

Therapist's Guide to Conference



Why should a therapist attend the conference?

The Minnesota Autism Conference is a great place for therapists to stay up to date on the latest best practices and research for autism. Not only will you walk away with practical strategies that will help you with everything from behaviors to social skills, you also will earn CE credits and connect with colleagues. The conference is pre-approved for CE credits from select boards. Check the website for details. Use this guide to help you find the sessions and resources tailored for therapists at the event.

Recommended Sessions for Therapists

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
- Coaching Parents Toward Self-Reflection: Building Stronger Connections with Neurodivergent Children presented by Alyssa Norenberg and Oana Zayic

What's Next

In addition to the annual state autism conference, AuSM offers resources and services throughout the year that can be beneficial to therapists working with clients on the spectrum. The AuSM Counseling team is available to consult with therapists, group home staff, community organizations, employers, day training and habilitation groups, and other direct support professionals who work with individuals with autism to help with general training or to offer strategies related to a specific issue or topic. In addition, we have customized trainings available. To learn more about autism, join us for ASD Direct Support Certification, a 15-hour intensive course that gives practical solutions for working with people on the spectrum. Make sure you stay connected to AuSM with our twice monthly e-newsletter, AuSM Connections. You can find the sign up at the bottom of any page on AuSM's website.

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