

2012 Conference

17th Annual Minnesota Autism Conference

April 25 - 28, 2012

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Evening Presentations

Bringing science into the community: A new system of healthcare delivery for individuals with autism spectrum disorder

Research shows the critical role of early diagnosis and intervention in mitigating the symptoms of autism. But how do we provide the proper screening tools for physicians to detect ASD in infants and toddlers? See the ground-breaking data on early diagnostic indicators gained through eye-tracking-based behavioral surveys that quantify the social disabilities in autism. These results were used to generate "growth charts" of normal social engagement, and the deviations were used as early indicators of risk. This effort is developing objectified and quantified tools for the detection of autism in infancy; tools that can be used in primary care and pediatricians' offices. Discover the ways in which the landscape of early detection and intervention is being redefined through full integration of primary care physicians and healthcare providers.



Wednesday, April 25,
7:00 - 9:00pm

Ami Klin, PhD is Professor and Chief of the Division of Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Emory University School of Medicine, Director of the Marcus Autism Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar. He obtained his PhD from the University of London, and completed clinical and research post-doctoral fellowships at the Yale Child Study Center. He directed the Autism Program at the Yale Child Study Center until 2010, where he was the Harris Professor of Child Psychology & Psychiatry. The Marcus Autism Center is one of the largest centers of clinical care in the country, providing a broad range of diagnostic and treatment services, and is now growing a comprehensive interdisciplinary program of research in clinical science. See full bio at www.ausm.org.

Effective Strategies for Daily Success on the Autism Spectrum

Join us and learn the evidenced based, state-of-the-art strategies that have been proven effective when working with individuals across the autism spectrum. We will focus on teaching specific skills, developing reinforcement systems to enhance motivation and the concepts of maintenance and generalization. A step-by-step demonstration will be presented using real life examples. Explore new modifications that allow these particular strategies to be effective with students significantly challenged with autism, as well as those with Asperger Syndrome. Because of the practical nature of this presentation, bring your questions for a problem-solving session to close out this innovative workshop.

Thursday, April 26,
7:00 - 9:00pm



Dr. James Ball, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral, is the President/Chief Executive Officer of JB Autism Consulting. He has been in the field of autism for over twenty-five years providing preschool, educational, residential, and employment services to children and adults affected by autism. He is also the Director of Clinical Services for New York Families of Autistic Children (NYFAC), a private not-for-profit organization providing support and training for children and families in New York City. He provides private consultation to organizations, schools and families regarding training, home support services, classroom design/support and behavior management/assessment. Ball has lectured on early intervention, inclusion, functional behavior assessment, social skills training, behavior management, direct instruction, sensory issues and accountability. He authored the book, *Early Intervention and Autism: Real-life Questions, Real-life Answers*.

Join us in Scaling the Summit™

The 17th annual MN Autism Conference reminds us that we never do this alone. Just as seasoned mountain climbers rely on training, gear, knowledge and guides, we too need the tools, guidance and the expertise of others to reach our personal summits.

Autism is a puzzle that takes many hands to solve. But when we work together and pool our resources we find that the careful, well-executed climb results in remarkable success. And like any gifted climber, we keep looking for the next ascent to master. But it's always a good idea to take a moment to breathe, see what's around you and enjoy the view. Scale the Summit with us!

Conference Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday Evening, 7:00 to 9:00

Keynote Address

Thursday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Concurrent Keynotes

Thursday Evening, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Keynote Address

Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Keynote plus 3 breakout sessions

Saturday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

ALL NEW! Choose from three tracks designed for you!

At this conference you'll have the opportunity to learn, network, share and have some fun. We've got the information you need plus these great community resources:

Bookstore

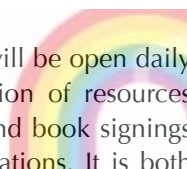
The AuSM Bookstore will be open daily offering a wide selection of resources on ASD. Speakers attend book signings following their presentations. It is both an educational service and a fundraiser for AuSM. Don't miss exclusive discounts and promotions for conference goers!

Exhibitor Booths

Over 70 vendors with community services and products for individuals with ASD and their families will be part of the conference. For information about exhibit space, visit www.ausm.org

Funding Support

Support is provided by the Minnesota Department of Education.



Thursday Day-Time Concurrent Sessions April 26, 2011 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Beyond Meltdowns and Shutdowns: Effectively Manage Social Ups and Downs

In this interactive presentation, Laurel Falvo uses her Social Response Pyramid™ (a great visual representation of social understanding) to provide a variety of practical strategies for helping ourselves and others be socially effective. Attendees will be able to describe various social contexts, and how they affect social interactions, as well as the effect that ASD may have on school, home and community environments.

