19TH ANNUAL

AUTISM CONFERENCE

JANUARY 27 - 29, 2027 | FANTASYLAND HOTEL | EDMONTON

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

CELEBRATING AUTISTIC VOICES & LEADERSHIP IN AUTISM

CHILDREN'S Autism Services



At the heart of Building Brighter Futures is the belief that every Autistic voice has the power to shape a more inclusive tomorrow. Over three inspiring days, you'll hear from leading experts, self-advocates, and changemakers sharing practical tools, fresh perspectives, and stories that spark meaningful action.

This is your opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate leadership in autism, as we work together to create brighter futures for every child, family, and community

Bringing together leading voices in autism, neurodiversity, mental health, and emotional regulation.

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SCHEDULE

Hosted by
Seanna Collins



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast & Registration
9:00am - 10:30am	Opening Remarks & Keynote Jennifer Cook - Love, Friendship & Connection: Seeing Relationships Through a Different Lens
10:30am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Terri Duncan - Beyond Behaviour: The Power of Emotional Regulation
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch



Jennifer Cook



Terri Duncan

Concurrent Sessions

1:00pm - 2:30pm	Hannah Belcher - Missed and Delayed Diagnosis in Women and Girls (Virtual)
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Tamara Sorenson Duncan & Jacquie Ballentine - Linguistics & Communication Beyond Words
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Break



Hannah Belcher



Tamara Sorenson Duncan

Concurrent Sessions

3:00pm - 4:30pm	Jolene Morin - From Shame to Gain: Indigenous Perspectives
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Terri Duncan - Practical Classroom Strategies



Jacquie Ballantine



Jolene Morin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast & Registration
9:00am - 10:30am	Opening Remarks & Keynote Kaelynn Partlow from Netflix's Love on the Spectrum - Real Stories, Authentic Voices, Celebrating Life on the Spectrum
10:30am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Hannah Belcher - Mental Health and Self-Understanding (Virtual)
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch


Kaelynn Partlow


Hannah Belcher

Concurrent Sessions

1:00pm - 2:30pm	Damon Bryan - Finding Our Nature: Regulation, Connection, and Neurodivergent Experiences Outdoors
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Meta van den Heuvel - Feeding Difficulties Beyond the Plate
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Break


Damon Bryan


Meta van den Heuvel

Concurrent Sessions

3:00pm - 4:30pm	Tyson Kerr from the Sarah McLachlan School of Music - More Than Music
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Amanda Ebert-Paterson - Physical Activity & Autism: Moving Beyond the Barriers


Tyson Kerr


Amanda Ebert-Paterson

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast & Registration
9:00am - 10:30am	Opening Remarks & Keynote Pearl Yellow Old Woman-Healy - Navigating Autism Through an Indigenous Caregiver Experience
10:30am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Ros Blackburn - Personal Journey & Regulation
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Closing Keynote Lisa K. Boehm - Navigating Change & Caregiver Burnout: Now What?
3:00pm	Closing Remarks







> *The conference was amazing. I am so thrilled that I had the opportunity to participate as a parent. The speakers were all fantastic with great energy. I appreciated the variety of content and topics that looked at autism with such an affirming and inclusive lens. It gave me refreshed hope and appreciation for my son's abilities, as well as greater confidence and pride in my abilities as his parent and advocate.*

> *I really appreciated this event. It was a great opportunity for professional development and to better understand Autism and the ecosystem. There are passionate people in all areas working on research, education, and compassionate care to improve the quality of life for those with autism and their communities.*



Join Us Your Way - In Person or Virtually

- Full Access Pass – In-Person: January 27 - 29 $685
- Full Access Pass – Virtual: January 27 - 29 $195
- 1 Day Experience – In-Person: January 27, 28, or 29 $325
- Train Your School/ Group – Virtual: January 27 -29 $795

Special Offer for Schools: 3 Days of Access Plus 3 Months of Speaker Videos

For virtual school groups, we're offering a special deal - three days of access, plus three months of post-conference access to **most** speaker videos. It's a perfect opportunity to share resources with your entire team and access content as needed. (Look for the Train Your School/ Group on the registration site).

Questions? Please Reach Out

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