



April 26th, 2018  
8:30am-3:30pm

## POLICY & PRACTICE:

Strategies for Supporting Young Adults with the Most Significant Communication and Behavior Challenges

Registration is only \$25!

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Educational Service Center

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