



6th Annual Autism Conference

Session Description



Breakout Session One: 10:45 am - 12:00 noon

Keynote Q & A – Russell Lehmann

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to ask more in-depth questions to Russell.

Self-Reliance in the Home

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Understanding your Insurance Benefits

An overview of state and federal laws that require insurance companies to cover treatment and services for autism spectrum disorder, and how families can overcome obstacles to access treatment.

Functional Application of Visual Supports

A discussion of the types of visual supports available from simple to complex including token boards, video prompts, video models, apps and the ways they can be used to increase independence, reduce challenging behaviors and support those with ASD.

Working with First Responders

For individuals with developmental disabilities, learning to interact with first responders is critical. Hear what local first responders are doing to be better prepared and what you can do to help.

Breakout Session Two: 1:00-2:15 pm

Parent Discussion Panel

This is a great networking opportunity for parents and professionals. Hear from parents who have children with developmental disabilities, ask questions, and find out resources

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Bullying: Protecting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

How to safeguard, protect, and educate vulnerable individuals.

Breakout Session Three: 2:30–3:45 pm

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Pre-Employment Skills and Barriers

Meet with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation staff for a one on one conversation about what to expect and how to prepare for employment.

Special Education, an Overview

This session will help answer the commonly asked questions of: What is Special Education? What is the evaluation process? What services are provided? What are my rights as a parent?

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