

National Tour 2010

AGOSCI is very pleased to announce that the 2010 National Tour will be conducted by Dr Joanne Cafiero.

Dr Cafiero's work is based on her strong belief in the benefit of meaningful contextually based instruction for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Her work with individuals and children with ASD dates back to the mid-80s when she trained and worked at Bittersweet Farms Autistic Community in Ohio, USA. Later, she taught adolescents with ASD in the Montgomery County, Maryland Public School System where she developed and implemented a program for children with complex communication needs using state of the art communication technology.

In 1992, she was awarded a doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction and family counselling in the area of Autism for her research in natural language strategies for preschoolers with ASD using a parent training model. She was appointed to the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Educational Interventions for Children with Autism (USA).

Her current research focuses on how children with complex communication needs and ASD learn language, which models of instruction are most effective and how to take this information from research to practice.

AGOSCI looks forward to hosting Dr Cafiero in 2010 for our biennial National Tour. More information will be provided by the AGOSCI listserve and website as it becomes available.

