

The Sherkow Center



for Child Development
& Autism Spectrum Disorder

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A Note from the Director



Our book explores the interacting domains of mind/brain, body, and relationships, using in-depth case material to illustrate how a psychodynamic approach to a neurobiological disorder can be integrated into an overall treatment plan, impacting both ASD symptoms and the caregiver/toddler relationship. Putting the behavioral expressions of ASD into the context of atypically developing neuronal processes, we illustrate how our understanding of development can positively impact, and often reverse, the social and emotional manifestations of ASD. We do this through helping ASD children, their parents, and their professional teams make meaning of their own and others' mental states.

Our Mission

We are a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the optimal development of children, adolescents, and their families.

Services

Our programming depends on private contributions, which have enabled the Sherkow Center to provide the following services:

- * Reduced fees for all of our programs, including children and adolescents registering for our interactive groups
- * Organizing clinicians offering home-based triadic psychodynamic intervention to families in need
- * Support for the Beyond Diagnosis outreach programs, including support groups for mothers and their toddlers
- * Community outreach through lectures, presentations, and informational events
- * Peer groups for children, pre-teens, and teens that focus on socialization and development.

Mother & Baby Groups

For mothers and toddlers: Meeting twice weekly in a safe and private setting, the groups explore the profound impact a diagnosis of uneven development or ASD has on the mother-child relationship, help each mother make meaning of her child's behavior, and help each child feel understood.

Spark Youth Group

Spark is a socialization and leisure group for children with developmental differences. It is unique in that it incorporates typical peers as buddies to serve as social models, mentors, and friends.

Education

Workshops for parents as well as professionals who teach and/or treat ASD children; workshops for pre- and post-doctoral students and specialists in play therapy with young children.

Beyond Diagnosis

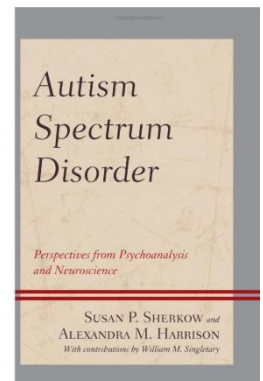
Beyond diagnosis is an outreach program that advises pediatricians, clinicians, and service providers about the importance of including psychodynamic parent/child therapy in every treatment protocol. Research studies show how much this can help in reversing neurobiological differences.

Your Contribution is So Important

The Sherkow Center is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Contributions made through PayPal at sherkowcenter.org or by check, to 9 East 93rd Street, #G, New York, NY 10128, are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Book Launch

Dr. Sherkow's new book, co-authored with Drs. Harrison and Singletary, has been published by Rowman & Littlefield and is now available in hardcover through their website at rowman.com.



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