

Autism Society of Minnesota's 22nd Annual Minnesota Autism Conference

Why should parents and caregivers participate?



AuSM invites you to join us for the 22nd Annual Minnesota Autism Conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Minneapolis-Park Place, 1500 Park Place Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55416 from Wednesday, April 26-Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Held during Autism Awareness Month, the conference will feature 34+ educational opportunities through keynote presentations and breakout sessions; 40 exhibitors offering autism-focused products and services; networking opportunities; catered lunches; and AuSM's second annual gala, *Oh, the AuSM Places We'll Go!*, held on April 28.

With this complete line-up of information-packed days, figuring out which sessions to attend may be overwhelming. AuSM wants to help you have an inspiring and rewarding conference experience. Below are some conference session recommendations for parents and caregivers. A detailed schedule with session descriptions is available at www.ausm.org. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Conference Keynote Presentations

- **Wednesday, April 26 Evening:** Steve Silberman: *Great Minds Don't Always Think Alike*
- **Thursday, April 27 Morning:** Temple Grandin, PhD: *Autism, and My Path Through Life*
- **Thursday, April 27 Evening:** Kerry Magro: *I Used to Be Bullied for Having Autism: Here's When It Stopped*
- **Friday, April 28 Morning:** Chris Ulmer: *Unlocking Student Potential Through Empowerment*

Conference Breakout Sessions

Thursday, April 27

- Understanding Executive Functioning: Amy Carrison, PsyD
- The Social Times: Using Systems, Narratives, and Fun to Teach Social Information: Kari Dunn Buron, MS
- From Chaos to Calm: Yoga-Based Interventions for Peace: Chrissy Mignogna, RYT
- Positive Parenting Strategies for Individuals with Autism: Mitch Lepicello, MSW, LICSW
- Requests and Protests: Understanding Behavior as Communication: Glenis Benson, PhD
- 8 Pillars of Parenting for Peace at Home: Samantha Moe, MA, SLP

Friday, April 28

- Maximizing the Potential of Shared Book Reading with Young Children with Autism: Maria Lemler Hugh; Andrea Boh, MS, CCC-SLP; Kelsey Young, MA; Veronica Fleury, PhD, BCBA-D
- Using ABA to Improve Quality of Life in Home and School Environments: L. Lynn Stansberry-Brusnahan, PhD; Erin Farrell, MA, BCaBA; Hamad Al Arbi
- Career Planning and Person Centered Practices: Promoting Valued Social Roles: Joe Timmons, MSW; Rebecca Dosch-Brown
- Success in Life Through Self-Management: Teaching Students to Manage Their Learning and Behavior: Michele Glynn, MA; Kathy Healy, MA

Saturday, April 30: Tailored specifically for parents, caregivers, and transition-age individuals.

- Secure Your Own Mask First: Self-Care, a Necessary Part of Transition: Nina Jonson, BS, ED; Gretchen Peck, BA
- Developing Individualized, Thorough, and Effective Transition Plans: Maria McGinley, JD, MST

- In-Home Positive Behavior Support: Functional Communication for Children Via Telehealth: Joe Reichle, PhD; Jessica Simacek, PhD; Adele Dimian, MA; Quannah Parker McGowan, PhD; Marianne Elmquist, BA
- Supporting the Sexual Health of Young Adults with ASD: Katie Thune, MA ED
- Autistic Darwinism: Mitch Potter
- EIDBI: Navigating Your Minnesota State Health Benefits: Sirad Shirdon, Nicole Berning, Britannia Martinez-Dixon, Linda Monchamp
- Finding Best Fit Colleges for Students with Autism: Kristin Edwards, MAT
- Common Mental Health Challenges: Barb Luskin, PhD
- Future Planning for Special Needs: Understanding Supplemental Needs Trusts: Jason Schellack, Esq.