

WELCOME
to the 11th Annual
Lighting the Way Conference
Autism Spectrum Disorders in Our Community
Solutions for Success: Diagnosis through Adulthood

Credits

Must sign-up by noon on Thursday to receive credits

DOE, Speech/Language, Social Work, and Counseling CEUs available at no cost.

Graduate credit available for an additional fee.

Certificates will be available in Froiland Science Complex Lobby after the final session of the conference.

Handouts for Presentation

Keynote presentation handouts can be found in your conference folder. Breakout session presenters have been encouraged to provide handouts, as well as make them available online at <http://www.augie.edu/lighting-way>

Conference Breakout Session Strands

To meet the needs of our diverse conference audience and stakeholders, the LTW Planning Committee is committed to providing opportunities for learning including the following strands: Supporting Families, Best Practices in Education, Health and Wellness, and Transitions Across the Lifespan. We hope you find valuable information throughout the two-day conference.

Book Drawings

Book drawings will take place each morning during the keynote sessions. All registered conference attendees will be automatically entered in the drawing, must be present to win. Thank you to the Augustana University Council for Exceptional Children for providing these books.

Dietary Requests

Please notify a conference committee member of your dietary needs. Your requests will be shared with Catering Staff, so they can provide you with the appropriate meal. Lunch is complimentary with conference registration.

Evaluations

Conference evaluations are included in your folder. Your input is very important for planning future conferences. Please submit your evaluation forms following the final session to the Room Host or in the boxes located near the exit.

Lighting the Way Autism Walk

Saturday, June 16th from 9AM - 11AM, Augustana University Campus Commons Circle

The focus of the Lighting the Way Autism Walk is to raise awareness and connect families with each other and local resources. For more information contact Julie Ashworth at 605-929-0031

Campus Information

Augustana University is a smoke free campus.

For Wi-Fi connection, use Campus Guest

Campus Tours are available upon request. Please notify the Host Table if you are interested.

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CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

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ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Ross Greene is the New York Times bestselling author of the influential books *The Explosive Child*, *Lost at School*, *Lost and Found*, and *Raising Human Beings*. Dr. Greene is the originator of the model of care described in those books, now called Collaborative & Proactive Solutions (CPS). Dr. Greene was on the faculty at Harvard Medical School for over 20 years, and is now founding director of the non-profit Lives in the Balance, which provides a vast array of free, web-based resources on the CPS model. He has appeared in a wide range of media, including The Oprah Show, Good Morning America, The Morning Show, National Public Radio, Mother Jones magazine, The Atlantic, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, and the Boston Globe. Dr. Greene lectures and consults widely throughout the world and lives in Portland, Maine.



Dr. Patrick Schwarz is a dynamic and engaging professor, author, motivational speaker and leader in Education (Inclusive Education, Special Education, General Education, Educational Leadership) and Human Services. He is the CEO of Creative Culture Consulting LLC and Professor Emeritus at National Louis University, Chicago. He is the author of *From Disability to Possibility™*, *You're Welcome* (with Dr. Paula Kluth), *Just Give Him the Whale* (with Dr. Paula Kluth) and *Pedro's Whale* (with Dr. Paula Kluth). His latest book is *From Possibility to Success*.

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Keynote Presenter

Dr. Ross Greene— Collaborative & Proactive Solutions: Fostering the Better Side of Human Nature in Schools and Families

Dr. Greene's Collaborative & Proactive Solutions model has historically been applied primarily to kids with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges. But it's just as applicable to all kids...especially if caregivers are interested in teaching the skills that foster the better side of human nature.

10:00AM - 10:30AM— Student Street

Networking Break / Snacks

Dr. Ross Greene will be available for book signing

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10:30AM - 12:00PM— Edith Mortenson Center Theatre

Keynote Presenter

Dr. Ross Greene— Assessment Shift: Identifying Lagging Skills and Unsolved Problems

Implementing the Collaborative & Proactive Solutions model involves some big shifts, and one of them involves assessment practices. While a lot of assessment practices in schools (and everywhere else) are focused on a child's challenging behavior, the CPS model is focused instead on lagging skills and unsolved problems. Fortunately, there's an instrument to help caregivers do that, and Dr. Greene will teach you how to use it in this breakout session.

