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January 19 Sensory Saturday at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum topic is “Reinforcement: How Can I Help Make This More Fun?”

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum welcomes families with children on the autism spectrum with a new Sensory Saturday series. Adult lectures will rotate monthly with sensory-friendly programs for the whole family. On January 19 at 11 a.m., adults are invited to a free lecture called Reinforcement: How Can I Help Make This More Fun? The talk is presented by specialists from the Center for Autism and Related Disorders.

Participants will learn what reinforcement is, how it is a part of Applied Behavior Analysis, and what some functional reinforcements are. Specialists from the Center for Autism and Related Disorders will share tips on how to make reinforcement fun and effective.

All children experience behavioral challenges as they grow and develop. A clear set of expectations, consistent consequences, and personally appropriate rewards can help create stability and self-confidence. Every situation and child is different. Come hear a list of suggestions, learn what has worked in different situations, and discover how to adapt a reinforcement or reward to fit different events and environments. You will be given the tools to create a list of suggestions that might help you and your child find ways to navigate positive reinforcement in a fun and creative way.

Parents are invited to visit the Museum on March 16 for the next adult lecture on helping children and their friends get ready for a play date. Family performances, interactive story times, special planetarium shows, and hands-on activities and crafts are scheduled for February 16 and April 20. Go to kalamazoomuseum.org to learn more about this series and tools available to make family visits successful.

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