

Autism National Committee 2011 Conference

Autism Without Limits

October 21-22

Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel - Burbank,
California

A conference presenting respectful and state-of-the-art information
by and about individuals with autism and related differences.
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Friday, October 21

8:30 - 9:00 am - Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - Welcome

9:15 - 10:45 am - **Keynote: Sue Rubin - *Autism Without Limits***

Sue Rubin will talk about the supports she has had over the past twenty years that have allowed her to live quite a different life than most others who are as autistic as she.

11am - 12:15 pm - **Concurrent sessions**

Demystifying FC: An Ultra Close Look at What Constitutes the Practice of FC - Don Cardinal, Ph.D., will carefully outline each component of FC and trace each element back to its origin in research.

Treading Each Treason and Treasure in a Troublesome World - Peyton Goddard will discuss finding freedom in the so-called "limits" of autism.

Evaluating the Neurodiversity Movement: History, Progress, and the Path Forward - Steven Kapp, M.A., an autistic self-advocate and autism researcher, will explain the history and status of the neurodiversity movement, including its meaning and defining issues.

Rethinking Autism - Dana Commandatore - All too often in the world of autism, celebrity and sex appeal are used to promote pseudo-science and personal agendas. RethinkingAutism.com wants to change minds, change the current media conversation and help give autistic people a more prominent voice in the conversation.

1:30 – 3:00 pm - **Stephen Hinkle, M.A. - *The Hidden Social Curriculum***

Inclusion, social skills, friendships, and relationships are all very important for individuals with autism. Stephen Hinkle, an individual with autism, will highlight his personal experiences in this session.

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm - **Concurrent sessions**

Communication ...Bring It On!! - Darlene Hanson, M.A., S/LP will talk about the road to communication through support, organization, and use of technology. This session will describe the basic principles of supporting communication, as defined in our *Standards of Best Practice*. The session will include video examples and opportunities for practice of the strategies described.

Learning Self-Advocacy Skills: Exploration of Issues from the Advocate and Parent Perspective - Jordan Ackerson and Lisa A. Lieberman, MSW, LCSW - Jordan, a 23-year-old, shares his experiences and suggestions for learning and implementing effective advocacy. His mother, a mental health professional, will discuss ways to support children to move towards a more self-determined life within the context of a mutual partnership.

How to Get the Life You Choose - Rob Cutler and Mike Hoover will share their knowledge, experiences, struggles and successes as advocates. They have both traveled considerably to educate and advocate about disability, social justice and the necessity of providing effective communication systems to those with limited or no speech.

Things They Would Not Teach Me of in College: Navigating the Academic Environment for People on the Spectrum - Lars Perner, Ph.D. discusses types of issues that might be experienced by individuals on the autism spectrum and possible ways to prepare. Opportunities to pursue special interests in academia will also be discussed.

7:00 – 9:00 pm - Johnny Seitz and Chris Rials-Seitz, M.A. - ***God Does Not Make Garbage: A Dialogue in Our World*** - Johnny and Chris take participants directly into the world of autism through mime, poetry, and music.

Saturday, October 22

8:30 - 9:00 am - Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - Welcome

9:15 - 10:30 am - **Anne Donnellan, Ph.D. - *Rethinking Autism: How Sensory-Movement Differences and Disturbances Affect Autistic People and Their Story*** - This presentation will address sensory-movement issues which challenge people with the autism label and often confuse those who love, care for, and/or study them. Greater understanding of the lived experience of autism may help to shift the emphasis from “control” to providing “accommodations” to support those with the autism label.

10:45 am - 12:00 pm - Concurrent sessions

Raising an Empowered Self-Advocate: Parent Panel - Moderator: Jeff Strully; Participants: Rita Rubin, Emily Doyle Iland, Lisa Lieberman, and Nancy Brady. This panel will discuss their individual approach to parenting and to nurturing self-advocates.

Rated 'R': That Oh-So-Difficult Topic - Nick Pentzell and Hope Block - We've watched Casablanca 17 times, and we know about the birds and the bees, but – uh – love and s-e-x weren't taught as social skills or as PT, OT, or sensory integration ... How do we go about having mature relationships? And how in the world do we integrate support staff?

A Full Life with Autism - Jeremy Sicile-Kira will present about his life, what helped him become a high school graduate and be successful in life and college, and how to fully include someone with autism like him.

A Process to Independent Communication - Darlene Hanson, M.A., S/LP will take the principles described in Communication ... Bring it on!!! and move us toward how we increase independent communication when using AAC.

1:30 – 2:45 pm - **Jodi Robledo, Ph.D., Sue Rubin, Peyton Goddard, and Stephen Hinkle - *Properties of Supportive Relationships from the Perspective of Individuals on the Autism Spectrum*** - "...supportive relationships are not only important for those of us with autism, but for every successful individual." (Sue Rubin). This session will explore the properties of supportive relationships from the perspective of individuals on the autism spectrum.

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

Anti-FC Expression Functions As Hate Speech - Anna Stubblefield, Ph.D. will argue that some aspects of continuing anti-FC expression meet the criteria to count as hate speech. Without suggesting that such expression be censored, the purpose of this paper is to point out the function that such expression is performing. Continued anti-FC expression functions as hate speech because it is empty rhetoric and invective that causes harm to FC users by calling into question their competence and undermining their freedom of expression.

Art as Advocacy – Finding Our Voices - DJ Savarese presents a film that is based on a powerful collage of writings by 9 people who type to communicate, and which is acted out by his peers from high school, edited, narrated, and assistant directed by DJ.

Creating Successful Environments for Individuals with Autism - Steven Gersten, J.D. encourages us to empathize with and respect the rights and unique needs of individuals on the spectrum and then actually take the steps to create a successful environment so that the person with autism is, in fact, accommodated and given the opportunity to reach his/her full potential.

The College Dream Comes True - Kayla Takeuchi - Kayla will take you on her journey from childhood to high school to graduation to the beginning of college with time for your questions in the latter part of the session.

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Individuals with autism: Number of participants _____ x \$125 = \$ _____

Family members/support/students: Number of participants _____ x \$205 = \$ _____

Professionals: Number of participants _____ x \$305 = \$ _____

Friday day session only (includes breakfast & lunch) - Food preferences? See box at bottom.

Individuals with Autism: Number of participants _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

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Professionals: Number of participants _____ x \$170 = \$ _____

Friday Dinner and program only (in addition to single day sessions) - Food preferences? See box at bottom.

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Saturday day session only (includes breakfast & lunch) - Food preferences? See box at bottom.

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Donation to support attendance of individuals on the autism spectrum: \$ _____

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