12:00PM - 1:00PM— Morrison Commons Dining Room

Complimentary Lunch w/ Networking
Teen Tones Band Performance
Books on sale

*Augustana University Credit Registration will be available at this time in the Commons Dining Room.
This is the last opportunity to register for credit.*

1:00PM - 2:30PM— Froiland Science Complex / Edith Mortenson Center Theatre

Breakout Sessions

Edith Mortenson Center Theatre

Dr. Ross Greene— Plan B: Shifting from Modifying Behavior to Solving Problems

Here's the second big shift involved in implementing the Collaborative & Proactive Solutions model: instead of modifying behavior, caregivers are focused on solving the problems that are causing that behavior. Dr. Greene will teach participants as much as he can about how to do that in this group.

Froiland Science Complex 113A

Dr. Kathleen Cook— Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA): Dispelling the Myths (repeat of session Thursday 2:45-4:15 PM)

In this session, Dr. Cook will discuss some of the myths surrounding ABA and explain basic principles of ABA. Participants will also learn what parents should expect from ABA therapy and how ABA can be used in the classroom.

Froiland Science Complex 113B

Lisa Bannwarth— *Your Autism Journey: The First Steps After Diagnosis* (repeat of session Thursday 2:45-4:15 PM)

Learning that your child or loved one has a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder can come with a lot of emotions; scared, overwhelmed, hopeful, relieved, or sad may be some of them. Whatever your emotions are, having a network and community to get information and ask questions is crucial. This session will provide you with information on the basics of ASD, the first steps to take following a diagnosis, and provide you with resources as you make a roadmap for your journey. We will discuss timelines, treatments and services, and tools you may need as a caregiver or service provider to help be your child's best advocate.

Froiland Science Complex 114

Dr. Ginger Raabe— *Show Me the Data! A Series of Outcome Analyses for Learners Enrolled in Applied Behavior Analysis Services*

With insurance based funding and the medical necessity model, learners can now access increased behavior analytic services throughout the home, community and school based settings. With this increased funding, there is also now an increased need for behavior analytic providers to conduct outcome analyses on the services provided so as to justify continued and hopefully increased funding by these new payors. This presentation will present recent outcome analyses that were conducted across various types of learners across various settings. The discussion will focus on outcomes that can be expected for parents and providers, while highlighting the components of the services that may have contributed to the outcomes achieved.

Froiland Science Complex 116

Scott Swier— *Essential Estate Planning Tips For Families Who Have A Child With Autism*

Raising a child is challenging. However, for a family with a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, concerns about that child's future are magnified. Some children with autism will have a higher degree of independence, while others will need special care for a lifetime. Planning for the future when you have a child with autism can be difficult. However, if you take a strategic approach, you can pave the way toward a successful life for your child. During this session, Scott will address 12 essential estate planning tips for families with a child with autism.

2:30PM - 2:45PM— Froiland Science Complex Lobby

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Froiland Science Complex 114 (repeat of session Friday 3:00-4:30 PM)

Alex Schema & Heather Hewitt— Feeding and Mealtime Challenges: Tips for Success

Feeding and mealtimes can be stressful for all families, but especially families with children on the spectrum, who may struggle significantly with food texture challenges, aversions, and mealtime routines. Learn tips for how to try to make meal time more successful, how to encourage and support food exploration via sensory strategies, and family-based interventions. Information about how the sensory system impacts feeding and meals will be provided, when to seek help, in addition to ideas for easing stress.

Froiland Science Complex 116

Kristina Gindo— Caring For The Caregiver: Music For Healing and Unwinding

Time to relax and unwind! In this session, caregivers will be provided the opportunity to experience music imagery relaxation led by Kristina Gindo, Board Certified Music Therapist. Kristina will provide relaxing experiences with harp, guitar and other calming music. Thinking creatively is an important skill for working with all people since perspectives and personalities differ. During this session Kristina will lead music therapy interventions which allow participants to listen and reflect as well as practice creativity with fresh perspectives through the power of music.

Froiland Science Complex 374

Panel Facilitated by Vicki Kerkvliet— Employer and Employee Perspectives

Representatives from businesses and employees with disabilities will share their experiences in a panel discussion. Join Jake Koob and Jamie Riesberg with Fareway Meat & Grocery, Glen Elder and William Cool with SODEXO, John McHale and Julie Briggs with South Dakota Special Olympics, Wendy Parent-Johnson and Ryan Bartz with the Center for Disabilities Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota, and Shawn Nesseim with Orthotic & Prosthetic Specialties. Vicki Kerkvliet, Executive Director of Business Resource Network, will facilitate the conversation.

