

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

Why should transition-age individuals and adults with autism 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. 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

- Neurotypical Syndrome 101: Jillian Nelson, Lucas Scott
- Understanding Executive Functioning: Amy Carrison, PsyD
- Alexithymia and ASD: Eric Ringgenberg, BS
- From Chaos to Calm: Yoga-Based Interventions for Peace: Chrissy Mignogna, RYT
- 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
- Supporting the Sexual Health of People with Disabilities in the Classroom: Katie Thune, MA, ED
- Success in Life Through Self-Management: Teaching Students to Manage Their Learning and Behavior: Michele Glynn, MA; Kathy Healy, MA
- Career Planning and Person Centered Practices: Promoting Valued Social Roles: Joe Timmons, MSW; Rebecca Dosch-Brown

Saturday, April 29: Tailored for transition-age individuals and adults with autism.

- Developing Individualized, Thorough, and Effective Transition Plans: Maria McGinley, JD, MST
- Supporting the Sexual Health of Young Adults with ASD: Katie Thune, MA ED

- Autistic Darwinism: Mitch Potter
- Finding Best Fit Colleges for Students with Autism: Kristin Edwards, MAT
- Common Mental Health Challenges: Barb Luskin, PhD