



Autism National Committee

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More Power to Us: Civil Rights for Autistics

2019 Conference – November 1-2
Holiday Inn Concord Downtown, Concord, New Hampshire

Friday, November 1, 2019

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Announcements
9:15 – 10:15 Ballroom	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What will it take to end mistreatment at the Judge Rotenberg Center?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nancy Weiss, Shain Neumeier, and (by video) Jennifer Msumba</p>
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:30	3 Concurrent Sessions
10:30 - 11:30 Ballroom	<p style="text-align: center;">Get your body moving! Practical exercises for people with sensory and motor issues</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christine King, COTA, and May Chou, OT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This session will be repeated on Saturday.</p>
10:30 - 11:30 State	<p style="text-align: center;">Trans and autistic: A whole world of possibilities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bridget Liang and Noah Adams</p>
10:30 - 11:30 Capitol	<p style="text-align: center;">Primary reflexes and PTSD: Calming the autistic body</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shannon Desilets</p>

11:30 - 12:00	Break and Lunch Set-up
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch in Ballroom
1:00 –2:00 Ballroom	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What’s level got to do with it? Understanding and supporting emotional regulation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amy Laurent and JÂcqÛelyn Fede</p>
2:00 – 2:15	BREAK
2:15 – 3:15	2 Concurrent Sessions
2:15 – 3:15 Ballroom	<p style="text-align: center;">Friendship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zach Rossetti, Lisa Keller, JÂcqÛelyn Fede, Yasmin Arshad, Meaghan Buckley</p>
2:15 – 3:15 Capitol	<p style="text-align: center;">What IS helpful to support people who have significantly challenging behaviors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nancy Weiss, Shain Neumeier, and (by video) Jennifer Msumba</p>
3:15 – 3:45	Break and Snack
3:45 – 4:45	3 Concurrent Sessions
3:45 – 4:45 Ballroom	<p style="text-align: center;">Advocacy Tips from Two Superstars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark Utter and Graciela Lotharius</p>
3:45 – 4:45 S t a t e	<p style="text-align: center;">Thinking about Housing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catherine Boyle</p>
3:45 – 4:45 Capitol	<p style="text-align: center;">Accessing Communication at School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tauna Szymanski</p>
	Dinner on your own



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Saturday, November 2, 2019

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and Announcements
9:10 – 10:15 Ballroom	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keynote</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Artful Activism: Why the how of what we do matters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David James (“DJ”) Savarese</p>
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:30	3 Concurrent Sessions
10:30 – 11:30 Ballroom	<p style="text-align: center;">Introducing CommunicationFIRST: The first national civil rights organization for America's 5 million nonspeakers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tauna Szymanski</p>
10:30 – 11:30 State	<p style="text-align: center;">Gaining control of your Life after PTSD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rob Cutler and Thalia Vitikos</p>

10:30 – 11:30 Capitol	Family - Centered Transition Planning Jay Collins (by video) and Alan Kurtz
11:30 – 12:00 12:00 – 1:00	Break and Lunch Set-up Lunch in Ballroom
Ballroom 1:00 – 2:00	Give the kids a break! For students with complex communication needs, Universal Design for Learning provides stress relief AND equitable access to education Grant Blasko and Michael McSheehan
2:00 – 2:15	Break
2:15 – 3:15	3 Concurrent Sessions
2:15 – 3:15 Ballroom	Everyone has the Right to Communicate Yasmin Arshad, Grant Blasko, Meaghan Buckley Matt Hayes, Graciela Lotharius
2:15 – 3:15 State	Get your body moving! Practical exercises for people with sensory and motor issues Christine King, COTA, and May Chou, OT This session is a repeat of the session on Friday
2:15 – 3:15 Capitol	Bringing Autism to Higher Education Kristofor Medina and Evander Smith
3:15 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 4:30 Ballroom	THE LAST WORD by Autistic Board Members and Presenters