

# Autism Society of Minnesota's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Minnesota Autism Conference

## Why should mental health professionals participate?



AuSM invites you to join us for the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 third annual gala, *Oh, the AuSM Places We'll Go!*, held on April 28.

### Obtain CEUs

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available from the Minnesota Board of Psychology, the Minnesota Board of Social Work, and the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy for select conference sessions. Certificates will be available at the end of each day for relevant sessions. Please see [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org) for information on which sessions are applicable to CEUs.

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. A detailed schedule with session descriptions is available at [www.ausm.org](http://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
- Alexithymia and ASD: Eric Ringgenberg, BS
- Circles of Comfort: A Framework to Support Anxiety in ASD: Connie Persike, MS, SLP-CCC; Jessica Nichols, BA
- Positive Parenting Strategies for Individuals with Autism: Mitch Lepicello, MSW, LICSW
- The Imagery-Language Connection: Improving Comprehension for Children with Autism: Dana Kernik
- Requests and Protests: Understanding Behavior as Communication: Glenis Benson, PhD
- 8 Pillars of Parenting for Peace at Home: Samantha Moe, MA, SLP
- How Does Personality Type Affect Autism?: Nellie Moore

#### Friday, April 28

- Building Self-Determination: Adults with Autism Mentoring High School Students with Autism: Kelly Kautz, MS, ED; Dianna Michels, MS, ED
- Using ABA to Improve Quality of Life in Home and School Environments: L. Lynn Stansberry-Brusnahan, PhD; Erin Farrell, MA, BCaBA; Hamad Al Arbi

- Executive Functioning for Teachers: Amy Carrison, PsyD
- Success in Life Through Self-Management: Teaching Students to Manage Their Learning and Behavior: Michele Glynn, MA; Kathy Healy, MA

**Saturday, April 29**

- Supporting the Sexual Health of Young Adults with ASD: Katie Thune, MA ED
- EIDBI: Navigating Your Minnesota State Health Benefits: Sirad Shirdon, Nicole Berning, Britannia Martinez-Dixon, Linda Monchamp
- Common Mental Health Challenges: Barb Luskin, PhD
- 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