Froiland Science Complex 374 (repeat of session Friday 3:00-4:30 PM)

Bobbi Jo Leggett— Coping With Life's Changes

Learn how to cope with life changes by understanding how stress can affect you and those around you. Learn ways to reduce stress and untwist your thought process.

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8:30AM - 10:00AM— Edith Mortenson Center Theatre

Keynote Presenter

Dr. Patrick Schwarz— *From Disability to Possibility*

Using real life stories — from womb to tomb — of individuals with possibilities, Dr. Patrick Schwarz will illustrate what supports are successful and what else is needed for effectiveness in education and human services for all people. These compelling examples will motivate participants to re-imagine and support individuals in new and inventive ways. Be prepared for something fun and different!

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Dr. Patrick Schwarz— *Just Give Him the Whale*

Considering the fascinations, passions and interest areas of learners, powerful new ways of viewing these areas as positive teaching tools that calm, motivate and improve learning will be illustrated. Using authentic student examples, participants will discover how to make the most of fascinations, passions and interest areas to help learners they support. Areas included will be learning standards-based academic content, developing social connections, minimizing anxiety, boosting literacy learning and mathematics skills, expanding communication skills and much more!

12:15PM - 1:15PM— Morrison Commons Dining Room

Complimentary Lunch
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1:15PM - 2:45PM— Froiland Science Complex / Edith Mortenson Center Theatre

Breakout Sessions

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Dr. Patrick Schwarz— *Collaboration: Teambuilding, Active Listening and Problem-Solving*

Collaborative schools utilize processes to promote successful instructional teams with all members actively involved. Tools for success include teambuilding, active listening and problem-solving. In this dynamic workshop, participants will learn about each of these processes and interactive application exercises will illustrate how they can be applied to participants' own schools and individual learning situations.

Froiland Science Complex 113A

Elaine Roberts & Brenda Smith— *Creating A Vision and Planning the Journey to a Good Life*

(repeat of session Friday 3:00-4:30 PM)

Everyone wants a good life and defines their good life in their own way. Forming a vision, as well as planning for the present and future, helps students plot a trajectory for a full, inclusive, quality community life. This interactive session will focus on *The Trajectory* and *Integrated Supports Star*, tools to help everyone of all ages - from the very young child to an adult or somewhere in between – think differently, plan, support, and explore life experiences for their journey that point their *trajectory* in the direction *a good life*. This session is for educators and anyone who interacts with individuals and families at any age and stage of life.

Froiland Science Complex 113B

Dr. David Ermer— *Psychiatric Medications in Autism*

Describe use of psychiatric medications in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Including evaluation before medication use, benefits, side effects and realistic expectations.

Froiland Science Complex 114

Denita Dinger— *The Missed Needs in Misbehaviors*

Children communicate their needs in many ways. One such way is through their behavior. The problem is, we tend to look at the child and wonder what is wrong with them when mis-behaviors arise. This workshop will reflect on the importance of stepping back and looking at what WE have MISSED. What needs does this child have that have been missed? What did I miss when setting the environment? What did I miss when setting my expectations? How can I better meet the needs of this child? Ideas will be shared for creating environments that are rich with a variety of sensory opportunities, as well as techniques for making sure your reactions have a positive effect on the environment as well.

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Kristina Gindo— *Using Music To Assist Everyday Needs*

Music Empowers! We all know music is impactful to our human souls. Research shows that music can enable the human brain and body toward lasting powerful change. But how can we use music to teach transitioning skills, social skills, thinking skills, communication skills and coping skills? How can we use music as help for everyday challenges? Kristina Gindo, Board Certified Music Therapist will provide easy and clinically-proven strategies on how to utilize music to address needs that individuals with autism exhibit. Kristina will also offer practical ideas on how to utilize music to meet the specific challenges that someone with autism may face. During this session, topics will include learning how to incorporate social story songs, prescriptive songs, how to create your own transition songs and use musical social stories. Also included different types of coping songs and strategies. Ideas to include in conversations with individuals with ASD during a crisis. Five original songs created for the unique needs and strengths of people diagnosed with ASD will be given to participants. Resources will be available for instructors regarding using music to help young adults in transition from high school and beyond at the Music Therapy Empowers booth.