Attendees will be able to demonstrate how the Pyramid provides a framework for understanding which resources (including current popular teaching strategies, books and DVDs) may be most helpful for a variety of situations. This is a practical presentation that will provide a new understanding and appreciation for those with ASD, as well as tools to use immediately at home or in the classroom, with both children and adults!

Learn exactly how to affect this process, and gain an array of tools to help yourself and your students grow personally and interpersonally.

Laurel Falvo, CFLE (Certified Family Life Educator) is the Executive Director of The Gray Center and a registered Social Service Technician. In addition to her work with the Gray Center, for ten years Laurel was associated with Early On of Kent County, serving on the Local Inter-Agency Coordinating Council. She has more recently become a CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for children who have been abused and neglected. Previously, she taught first grade. Her educational tool, The Social Response Pyramid(TM), is being widely used to promote social understanding and social effectiveness, and she has written several books on ASD.



Building a Life Skills Tool Kit: Preparing Adolescents on the Spectrum for Adult Life

Attend this presentation and walk away with a workable blueprint to guide your child/student through their own life plan, beginning in middle school. Issues such as vocational/educational planning, including career counseling and guidance will be discussed. An examination of the laws pertaining to education and work for the disabled adult will be conducted along with methods of teaching adolescents with ASD self-advocacy skills in academic, work and social settings. How to teach decision making, life planning and social interaction skills appropriate to academic, work and dating situations will be covered. Topics also include: teaching empathy skills and how to take someone else's perspective, how to teach the reading and expression of facial expressions and body language, how to convey an understanding of one's own sexuality, what is appropriate sexual behavior, birth control and safe sex, how to ask someone out on a date, dos and don'ts on a date, dating communication and when to pursue a romantic relationship. Join us for this hands-on presentation and leave with the essential tools to empower any young adult with ASD to craft their own life-skills tool kit.



Kevin T. Blake, PhD, PLC, graduated with honors with a Master of Science in Community Counseling from the Department of Applied Behavioral Studies in Education. In 1989, he earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology. Prior to completing his doctorate, he completed a one-year pre-doctoral internship at the University of Arizona's, Student Counseling Center. In the early 1990s he began independent practice in Tucson, Arizona specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of adults with learning disorders, including ASD.

Friday Day-Time Keynote

April 27, 2012 9:00 to 10:30 am

Culture, Diversity and Identifying Autism

This session will share practical strategies, thoughts, and experiences for the autism spectrum disorder (ASD) diagnostic evaluation process when working with culturally diverse and other under represented groups. Esler, from the University of Minnesota, will share the state of the research on culture and ASD, as well as experiences, lessons learned, and lessons-in-progress related to working with diverse families at the Autism Spectrum and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Program at the University of Minnesota.



Dr. Amy Esler is a Licensed Psychologist in the Autism Spectrum and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Program at the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital, an assistant professor in the Pediatric Clinical Neuroscience department of the University of Minnesota and faculty in the Minnesota Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program. She specializes in diagnostic assessment of individuals on the autism spectrum from infancy to adulthood. She is involved in research on early risk markers, diagnosis and treatment of children under age three, as well as a study to estimate prevalence of ASD in the city of Minneapolis, with a special focus on whether children of Somali descent have a higher rate of ASD. Esler provides intervention services, including cognitive behavioral therapy for teens and adults, social skills groups for school-age children, and individualized consultation for newly diagnosed families.

Conference Saturday is ALL NEW and designed for you. Three tailored options! April 28, 2012

The Great Autism Get-Together

April 28, 2012 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Activities Fair: Bring the whole family!

It's not easy to make learning fun; just ask your child's teacher. But on this day, we're doing just that. While you attend the educational sessions that you need to parent your extraordinary child, local vendors will provide the fun activities your family loves. With special BOGO pricing (one adult gets in free) and free admission for children under 12, we've designed the perfect day to celebrate the end of Autism Awareness month. Get all the **details you need about the information you crave online.**

Track 101: Access to the Great Autism Get-Together, plus two breakout sessions. BOGO pricing for adults and kids (under 12) get in FREE (buy one get one rate includes two lunches, additional lunches cost \$10). All children must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult.

Technology Workshop

April 28, 2012 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

iPad, Apps and Autism

The iPod touch, iPhone and iPad provide a wealth of possibilities for everyone. Many individuals with autism spectrum disorder present unique learning styles and preferences. This presentation will demonstrate how the iPad and its many applications can make a difference for those with ASD. The presentation will cover apps for communication, organization, planning, story

telling, reading/writing, behavioral support and much more. Participants will learn how these solutions can make a huge impact on the lives and learning of individuals with ASD. At the end of the session, participants will have a better understanding of apps, device management and available accessories. You will also discover the most promising apps available today.

