

Speaker Summary: Larry M. Davis, MA, Author, Education Advocate

Larry Davis has been supporting parents through education advocacy; navigating special education, gifted, and behavior issues, since 1998. As one of the leading national education advocates, with expertise in Autism, ADHD/ADD, specific learning disabilities, and behavioral challenges; his extensive experience as a former Special Education Director, Behavior Specialist, Principal, Highly Capable Coordinator, Social Emotional Learning trainer, as well as a K-8 teacher, serves as the foundation for this work. In addition, he is an author of three books and continues to present professional development training on autism, advocacy, including Autism Speaks, Autism Society, University of WA, SENG (Gifted & 2E), and other local organizations.

Session Title: SELFIRST: Shifting the Lens from the Reactive Self to a More Responsive Self

Session Description: The SELFIRST program has been presented at the NW Positive Behavior Conference, SENG Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted, as well as many other local and regional support groups. This topic will also be a significant part of Mr. Davis's newest book that is coming out soon!

One characteristic of the autism profile is hyper sensitivity to energy and the emotions of others. This then presents both a gift and a challenge for living in this world offers a wide range of frequencies from others. "As parents, teachers, staff, and clinicians, as we engage, our very best, a Responsive Self would serve everyone best. To do so, we need to shift from a Reactive Self to a Responsive Self via a more Resilient Self: Simple. But not, for we all are challenged by the human condition and the wiring that goes with this process. – Larry Davis, MA