

6th Annual "Back to School & More" Autism/Asperger's Conference The Most Comprehensive Autism Conference Series in Southern California

August 19-21, 2011 • Pasadena Convention Center

Life With Autism – Temple Grandin, PhD, Adult With Autism, Friday Keynote



Temple will share her personal stories and advice about life with autism, covering topics including early childhood, education, sensory challenges, social challenges, and selecting and working towards an appropriate career. Although individuals with autism have many challenges, and think differently, she will discuss how to focus on their strengths so that they can lead successful lives.

Temple Grandin is a highly successful adult with autism, and one of the leading lecturers on how to help individuals with autism/Asperger's. She is a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University.

She also a bestselling author of six books on her life experiences in dealing with autism, and is a leading advocate for people with autism. In 2010 Grandin was a focus of a semi-biographical HBO film, titled Temple Grandin, starring Claire Danes as Grandin, which received five awards.

ASD: Key Communication Factors Across the Life Span –

Teresa Cardon, PhD, CCC-SLP, Saturday Keynote



While it is clear that there is no one size fits all approach to autism intervention, there are some key factors that can help individuals on the spectrum be more effective communicators. This session will focus on several key elements of communication including initiation, motivation, pragmatic awareness, and functional alternatives. The session will be filled with video examples and real life scenarios that can help individuals with autism today!

Dr. Teresa Cardon has worked with individuals on the autism spectrum for over 17 years. Dr. Cardon provides interactive and motivating workshops on a variety of topics internationally. She has written many articles on communication strategies and is the author of Top Ten Tips: A Survival Guide for Families of Children with ASD (2008), Initiations and Interactions (2006), and Let's Talk Emotions (2004). Currently Dr. Teresa Cardon is a professor at Washington State University.

Understanding and Treating Anxiety in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders –

Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D, Sunday Keynote



Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders often present with anxiety disorders that cause significant functional impairments. The identification and treatment of these disorders are made more difficult by the presence of communication delays, behavior problems and the lack of standardized assessments for patients with ASD. This presentation reviews the literature on prevalence, features and assessment of anxiety in ASD individuals and offers guidelines for treatment through the use of cognitive behavioral protocols that have been found to be effective in this field.

Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D has devoted over 30 years to the study and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders, and is recognized as a leading expert in the field. She is a licensed psychologist in California, Texas, and Arizona, as well as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. In 1990, Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh established the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD), which is now among the world's largest and most experienced organizations providing ABA treatment to children and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Dr. Granpeesheh serves on the Defeat Autism Now (DANI) Executive Council, the US Autism and Asperger's Association (USAAA) Scientific Advisory Board, and the Autism Society of America (ASA) National Board.

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Friday, August 19th

8:30 a.m. – Life With Autism –
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10:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

(Choose any talks from 4 parallel tracks)

Temple Grandin and General Track

- Psychiatric Medications and GFCF Diet - Temple Grandin, PhD
- Temple Grandin, the HBO Movie
- Understanding & Treatment Of Severe Behavior Problem - Including Self-injurious Behavior

Education Track

- Overview of General Education
- Curriculum Accommodations
- OT Solutions for Problem Behaviors

Speech Social Track

- Play. From Engagement to Social Cognition
- Teaching Self Regulation
- Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)

Therapy Track

- Interactive Music Therapy
- Touch Therapy
- Solutions To Behavior Services Obstacles

Saturday, August 20th

8:30 a.m. – ASD: Key Communication Factors Across the Life Span - *Teresa Cardon, PhD, CCC-SLP*

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

Breakout Sessions

(Choose any talks from 4 parallel tracks)

Teresa Cardon and Speech/Social Track

- Emergent Literacy and ASD: Making Reading Time Fun
- Let's Talk Emotions and ASD
- Early Intervention Strategies for Professionals: Parents as Partners

Education Track

- Jane's Day at School
- Implementing Visual Supports
- Implementing A Non-Toxic Classroom Environment
- Rules of the Mind

Teen/Adult Track

- Supporting Teens/Adults With Autism
- Creative Solutions For Employment
- Emotions Of Autism

Environmental Factors Track

Featuring: *Dr. Roris Rapp, Leader in the Fields of Environmental Medicine and Allergies*

- Toxins In The Environment - Dr Doris Rapp
- Implementing A Non-Toxic Home Environment
- Seeing Is Believing: How Appropriate Allergy Therapy Can Help - Dr. Doris Rapp

Sunday, August 21st

8:30 a.m. – Understanding and Treating Anxiety in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders – *Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D*

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

Breakout Sessions

(Choose any talks from 4 parallel tracks)

Family Track

- Financial Planning
- Special Needs Trust
- Moms Discussion
- Introducing New Foods To Picky Eaters
- Healthy Cooking And Prep Made Easy

Law Track

- IEP 2004 Overview
- Assessments/Evaluations
- IEP Strategies

Teen/Adult Track

- Building A Secure Future
- Insider's Guide To College Experience
- Using Sensory Integration As A Tool In Transitioning To College And Work
- Teens/Adult Panel- Hear From The Real Experts

Medical Track

- Overview Of Biomedical Treatments
- Preventing Autism
- Mitochondrial Disorders In Autism
- Seizures In Autism

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

Pasadena Convention Center

300 E. Green Street
Pasadena, CA 91101



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Nursing

CA Board of Registered Nursing PDP #15094

MFT- Marriage and Family Therapists and LCSW - Licensed Clinical Social Workers

CA Board of Behavioral Sciences PCE #4429

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

Certificates of Attendance

Certificate of Attendances: Professional available for Teachers, OTs, and all other professionals. Certificates of Attendance are available at the end of each day (up to 7 contact hours/day).

Registration Information

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Temple's tips for educators

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Reduce self-injurious behaviors

Learn how to reduce environmental toxins

How to Introduce New Foods to Picky Eaters

and much, much, more....

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