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Froiland Science Complex 113B

Carla Miller & Paula Souhrada— *When the School Calls: Addressing Responses to Behavioral Challenges*

More and more parents report getting calls to come get their child who has misbehaved at school. This session will include information on strategies for parents to use when addressing concerns for their child's behavior at school. Information will be provided about levels of support from how districts handle general behavior of all students to options for individualizing supports for when a student needs more.

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Rhonda Erickson— Let's Talk About the Basics: SSI, SSDI, and ABLA Accounts

This session will provide information about Social Security Disability benefits that will help the audience to understand the difference between SSI and SSDI, Medicare and Medicaid and how work affects all of these benefits. The session will give an introduction to ABLA Accounts.

Froiland Science Complex 374

Dr. Alex Kloth— Research Highlights from Sensorimotor Research in Autism

Issues with sensorimotor research are well documented in patients with autism, and neurobiologists are working to uncover the brain circuitry involved to better understand this component of autism as well as potential avenues for therapy. This talk will highlight research in sensorimotor function in autism, focus a bit on the research that Dr. Kloth is starting up at Augustana in this area, and look forward to how this research can better inform autism and autism treatment

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PRESENTER INFORMATION

Lisa Bannwarth, Ed.S., NCSP, is a school psychologist and owner of Insight Educational Services. She has worked with children and adults with developmental disabilities for 10 years, in settings such as pre-schools, daycares, public schools, group homes, and residential facilities. Ms. Bannwarth has also been the lead psychologist in a multidisciplinary diagnostic autism spectrum disorder clinic and led trainings with teachers and professionals around the state. Ms. Bannwarth lives in Sioux Falls, SD with her husband and two daughters.

Dr. Kathleen Cook joined the faculty in the Education Department at Augustana University in August 2015. She completed her PhD in Special Education with an emphasis in autism spectrum disorders and applied behavior analysis from the University of Georgia. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst at the Doctoral level (BCBA-D).

Denita Dinger is the voice of Play Counts, as well as the owner of Kaleidoscope Play School. She spends her time split between operating her play school and defending play by speaking at early childhood professional conferences across the US and Canada. She has co-authored three books on the topic of the necessity of play.

Rhonda Erickson is a certified Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Benefit Specialist for Black Hills Special Services Cooperative. She has been in the Human Service Field for 22 years with the last 5 of those years spent as a Benefits Specialist. Her interest in Social Security Disability benefits began while working as Vocational Director for a Community Support Provider agency and received notice of a LARGE overpayment due back to SSA. It was in this instance that she learned just how impossible security benefits were to understand. Rhonda is now proficient in the processes and documentation required by social security and will present simple, easy to understand information during her unquestionably fun session!

Dr. David Ermer is a child and adolescent psychiatrist with Sanford Psychiatry. He also works at LifeScope, Center for Disabilities, and Children's Home Society. Dr. Ermer is on faculty at Sanford USD School of Medicine as an associate professor. He attended medical school at UNMC Nebraska and completed his residency at University of Kansas.

Kristina Gindo graduated in 2012 from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy. Before moving to South Dakota, she worked with adults with developmental disabilities at Village Northwest Unlimited for two years. She opened her own practice, Music Therapy Empowers LLC, in 2014 in Brookings. Kristina has a deep passion for "empowering change through the power of music" in the lives of children and adults with autism. She uses her music and psychology expertise throughout her sessions in positive, practical and influential ways. Working with children in her clinic and area group home facilities, she believes every person has the ability to create, enjoy and use music to be the best they can be!

Heather Hewitt, M.S. CCC-SLP graduated from Augustana University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has been a Speech-Language Pathologist at LifeScope since 2012. Her focus of services has been in augmentative and alternative communication and feeding/swallowing therapy with individuals with complex communication needs and autism. She has provided training in Aided Language Stimulation and has specialized in S.O.S. feeding therapy and Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation. Heather is currently the South Dakota representative for the American Speech Language Hearing Association's advisory council.

