

SAVANNAH AUTISM CONFERENCE 2023



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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, APRIL 20-21

Richmond Hill City Center
520 Cedar Street, Richmond Hill, GA

PRESENTED BY THE MATTHEW REARDON CENTER FOR AUTISM

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WORKSHOPS

JACK O'CONNOR, M. ED., BCBA

IEP Basics



Participants will understand all of the sections and components of the IEP, work as a team to develop effective IEPs for students with autism, including the importance of social, communication and behavioral goals, and learn to write meaningful, challenging, attainable, and measurable goals.

CIARRA TORRES, MS. ED., RBT AND SARAH WEBER, MA., BCBA

My Child Has Autism, What Now?



This presentation will discuss options, definitions, and next steps when a child is diagnosed with Autism or suspected of having Autism. Participants will be able to identify acronyms and verbiage he/she will encounter when discussing Autism, gain understanding of the Milestones checklist, possible outcomes of a diagnosis, and the various levels of severity on the Autism Spectrum, gain insight into the many school options, therapies, and support groups available for children after a diagnosis, and become aware of the cycle of acceptance after receiving a diagnosis.

REBECCA BOVINO-SANDQUIST, M.A, BCBA AND ERYKAH SPRIGGS, B.S, BCABA

ABA 101: What to Expect with ABA Therapy



Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a science based on the use of learning principles to improve lives. The practice of ABA focuses on assessing the environmental influences on behavior, assessment-based intervention, and data-based decision making. This presentation will focus on what parents and professionals can expect from ABA therapy.

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WORKSHOPS, CONTINUED



AMY LANG, MA

Talking with Kids on The Spectrum About Sexuality

The goal of this workshop is to help parents and caregivers understand how to talk with children on the spectrum about sexuality in a developmentally appropriate manner. Participants will understand the best age to start conversations about sexuality, know how to make the conversations effective for kids on the spectrum, and feel more comfortable and confident discussing sexuality.



DR. KYLER SHUMWAY AND DR. DANIEL WENDLER

TedX Talks

Dr. Daniel Wendler will present his TEDX talk What Being Autistic Has Taught Me About Being Human, and Dr. Kyler Shumway will present his TEDX talk What it Takes to be a Bully.



DR. ELIZABETH ASLINGER AND DR. DANIEL WENDLER

Dating For Teens and Young Adults On The Spectrum

This workshop will equip participants with practical insights for dating success as a teen or young adult on the autism spectrum. Participants will be able to dispel common myths and misconceptions about dating and relationships on the spectrum, develop communication and emotional regulation skills necessary for fulfilling and successful dating relationships, and recognize the unique characteristics of neurodiverse romantic relationships, and apply strategies for communication and accommodation in neurodiverse relationships.



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WORKSHOPS, CONTINUED

DR. KYLER SHUMWAY

Bullying in 2023: Strategies for Survivors and their Parents



This workshop will help raise awareness of the latest trends in school-age bullying and the evidence-based techniques that survivors, parents, and clinicians can use in response. Participants will be able to understand the forms of bullying and how those have changed over time, be aware of techniques that can be used in response to different types of bullying, and experience motivation to bring an end to bullying through radical compassion.

AMY LANG, MA

Sexual Behavior in Children & Teens: What's Typical, What's Not & How to Keep Kids Safer



Participants will learn to determine the difference between typical sexual behavior and sexualized behavior using quick assessment tool, learn the different phases of childhood and adolescent psychological and social sexual development and the common sexual behaviors by age group, and use and practice scripts and tips for interacting with children and teens engaging in sexual behaviors.

DR. DENICE RIOS

Breaking the Cycle!: How Maladaptive Behaviors Emerge and how to break the Cycle



The purpose of this talk is to outline how maladaptive behaviors commonly emerge and describe evidence-based practices that caregivers, teachers, and clinicians can use to help replace these behaviors. Participants will learn about effective ways to teach replacement behaviors, learn about the coercion cycle, and learn how motivating operations affect behavior.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS



JACKIE MOORE

Jordyn's Autism Journey: Changing the World One Tee at a Time

Jackie Moore received her Bachelor's degree in Rehabilitation Psychology, but it's real life that has been her greatest teacher. Three years ago, she launched Jordyn's Summer Shirt Project to teach Jordyn, her daughter with autism, job skills. Jordyn has not only learned valuable work skills, she's also encouraging people to be kind to everyone.

MORE WORKSHOPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON

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