

6th Annual "All Ages & Abilities" Autism/Asperger's Conference *The Most Comprehensive Autism Conference Series in Southern California*

February 22, 23 & 24, 2012 • Sheraton Park Hotel at the Anaheim Resort

Hidden Curriculum: Practical Solutions for Understanding Rules in Social Situations – Brenda Smith Myles, PhD, Wednesday Keynote



The Hidden Curriculum refers to the set of rules or guidelines that are often not directly taught but are assumed to be known. This curriculum contains items that impact social interactions, school performance, and sometimes health and well-being. The curriculum also includes unspoken rules, slang, metaphors, body language, etc. The Hidden Curriculum is intuitive for neurotypical individuals but needs to be taught to those with autism or other special needs. This session includes practical tips for teaching these hidden social needs to children and to adults and stresses the importance of making these a part of everyday life.

Brenda Smith Myles PhD, is one of the leading autism researchers and educators. She has made over 500 presentations all over the world and written more than 150 articles and books on ASD including: The Hidden Curriculum and Asperger Syndrome and Difficult Moments. She served as the co-chair of the National ASD Teacher Standards Committee, and has received many honors and awards for her research and service.

Pretending to be Normal: Living with Asperger's Syndrome – Liane Holliday Willey, EdD, Thursday Keynote



Liane's frank autobiographical story of life with Asperger syndrome before Hans Asperger's research became well known and understood. Her experiences and her caregivers intuitive assistance are shared in this talk.

Professor Liane Holliday Willey, who holds a doctorate in psycholinguistics, was diagnosed with Asperger syndrome when she was 35 years old. Since her diagnosis Liane has focused her research on female Aspies and language skills for people with Asperger syndrome. Liane is the author of the international best selling books Pretending to be Normal, Asperger Syndrome in Adolescence, and Asperger Syndrome in the Family, and a new book Safety Skills for Asperger Women.

Brain Development in Autism – Martha Herbert, MD, PhD, Friday Keynote



Dr. Herbert will summarize the major abnormalities that have been reported in the brains of children with autism, discuss how those abnormalities may relate to the symptoms of autism, and explain some brain tests. She will discuss science suggesting that the brain may be able to recover from damage and abnormal development, may respond to treatment and may recover from autism.

Martha Herbert, MD, PhD, is an assistant professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School, and a pediatric neurologist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where she directs the TRANSCEND Research Program. She is a leading expert on brain development and brain imaging in autism. Her research is focused on how to use advanced brain imaging to better understand the problems in autism, how they develop in infants and how to treat them. She serves on the Scientific Advisory Committee of Autism Speaks.

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Wednesday, February 22nd

8:30 a.m. – Hidden Curriculum: Practical Solutions for Understanding Rules in Social Situations – *Brenda Smith Myles, PhD*

10:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

(Choose any talks from 3 parallel tracks)

Education Track with *Brenda Smith Myles*

- Tantrums and Rage in Individuals with ASD
- Comprehensive Autism Planning System (CAPS) An Instructional Program for Students
- CAPS II

Sensory Integration Track with *Sue Golubock, MEd, OTR/L*

- Differences in Sensory Processing: Differences in Perceptions
- Finding Balance in Life Via a Sensory Diet
- Tapping Into Sensory Strengths: You Can Make a Difference

Family Track

- How to Have a Happy Home: An Inspirational Journey
- Making Outings and Adventures More Successful
- The World According to Cory
- Peer Practice Vs. Social Skills Groups
- Keeping Families Strong Through Difficult Times

5:15-6:00 p.m. Plenary Talk - Will My Health Insurance Cover ABA, OT & Speech Services? *Melissa A. Remer, Esq.*

Thursday, February 23rd

8:30 a.m. – Pretending to be Normal: Living with Asperger's Syndrome – *Liane Holliday Willey, EdD*

10:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

(Choose any talks from 3 parallel tracks)

Asperger Track with *Liane Holliday Willey, EdD*

- Asperger Syndrome Language and Cognition
- Staying Safe and Emotionally Well with Asperger's Syndrome
- Asperger's Syndrome in the Adolescent Years

Education Track

- Visual Thinking and Social Thinking Techniques
- Independent Reading Skills for Individuals with ASD
- Helping Children with Challenging Behaviors
- How I Would Liked to Have Been Taught
- Transitioning from Childhood to Adulthood

Speech Track

- Using the iPad for Autism
- Video Modeling Techniques to Teach Children with Autism
- Words Aren't Enough; What to do When Your Child Isn't Talking

5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Plenary Talk - GFCF Cooking Demo, *Lisa Ackerman, Founder of TACA*

Friday, February 24th

8:30 a.m. – Brain Development in Autism – *Martha Herbert, MD, PhD*

10:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

(Choose any talks from 3 parallel tracks)

Neurodevelopment Track

- The Brain-Body Connection and Autism-*Martha Herbert, MD, PhD*
- Brain Training- *Dr. Michael Eaton*
- Brain Based Individual Evaluation and Therapeutic Success- *Dr. Michael Linden*
- Neurotransmitters in Autism- *James B. Adams, PhD*
- Reducing the Risk of Developing Autism- *James B. Adams, PhD*

Social Track

- Social Cognition - Much More Than Social Skills
- The Art of Making Friends
- Stress Energy Management for Professionals and Caregivers

Teen/Adult Track

- The Autistic Experience
- Key Ages & Stages of Financial Planning
- Community-based Social Behavior Programing
- Teen/Adult Panel- *Hear from the Real Experts*

12:30 - 1:15 p.m. - Special Lunchtime Session - Waiting for Wyatt: A Mother's Journey through Autism to Empowerment, *Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson, ACT Today!*

Please note that speakers and topics were confirmed at the time of publishing, however, circumstances beyond the control of ACOA may necessitate substitutions, alterations or cancellations of the speakers and/or topics. Any substitutions or alterations will be updated on our web page as soon as possible.

Full schedule available online at www.autismconferencesofamerica.com.

Conference Details

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Conference Location

Sheraton Park Hotel at the Anaheim Resort
1855 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, CA 92802
(Walking Distance to Disneyland Park)



Directions

<http://www.sheratonparkanaheim.com/directions>

Registration Information

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. each day of the conference with coffee and juice.
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CA Board of Behavioral Sciences PCE #4429

Note: License Number required by State of California on daily sign in sheets for issuance of CEUs.

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*Must be paid and registered as a professional.

Certificates of Attendance

Certificates of Attendance are available at the end of each day for parents, Para/Hab/Students and people with ASD (up to 7 contact hours/day).

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"I can't wait to go to your next conference!" Parent, California

"Laura Nagle was the most interesting and most inspirational speaker by far." E. Cohen, California

"I gathered many resources from the conference and really enjoyed and learned from the medical track." L. Gospe, Australia

"Was an outstanding conference with lots of useful information and tips that we can do at school" Teacher, California

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When you walk away from the conference you will have learned:

- Hidden Curriculum skills that needs to be taught to people with autism.
- Practical tips on how to reduce tantrums and meltdowns.
- How to evaluate sensory challenges using sensory techniques to reduce sensory issues as presented by Sue Golubock, MEd, OTR/L, adult with autism.
- How to get autism service coverage from your insurance plan.
- How to think like an aspie: How to better understand their language, cognition, and emotional challenges.
- Great GFCF cooking tips.
- How to effectively use your iPad for Autism.
- How brain development is different in autism and how it affects brain function.
- The latest risk factors for autism and how to reduce the risk of developing autism.





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