

## Speaker Panel

### Debra Carney

Debra Carney is a Compliance Officer in the area of Driver Fitness with the Office of Driver Services, Iowa Department of Transportation.

### Christine King-Bowker

Christine has worked as a Truancy Officer in Fort Madison since 2001 and was a reserve Police Officer from 2002-2009. She is the parent of a teen-aged son with autism. She founded a parent support group, "Salute to Parents of ASD and Non-Typical Individuals" in Lee County, is a member of the Drug Endangered Children Alliance of Lee County, and has served as a Board Member of Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services of Southeast Iowa. Christine has undergraduate degrees in Criminology and Sociology, and has completed 15 graduate hours in Applied Behavior Analysis, with an emphasis in Autism Spectrum Disorders. She completed a field practicum in Autism at Richardson Elementary School in Fort Madison and is a Registered Behavior Technician.

### Captain Mark Logsdon

Captain Mark Logsdon is the Special Operations Commander for the Department of Public Safety of the Iowa State Patrol.

## Conference Information

### Conference Location

Embassy Suites in the Scott's Landing Room  
101 East Locust St., Des Moines, IA 50309  
Phone: 515-244-1700

### Information for Law Enforcement

Dennis Debbaudt will be providing training on Autism Safety and Risk Management for Law Enforcement during the morning of Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines at the Iowa Association of Sheriff and Deputies Association Winter School. Visit [www.issda.org](http://www.issda.org) for information.

### Registration

This event is free, but registration is encouraged by mail or online at [www.autismia.org](http://www.autismia.org)

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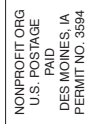
### **For more information, contact the**

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# The Autism Society of Iowa Presents:

## *Autism Risk & Safety Management*

Keynote Speaker:  
**Dennis Debbaudt**

***Tuesday, December 9, 2014***  
***1:00 – 5:00 p.m.***

Location:  
Embassy Suites  
Downtown Des Moines  
in the Scott's Landing Room



## Conference Agenda

12:30 p.m. – Registration

1:00 p.m. - **Plan Your Response for an Autism Emergency!**

Part 1 with Speaker *Dennis Debbaudt*

### Session Goals & Objectives:

1. Identify issues of autism-related risk
2. Provide strategies to help manage ASD risks at home, school
3. Disclosure options: ID cards, 911 registries, and field disclosure
4. Discuss prevention, alert and response plans for dangerous wandering
5. Identify and minimize victimization of persons with autism
6. Identify tools and options for parents, care providers, educators and persons with autism to develop partnerships with law enforcement, first response, and criminal justice agencies

### Target Audience:

- Persons on the autism spectrum
- Parents, family members and supporters
- Autism professionals
- Educators: teachers, paraprofessionals, supervisors
- Non teaching staff, maintenance, food service, transportation
- Human and social services professionals
- Adult and child care professionals
- Vocational and employment specialists

### For Discussion and Review:

- Identify issues of autism-related risk
- Wandering
- Contact with police and first responders
- Safety at home, on campus and when traveling
- 911 data base alert & registry programs
- Developing an autism emergency handout
- Discuss sensory scene management (hyper and hypo sensitivities)
- Sharing deescalation techniques

- Identify issues of autism-related risk
- Provide strategies to help manage ASD risks at home, school
- Developing safety programs for home, campus, work/recreational settings and in the community
- Discussion on reducing victimization
- Safety & risk life skills training
- Developing partnerships with law enforcement & first response agencies

2:00 p.m. – Break

2:15 p.m. - **Plan Your Response for an Autism Emergency!**

Part 2 with Speaker *Dennis Debbaudt*

3:15 – Break

3:30 – **Autism and the Decision to Drive!**

**Debbaudt Legacy Productions, LLC newest video, *Autism and the Decision To Drive* with Jerry Newport, featuring script developed by Dennis Debbaudt and Jerry Newport, will be shown followed by a time for questions and answers with Dennis Debbaudt, Debra Carney, Christine King-Bowker, and Captain Mark Logsdon.**

Jerry Newport received his diagnosis of Asperger syndrome in 1995. He's since become devoted to helping people understand what life is like for adults with autism.

A renowned author and tireless autism advocate, Jerry wrote the groundbreaking book *Your Life Is Not a Label* in 2001. Shortly after, Jerry founded the autism support group AGUA in Los Angeles. Jerry and his wife Mary were featured in 60 Minutes reports in 1996 and 2004. Jerry, in tandem with Mary, authored the best selling autobiography *Mozart and the Whale: An Aspergers Love Story*.

Jerry has driven professionally for over 45 years. Join Jerry as he offers advice on *Autism and the Decision to Drive!*

*Autism and the Decision to Drive* describes and illustrates a wide variety of factors to consider when making the decision to drive, including sections on:

- Focus & Good Driving Habits
- Ability to Stay Alert
- Judgement
- Where Do You Live?
- Choosing the Right Instructor
- Independence Skills
- Following the Rules
- Having Autism Can Help!
- Can Autism Get in the Way?
- Patience is a Virtue!
- Flexibility
- Eliminate Distractions
- Social Considerations on the Road
- Planning A Trip
- Driving as a Career
- Keep Auto Documents Current and Easy-To-Find
- Keep Your Car Clean
- In Case of Emergency
- Autism Info Cards
- Medical Considerations
- People Are Watching!
- Safe Interactions with Police
- Managing the Sensory Environment

4:30 – **Family Networking**

5:00 – **Adjourn**

## Keynote Speaker

Dennis Debbaudt is the proud father of Brad, a young man who has autism. In the 1980's, he wrote for the Detroit News and worked with network television current affairs programs in the U.S., Canada and United Kingdom. A professional investigator and journalist since 1977, Dennis turned his attention to autism spectrum conditions in 1987 after his son was diagnosed with autism. His first report *Avoiding Unfortunate Situations* was published in 1994. He's since authored over 30 articles, books and chapters including *Autism, Advocates and Law Enforcement Professionals: Recognizing and Reducing Risk Situations for People with Autism Spectrum Disorders* for Jessica Kingsley Publishers, London UK (2002), *Contact with Individuals with Autism: Effective Resolutions for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin* (Debbaudt & Rothman, 2001), *Patients with Autism and Other High Risks for the Journal of Healthcare Protection Management* (2009), *Autism in the Criminal Justice System* (Taylor, Mesibov & Debbaudt, 2009) and *Autism: Managing Police Field Contacts - Training Key 678*, International Association of Chiefs of Police, June, 2013. As managing partner of Debbaudt Legacy Productions, LLC, Dennis produced and wrote the scripts for the training videos *Autism & Law Enforcement Roll Call Briefing* (2004), *Autism, Fire-Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Video* (2009) and *Autism in the Criminal Justice System* (2009).

Over the past 18 years, Debbaudt has trained and developed training materials for law enforcement, first response and criminal justice professionals throughout the United States, and Canada and in Australia, Iceland, New Zealand and United Kingdom.

Dennis lives in Port St. Lucie, Florida with his wife, Gay, and son, Brad.