



### **DEBBIE MERINGOLO, MA, MS**

Debbie Meringolo, a special educator and developmental specialist, is the Associate Director of the Infant/Toddler Team at the Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center (CERC), at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She is also the director of the Baby Team parent-child treatment program, and the co-director of CERC's RELATE program, providing diagnostic evaluations and treatment for children/adolescents with communication and social challenges. In this administrative and clinical role, Debbie supervises clinicians, conducts evaluations and provides treatment for children individually and in groups. Along with colleagues at CERC she also participates in a variety of research projects, examining early diagnosis of children with autistic spectrum disorders.

In addition to her work at the clinic, she runs a part time Social Thinking practice along with Nancy Tarshis. They work with children ages 14 months through adult in individual as well as group sessions, consult to public and private schools and provide training for parents and professionals.

Debbie obtained her BA from Queens College, her MA from Columbia University, Teacher's College, and her MS from Yeshiva University. She also holds a NYS certificate as a School District Administrator, from Brooklyn College. Prior to her career at CERC, twenty years ago Debbie worked for the New York City Department of Education as a special education teacher, teacher trainer, special projects coordinator and special education school supervisor.

Debbie is currently working on a book for parents on Social Thinking.

#### **Speaking Experience:**

- Play and Language: Assessment and Intervention for the Preschool Child
- Assessment and Intervention of Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Identifying Autism Spectrum Disorders in Young Children
- Using the Autism Diagnostic and Observation Schedule
- Educating Children With Autism

#### **Personal:**

Debbie lives with her husband Marc in Westchester, NY. She has two adult children, one is an attorney and the other is studying social work. She is an avid biker, swimmer, and runner and loves to cook and bake. Debbie is proud of her long and diverse career in special education.