Vicki Kerkvliet is the Executive Director of Business Resource Network. The mission of Business Resource Network is to provide businesses with education, awareness, and resources to promote the successful employment of people with disabilities. Vicki has a B.A. in Religion, with a minor in Psychology from Augustana University. She has worked in the field of disabilities for 26 years striving for full inclusion of people with disabilities in employment, community living, and all aspects of society.

Dr. Alex Kloth is a neurobiology and Assistant Professor of Biology at Augustana University. He received his Ph.D. in 2014 from Princeton University, where he studied the function of the cerebellum in autism mouse models. Before starting at Augustana in Fall 2017, he did postdoctoral research on Angelman syndrome and Pitt-Hopkins syndrome at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Bobbie Jo Leggett is the State Program Director of CAREgivers by A.G. in Sioux Falls. She is a mother of 3 children two older daughters ages 20 and 18 and a 3 year old son who has cerebral palsy. She advocated to have the CAREgivers program to offer a menu of evidenced-based programs for family caregivers. The CAREgivers program helps people identify themselves as a caregiver and offers programs such as stress reducing classes for family caregivers, Caregiver Case Manager, First Steps Advanced Planning, AMP and other programs. She attended the University of Phoenix receiving her Associates in Psychology and Bachelors in Communications.

Carla Miller is the Executive Director of South Dakota Parent Connection. Prior to joining SDPC, she taught in the teacher prep program at Dakota State University. Carla's background includes teaching special education, serving as an outreach educator, early childhood administrator and autism team leader within school district settings as well as special programs. She has many years of experience working with individuals with autism and other disorders that put them at risk for challenging behaviors.

Dr. Ginger Raabe, BCBA-D is a Behavior Analyst and fellow South Dakota native. Dr. Raabe began working with children with developmental delays, in particular autism, at Children's Care Hospital and School in the Midwest over 20 years ago. Since this time, she has held numerous positions within the field, including being the Associate Director of The University of Nevada Reno's Autism Consultative, Center Based and Home Based Programs. In addition, Clinical Director for Early Start Services in Southern California and numerous roles within The ABRITE Organization from Clinical Manager to School Consultant who led the developmental of behavior analytic classrooms. Dr. Ginger Raabe obtained her undergraduate degree from South Dakota State University, and her masters and doctor of philosophy coursework in Psychology was completed at the University of Nevada-Reno under the tutelage of Dr. Patrick Ghezzi.

Dr. Raabe's clinical interests continue to focus on behavior analytic interventions for families with children diagnosed with autism and other developmental disorders. Her research focuses on the implementation of Organization Behavior Management (OBM) and outcome research at ABRITE. Dr. Raabe's doctoral dissertation was in the area of parent training and this interest continues to this day in her clinical and research activities. Dr. Raabe has co-authored peer reviewed publications and book chapters, in addition she served as an editor of a gambling book and a guest editor for the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis (JABA) and the Journal of Gambling Studies.

In 2006, Dr. Raabe co-founded The ABRITE Organization with Dr. Frederick based on a shared passion for children and science that had become throughout the years of working together since 1999 at UNR. Dr. Raabe currently serves as ABRITE's Executive Director and is busy developing services throughout California and soon to be South Dakota and Iowa. Dr. Raabe loves children and she considers being a mom her favorite role in this world. She enjoys spending time with her three young children and her husband enjoying their new adventures in Sioux Falls.

Elaine Roberts is a parent, retired special education teacher, Families Planning Together Facilitator, Person Centered Transition Assessment Facilitator, member of state team for Supporting Families Community of Practice and past Executive Director of SD Parent Connection.

Alex Schema, MOTR/L graduated from the University of New Mexico. She has been an Occupational Therapist at LifeScape since 2013. Her focus of services has been in working with children with autism, sensory processing, and feeding therapy. She has specialized training in S.O.S. feeding therapy.

Brenda Smith is a parent, former special education teacher, certified Person Centered Thinking Trainer, Families Planning Together Facilitator, Person Centered Transition Assessment Facilitator, member of state team for Supporting Families Community of Practice and Charting the LifeCourse Ambassador.

Paula Souhrada is the Navigator Program Coordinator at SD Parent Connection, working with families and schools across the state in regards to dispute resolution. Providing individualized guidance to parents of children and youth with disabilities or special health care needs and school professionals as well, Paula makes sure information and resources can be located and utilized, communication is improved between families and school, and building or re-building partnerships.

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