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Joni Schumacher obtained her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Loma Linda University and has over 25 years of experience working with infants, toddlers, and youth. She has learned from the children and adolescents that she has worked within the public schools, in mental health facilities, in private practice, and in outpatient clinic settings. Joni currently is working at Adventist Health Simi Valley's Child Development Center and has extensive knowledge of language development and language challenges, autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing, and social cognition. She believes that supporting a child in their pursuit of play, joy, and knowledge is the basis of all learning relationships.



Irene Goldmann, M.A., CCC-SLP

Irene Goldmann, M.A., CCC-SLP is a speech and language pathologist with 39 years of experience who is currently working at Adventist Health Simi Valley's Child Development Center, an interdisciplinary outpatient pediatric center, with children and their families from birth to young adults. She is a Hanen certified instructor for the It Takes Two to Talk, More than Words, and Target Word programs. Irene has over 30 years of experience with pediatric clients with a variety of disorders and she taught at California State University, Northridge for over 15 years.

Workshop Objectives

1. Develop a broader understanding of the function of communication and, therefore, meaningfully apply it to their family, classroom or practice.
2. Describe the impact of emotional development on communication interactions.

3. List functional characteristics of meaningful communication interactions.
4. Understand the meaning and benefits of joint activity.
5. List four nonverbal signals that can promote increased meaningful interactions.