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Spectrum Conundrum: Asperger's Syndrome vs. Nonverbal Learning Disability

Williston, VT – On Wednesday, June 3 at the Sheraton Hotel Burlington the Stern Center for Language and Learning will present Dr. Karen J. Miller, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician from the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center. In a workshop designed for parents and educators, Dr. Miller will explore how the brain processes information and the complexities of children with Asperger's syndrome and overlap with children with a nonverbal learning disability. After the workshop participants will be able to: describe key features of Asperger's syndrome, high-functioning autism, and nonverbal learning disability; as well as outline the developmental and educational challenges these children experience as they progress through school; and utilize several strategies that can improve a child's functioning at home and at school.

Dr. Blanche Podhajski, President and Founder of the Stern Center for Language and Learning, "We look forward to hearing how recent brain research has shed light on the strengths and needs of these bright children. Understanding their unique and complex learning styles creates opportunities for parents and teachers to enrich their lives at home and school."

Sponsored jointly by the Williston based Stern Center for Language and Learning; the University of Vermont College of Medicine Departments of Pediatrics, Neurology, and Psychiatry; and the Vermont Children's Hospital, the Poser Lecture was established in 2003 to honor former Neurology Department Chairman Dr. Charles M. Poser's contributions. Each year, this presentation for physicians, educators, and parents captures his spirit of cutting edge, medical-educational contributions to language and literacy. For information contact the Stern Center for Language and Learning at 802-878-2332 or www.sterncenter.org.

The Stern Center for Language and Learning is dedicated to literacy for all. Many people who struggle with reading, writing, and mathematics do not learn the same way as those who easily achieve literacy. Stern Center professionals evaluate and teach all kinds of learners, including those with learning disabilities such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorders. The Stern Center is committed to helping individuals identify their learning strengths as well as their needs and to finding solutions that allow everyone to learn. More information available at www.sterncenter.org.

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