

*The West Virginia*  
**Autism Training Center**  
*at Marshall University*



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**Presentation Title:** So What's Wrong with Kids These Days? What We Can Do to Support Emotional Development for Children in a Complicated World

**Dates:** Part One- April 11, 2017 & Part Two- May 2, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am to 11:30am

**Description:** It is no secret that we live in an increasingly complex world and that this complexity has resulted in a number of challenges for the appropriate social and emotional development of children today. In this session, Jim gets back to the developmental basics and helps to give you some ideas about how we can better understand and support children and families in an ever-changing and complicated world.

Objectives:

1. Participants will explore the concept of a balanced psychology.
2. Participants will explore how understanding historical context is critical for understanding social emotional health.
3. Participants will explore the *My Emotional Plate* model to show the core emotional elements and the quantity of those elements to build a balanced psychology for children.
4. Participants will explore how to support families in communicating the importance of social emotional development.

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Dr. Harris is the Associate Director of Training at the West Virginia Autism Training Center (ATC) at Marshall University. Jim's focus at the ATC is the improvement and expansion of services ranging for in-home programs to national partnerships. Jim has presented at a variety of conferences from the local to the international levels on such topics as behavioral intervention, parenting, positive behavior support, trauma-informed care, organizational change, and many more. He has worked with children and families throughout his career as an early interventionist, parent educator, educational consultant, and behavioral health therapist. He has worked with a variety of public and private entities including the Fred Rogers Company, United States Department of Education, the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children, and many more. For more information about the ATC please visit <http://www.marshall.edu/atc/>.