

Autism Society of Iowa 2017 Fall Conference Agenda

8:30 – **Welcome and Announcements** – Todd Kopelman, Ph.D., Autism Society of Iowa President and Joe Joyce, Chairman of the Autism Society of America

8:45 – 10:00 - **Follow up Medical Studies of Autism Spectrum Disorders – What does the Comprehensive Review Show and What is the Future Directions of Treatment?**

Presented by Luke Y. Tsai, M.D.

10:00 – Resource Fair Opens and Daytime Silent Auction Begins

10:15 – 11:30 – **NeuroTribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity.** A groundbreaking book that upends conventional thinking about autism and suggests a broader model for acceptance, understanding, and full participation in society for people who think differently.

Presented by Steve Silberman

11:30 – Noon – **Stephen Tsai Award and Hometown Hero Awards**

Noon – Lunch provided, including tables for those with Autism and Families of Newly Diagnosed Children and Resource Fair Open

12:45 – **Book Signing with Steve Silberman**

1:00 – 2:00 – Breakout Sessions

Webster/Clayton/Marion Rooms

Autism and Genetics – What does the latest research tell us? *Presented by Jacob Michaelson, Ph.D.*

Des Moines Room

Navigating Iowa's System of Care: First Steps Following a Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
Presented by Peggy Swails, MSW, LMSW

Chambers Room

Understanding the New Iowa Autism Insurance Legislation – *Presented by Judith Ursitti, CPA*

2:00 – **Book Signing with Steve Silberman**

2:15 – Resource Fair Ends and Daytime Silent Auction Concludes

2:15 – 3:15 Breakout Sessions

Webster/Clayton/Marion Rooms

Sensory Processing and Behaviors in Those with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Presented by Emily Monahan, OTR/L and Lauren Poepppe, OTR/L

Des Moines Room

How to Develop a Social Skills Program in Any Environment

Presented by Heather Hanzlik-Jaacks M.S., and Monica Ryan-Rausch, MSW, LMSW

This presentation will provide an overview of practical tips, strategies, and ideas for the implementation of social skills learning groups with specific emphasis on the following:

- Background/Overview - Evidence Based Practice for social skills programming
- Identify group facilitators
- Scheduling/format for groups
- Environmental and visual supports
- Proactive and Positive Behavioral supports
- Parent and family training
- Generalization
- Resources

3:30 – 4:30 Breakout Sessions

Webster/Clayton/Marion Rooms

Pros and Cons of non-medical interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders from a Psychiatrist's Point of View – *Presented by Luke Y. Tsai, M.D.*

Des Moines Room

Sharing our Stories of Living with a Family Member who is Significantly Impacted by Their Autism, Including Self-Injurious and Aggressive Behaviors – *Panelists: Erin Enyart, April Greene, Glenda Koehn, Joe and Elise Joyce, Mary Roberts. Facilitated by Todd Kopelman, Ph.D. BCBA, and Matt O'Brien, Ph.D. BCBA*

Chambers Room

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4:30 – Conference Concludes

6:30 – **ASI Benefit Auction** - Tickets are \$10.00 at the door and everyone is welcome. This is a family friendly event with a silent and live auction, along with raffles.

