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PRESS RELEASE

National autism expert to speak in Soldotna

Soldotna, July 3, 2012—Dr. Stephen Shore will be in Soldotna on Thursday evening, July 12, to present: “Relationships and Sexuality for People with Autism: Reaching a Greater Understanding.”

The FREE presentation is from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 12, at the Soldotna Middle School Library.

Dr. Stephen Shore is a leading national expert on autism, and the president emeritus of the Asperger’s Association of New England, and former board member of the Autism Society.

Drawing from his many books on autism, Shore will discuss education, relationships, employment, advocacy, disclosure and other adult issues.

Diagnosed with “atypical development and strong autistic tendencies” and “too sick” for outpatient treatment, Dr. Shore was nonverbal until four, and recommended for institutionalization. With support from his parents, teachers, wife, and others, he is now a professor at Adelphi University where his research focuses on matching best practice to the needs of people with autism.

His books include:

- *Beyond the Wall: Personal Experiences with Autism and Asperger Syndrome*
- *Ask and Tell: Self-advocacy and Disclosure for People on the Autism Spectrum*
- critically acclaimed *Understanding Autism for Dummies*
- newly released DVD, *Living along the Autism Spectrum: What it means to have Autism or Asperger Syndrome*

The event is sponsored by the Autism Society of Alaska, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF) School of Education.

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