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# Profectum 2024 Spring Conference



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## **Communication, Language, & Speech through a DIR® Lens: From the Cradle to the Classroom and Beyond!**

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Communication, language, and speech challenges are pervasive in children with developmental differences. The absence, late emergence, or unique patterns of speech and language are often the first concern of parents of a child with autism spectrum disorders.

This conference will provide an understanding of the foundations of early and later language capacities and illustrate how this information helps us address the challenges that each infant, child, and young adult faces.

### **Presentations by**

Sherri Cawn, MA, CCC-SLP  
Gilbert Foley, EdD, IMH-E®  
Sima Gerber, PhD, CCC-SLP  
Cindy Harrison, MSc Reg CASLPO  
Michele Ricamato, MA, CCC-SLP  
Carol Westby, PhD, CCC-SLP  
Serena Wieder, PhD  
and more!

- **DIR® interdisciplinary experts** will address the **language and communication difficulties seen in infants, young children, school-aged children, and young adults** with autism spectrum disorders.
- Our internationally renowned guest speaker, **Carol Westby**, will discuss two topics of particular interest to this population of children and young adults – **theory of mind and autobiographical memory**.
- Special attention will be given to the **language and communication issues that emerge at different points across the lifespan and in different contexts of the child's life, such as home, school, and work settings**.