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
10:30am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Terri Duncan
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch

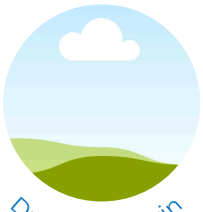




Concurrent Sessions

1:00pm - 2:30pm	Hannah Belcher - Missed and Delayed Diagnosis in Women and Girls (Virtual)
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Terri Duncan - Emotional Regulation Workshop
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Break





Concurrent Sessions

3:00pm - 4:00pm	Jolene Morin - From Shame to Gain: Indigenous Perspectives
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Tamara Sorenson Duncan & Jacquie Ballentine - Linguistics & Communication Beyond Words: Exploring How Communication Creates Connection and Understanding
4:00pm	Closing Remarks

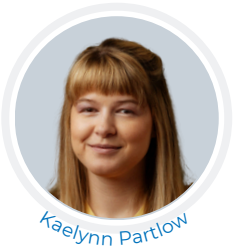




THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30am - 9:00am Breakfast & Registration

9:00am - 10:30am Opening Remarks & Keynote
Kaelynn Partlow - Love on the Spectrum: Real Stories, Authentic Voices, Celebrating Life on the Spectrum.


Kaelynn Partlow

10:30am - 11:00am Break

11:00am - 12:00pm Hannah Belcher - Mental Health and Self-Understanding (Virtual)


Hannah Belcher

12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch

Concurrent Sessions

1:00pm - 2:30pm Damon Bryan - Nature and Neurodivergent Experiences


Damon Bryan

Meta van den Heuvel - Feeding Difficulties Beyond the Plate: Understanding Feeding through a Compassionate Lens


Meta van den Heuvel

2:30pm - 3:00pm Break

Concurrent Sessions

3:00pm - 4:00pm Tyson Kerr - More Than Music: How Musical Expression Can Support Regulation and Open New Pathways for Autistic Individuals


Tyson Kerr

3:00pm - 4:00pm Amanda Ebert-Paterson - Physical Activity & Autism: Moving Beyond the Barriers


Amanda Paterson

4:00pm Closing Remarks

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast & Registration
9:00am - 10:30am	Opening Remarks & Keynote Pearl Yellow Old Woman-Healy - Parenting & Indigenous Support: A Journey of Parenting, Culture, and the Strength of Community
10:30am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Ros Blackburn - Personal Journey & Regulation. Lived Experience. Honest Insights. A Deeper Understanding of Autism and Regulation.
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm - 3:30pm	Closing Keynote Lisa K. Boehm - Navigating Change & Caregiver Burnout: Now What?
3:30pm	Closing Remarks









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- Full Access Pass – In-Person: January 28 - 30 $685
- Full Access Pass – Virtual: January 28 - 30 $195
- 1 Day Experience – In-Person: January 27, 28, or 29 $325
- Train Your School/Group – Virtual: January 28 -30 $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 all 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).

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