

15th Annual Chattanooga Autism Conference

Friday, September 5, 2025
Chattanooga Convention Center
1150 Carter St, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Early Child - Room 14/15
K-12 Educator - Room 12
Parents 1 - Room 9/10
Parents 2 - Room 16/17
Autistic Adults - Room 11

<div>7:45 - 8:30</div> <div>Check-in</div> <div>CONFERENCE AGENDA</div> <div>---- Attendees can go to any session in any track ----</div>					
	Early Childhood	K-12 Educators	Parents - 1	Parents - 2	Autistic Adult
<div>Workshops</div> <div>8:30 - 9:30</div>	<div>How Identifying Social Visual Engagement Differences Can Guide Early Intervention</div> <div>Dr. Cheryl Klaiman, PhD</div>	<div>Meeting The Child Where They Are, Following Their Lead</div> <div>Amy Howard LMFT</div>	<div>Helping Your Child Manage Their Feelings</div> <div>Tiffany Long</div>	<div>What Does it Mean to Take a Holistic Developmental Approach?</div> <div>Amy Bodkin, EdS</div>	<div>Discovering You: A Compassionate Guide for Autistic Adults to Explore Masking and Begin Unmasking</div> <div>Emily Walsh, LPC-A</div>
<div>9:30 - 9:45</div>	Break & Visit Exhibitors				
<div>Workshops</div> <div>9:45 - 10:45</div>	<div>Helping Autistic Children Navigate Sound Sensitivity</div> <div>Rae Stout, CCC-A, Doctor of Audiology</div>	<div>Leading Loud: Navigating Life as a Neurodivergent Adult with Power and Purpose</div> <div>Zakiya Mabery</div>	<div>Guides, Not Guards: Balancing Independence and Support for Your Autistic Adult Child</div> <div>Amanda Platner PsyD, ABPP & Gabriela Sherrod PhD</div>	<div>Avoiding Burnout: Parent Self-Care Through the Lens of Behavior Analysis</div> <div>Laine Collins, BCBA, LBA</div>	<div>Sensory Sensitivities: Practical Coping Strategies for Adults</div> <div>Nicole Sanders</div>
<div>10:45 - 11:00</div>	Break & Visit Exhibitors				
<div>Workshops</div> <div>11:00-12:00</div>	<div>Tools & Teammates Together for FUN!</div> <div>Claire Stockman, MME, Ed.S</div>	<div>Teach How They Learn: Designing a Flexible Program</div> <div>Rachel Good, M.Ed., Kaitlin Wilder, BCBA</div>	<div>Charting the Course: A Parent's Guide to Navigating High School and Beyond</div> <div>LaTonya Winfrey, M.Ed., LPSC</div>	<div>Legal Landscape: What You Need to Know</div> <div>John G. Huisman, JD</div>	<div>Money Basics for Life: Managing Your Money: WHEN YOUR MONEY GOES FAR, SO DO YOU.</div> <div>Schiela Peña & Yolanda Hollingsworth</div>
<div>12:00 - 1:30</div>	Lunch - Network - Visit Exhibitors - Silent auction ends at 1:20				
<div>Workshops</div> <div>1:30 - 2:30</div>	<div>Supporting AAC users: A Confidence Guide for Parents/Caregivers and the Support Team</div> <div>Sidney Sherman, M.S., CCC-SLP</div>	<div>Beyond the Mask: Improving Early Identification of Autism in Females</div> <div>Amanda Hardin, PsyD, NCSP</div>	<div>Realistic Tools Parents Can Use to Support Their Autistic Child</div> <div>Cory Cannady, DBH, BCBA, LBA, IBA & Sarena Cambrea BCBA, LBA</div>	<div>Regional Programs for Autistic Adults: Existing and Needed - Panel</div> <div>Billy Worsham, Shannon Hart, & Bobbi Love</div>	<div>Beyond Exhausted: Understanding, Recognizing, and Recovering from Autistic Burnout</div> <div>Christopher J. Quarto, Ph.D., PLLC</div>
<div>2:30 - 2:45</div>	Break & Visit Exhibitors				
<div>Workshops</div> <div>2:45 - 3:45</div>	<div>Enhancing Autonomy: Embracing the Child-Dignified and Whole-Human Approach</div> <div>Kelleen Covington, MS, BCBA, LBA</div>	<div>Bridging the Gap: The Limits of Allistic Understanding and the Reality of Autistic Cognitive Load in Education</div> <div>Stewart Lee MS, PhD (ABD)</div>	<div>Not Autistic Enough: Bridging the Gap</div> <div>Micki Benoit, MA, CCC-SLP</div>	<div>The Other Autism: Parent Discussion on Raising Autistic Children with Co-Occurring Diagnoses.</div> <div>Rachel Hill & Corey Bayless RN</div>	<div>Your Existence is Revolutionary: Redefining Autism Through Late-Diagnosed Autistic Joy</div> <div>Carl A. Frizell, DMSc, MSPAS, PA-C, and Sheen D. Brown, PhD, MSCR</div>

*Note: Presentation times are subject to change. See www.chattanoogaautismcenter.org/conference for more information

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