Mark Coppin, Masters in Education Media Design and Technology, has 25 years of experience working in various capacities at the Anne Carlsen Center in Jamestown, ND. He began as a special education instructor, served four years as director of summer programming and two years as interim director of educational services. In 1992 he became Director of Assistive Technology and Director of IT, where he coordinated the provision of assistive technology services for the Center. He is also a member of the outreach technology team, which provides evaluations and consultation services.

Track 102: Access to workshop. Lunch included.

Adults on the Spectrum

April 28, 2012 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Gifts of Autism

Especially for adults and youth on the autism spectrum. Meet the AuSM Mental Health team and ask your questions. Bring your interests and passions to share at the expertise swap and finish off the day with a networking lunch. Activities facilitated by Dr. Barb Luskin, PhD, LP.

Track 103: Access to all networking events and Q&A session. Lunch included.

Conference Breakout Schedule

Friday, April 27

Session I 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, 5 options
Session II, 1:00 to 2:00 pm, 5 options
Session III, 2:30 to 3:30 pm, 5 options

Saturday, April 28

Session I: 10:00 to 11:00 am, 4 options
Session II: 11:15 am to 12:15 pm, 4 options

For full breakout descriptions and biographies of the presenters, please visit www.ausm.org.

2012 Minnesota Autism Conference Registration Form

complete both pages

Participant Information

Name (First, Last) _____ Member # _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (required) _____ Daytime Phone _____

Selections (check all presentations you wish to attend)

visit www.ausm.org for more conference details

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Evening, April 25, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Bringing Science into the Community with Ami Klin | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Evening, April 26, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Effective Strategies with James Ball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Day-Time, April 26, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
<small>(Choose ONE topic/speaker)</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> Beyond Meltdowns & Shutdowns with Laurel Falvo
<input type="checkbox"/> Building a Life Skills Toolkit with Kevin T. Blake | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Day-Time, April 27, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Culture, Diversity & Identifying Autism with Amy Esler, plus breakouts
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Technology Workshop with Mark Coppin OR
The Great Autism Get-Together OR Gifts of Autism |

Registration Fees (daily rates do NOT include evening presentations)

NonMembers	
Regular (register by April 11)	\$135 per day
Late (after April 11 or onsite)	\$130 per day
AuSM Members	
Regular (register by April 11)	\$105 per day
Late (after April 11 or onsite)	\$160 per day
Individual with ASD	\$20 per day
Add-Ons:	
NonMember Evening	\$50 per night
AuSM Member Evening	\$40 per night
Individual with ASD Evening	\$10 per night
Saturday Special	\$40 all day
<small>(buy one, get one free, children (under 12) free, plus two lunches)</small>	
<small>indicate total of additional lunches needed \$ _____ (\$10 each)</small>	
Number of Day-Time	# _____
Times your rate	\$ _____
Plus your Add-Ons	\$ _____
Plus membership dues	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

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- YES! I want to join AuSM and take advantage of reduced rates all year long.**
 For other membership benefits and information, visit www.ausm.org or call 651.647.1083.

Membership Categories

- \$50.... Individual
- \$75.... Family
- \$10.... Individual with ASD
- \$150.. Agency: Nonprofit
- \$300.. Corporation: For profit

Registration Policies

Lunch is included in your day-time fee. BOGO rate applies to Saturday ONLY!

Registrations will not be accepted without payment or purchase order. Confirmations will be sent via email by 4/18/12. Please include your email address on this registration form.

All cancellations must be called into the AuSM office by 4/16/12. No refunds will be given after this date. All cancellations are assessed a \$25.00 fee.

Special volunteer rates are available! Contact the Conference Coordinator at events@ausm.org or 651.647.1083, x19 for details.

2012 Minnesota Autism Conference Registration Form (cont.)

Payment Information

- Check (payable to AuSM) Purchase Order (attached to this form)
 Please bill my credit card (Visa, M/C or Discover)

Credit card number _____

Expiration date _____ V-code (on back of card) _____

Name (on card) _____

Billing Address _____

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Cardholder signature _____

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Contact Information (name, phone) if there are issues with this order _____

Register Now!

See you there!



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Conference location

Double Tree Park Place Hotel

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Special conference room rate

\$112.00 plus tax for single or double rooms
 This offer is available until 4/16/12
 Please reference the 2012 Autism Conference when making reservations

Call the hotel at: **800-245-9190** for reservations

or book through AuSM's online registration

Go to **www.ausm.org**

Certificates of Attendance

Conference attendees will be issued certificates at this conference.

All workshops include handouts as part of your registration fee.