**CHADD of GA and LDA of GA**

## Speakers:

**Anne Teeter Ellison, Ed.D** is the immediate past-president of the Board of Directors of CHADD. She has authored hundreds of papers, research articles and books on AD/HD. She developed Teacher to Teacher: A Comprehensive Program for ADHD Education with Chris Dendy and Joan Helbing; and co-authored the CHADD Educator's Manual on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: An In-depth Look from an Educational Perspective. Dr. Ellison is a licensed psychologist and Professor Emeritus, Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**Mark Katz, Ph.D.**, is a clinical and consulting psychologist in San Diego, California, and author of the book *On Playing a Poor Hand Well*. Dr. Katz serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Attention Magazine*, and is also a contributing editor. In addition, he writes the magazine's promising practices column. The column highlights innovative programs and practices from around the U.S. that are effectively addressing the needs of children, youth, families and adults with attention and other behavioral and learning challenges.

**Sharon Weiss, M.Ed.**, is a nationally known behavioral consultant in private practice in Northern Virginia. Known for her practical ideas presented with great humor, Sharon speaks nationally and internationally. She consults to private and public schools, has been on the faculty for courses for the American Academy of Pediatrics, has taught college level courses on behavior management and provides technical assistance to area professionals. Sharon has served as a member of a number of Boards relating to children's issues and is on the editorial Board of The Journal For Attention Disorders. She is co-author of the books "[From Chaos to Calm: Effective Parenting of Challenging Children with ADHD and Other Behavioral Problems](#)" and "[Angry Children, Worried Parents: Seven Steps to Help Families Manage Anger](#)". In addition she co-authored and is featured in the video "Managing Oppositional Youth".

## Panelists:

**Ann Abramowitz, PhD**, is a clinical psychologist and full-time faculty member at Emory University. She is the Coordinator of Assessment Training in the Clinical Psychology doctoral program, and teaches and supervises psychological assessment, child and family therapy, and school-based interventions. She is the Chair of CHADD's national Professional Advisory Board, and consults on ADHD to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She was a co-investigator on the National Institute of Mental Health's Multimodal Treatment Study of Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (MTA). Prior to her current career, she was a special education teacher and the special education coordinator for a school district.

**Marie Paxson**, President of CHADD The mother of two grown children with AD/HD, Paxson has spent years as an advocate for people living with the disorder. She has been instrumental in CHADD's work to influence federal policy, even testifying at a U.S. Department of Education hearing on special education law. Paxson's knowledge of the disorder stems from both her professional and personal experiences. Fluent in the findings of science and research, Paxson also understands well the practical day-to-day issues facing those affected by AD/HD.

**Steven Peer** President-elect of CHADD, president of Emotional Mastery, Inc., a company delivering anger and emotion-management programs to professionals within the judicial system. As a pastoral counselor, Peer has worked closely with teens and adults with AD/HD. In 1982, he cofounded a men's group that continues to provide community support to individuals with anger-management issues. In addition to his enormous work on behalf of those living with AD/HD, Peer is working on a book entitled, *Why Is My Child Always Angry?* He is also the father of children with AD/HD.

**Joan K. Teach, Ph.D** is the Director of the Community Resource Center which provides families and adults with information allowing them to understand the strategies necessary to manage the impact of ADHD in their lives. A special educator and director of an educational center her focus is matching approach with need. A contributor to the CHADD Educators Manual, and past national board member of both CHADD and LDA, she facilitates the workgroup: Together We Make a Difference, which joins CHADD-GA, LDA-GA and Kids Enabled, to provide informational workshops, conferences as well as Adult and Family support groups for our ADHD/LD population

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