

Autistic's Guide to Conference



Why should an autistic individual attend the conference?

The Minnesota Autism Conference presents a great opportunity to meet your peers, learn more about services that can improve your life, gain strategies from other autistics, and even help expand people's conceptions of what autism can look like. You'll learn from autistic presenters, find resources and services, and connect with your community.

Recommended Sessions for Autistics

Conference Keynote Presentations

- Wednesday April 15, 9-10:15 a.m.
Breaking Barriers: Ending Bias in Autism Diagnosis presented by Maria Davis-Pierre
- Thursday, April 16, 9-10:15 a.m.
Supporting Students to Find Autistic Joy Through Evidence-Based Practice presented by Erin Farrell

Conference Breakout Presentations

Wednesday, April 15

10:30-11:30 a.m.

- Improving Autism-Related Clinical Care: Lessons Learned from University-Community Partnerships with Somali Community Organizations presented by Casey Burrows, Munira MaalimIsaq, Fatima Molas, and Rebecca Vaurio

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

- Redefining Leadership: Beyond Neurotypical Models presented by Erin Flicker
- From Awareness to Belonging: Closing the Social Reciprocity Gap presented by Robin McLeod

Thursday, April 16

10:30-11:30 a.m.

- The Caregiver's Survival Guide to Mental Wellness presented by Louis Scarantino

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

- The Spectrum: Bridging the Gap between All Kinds of Autistics presented by Sam Stein

What's Next

AuSM has more than just education, and we want to support you with resources throughout the year. That's why we have three support groups for adults on the spectrum, including Adults with ASD, Women with ASD, and LBGQTQIA Autistic Adults. To stay connected with AuSM, sign up for our twice monthly e-newsletter, AuSM Connections. You can find the sign up on our website at the bottom of any page. Additionally, we have dozens of free resources available on our website under the "Resources" header. Check out the education section of the website for our Adult Coffee Club and upcoming AuSM workshops. Many of these sessions are geared directly to autistic adults. We're also looking forward to our ninth annual Autistic Community Summit this November, a full day of speakers, round tables, and information. This is an event by autistics, for autistics.

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