

Rethinking Autism

Conference Agenda

Day I

- 8:00 AM Registration / Exhibitor Area Open
- 8:30 AM Welcome / Announcements / Introductions
- 9:00 AM Keynote Session by Matt Hayes, Self-Advocate
Look at me NOW – My Journey Toward Independence
- 11:00 AM “Parent Talk” by René Hayes and Film Trailer
- 11:30 AM Exhibitor Fair / Lunch (Included)
- 12:30 PM Rhythm-Based Sensory & Tactile Support Training
- 1:00 PM Afternoon Session by Tracy Thresher, Self-Advocate
(with Casey DePriest, Founder of Optimal Rhythms, Inc.)
The Missing Piece: Understand my Movement Differences
- 3:00 PM Break / Snack
- 3:15 PM Education Panel Discussion
(Self-advocates share their education stories)
- 4:15 PM Q / A and Announcements
- 4:30 PM End of Day 1

Day II

- 8:00 AM Registration / Exhibitor Area Open
- 8:30 AM Welcome / Announcements / Introductions
- 9:00 AM Keynote Session by Christine King, COTA/L
Dyspraxia – What if my body doesn’t listen to my brain?
- 10:00 AM Rethinking Autism in Clinical Work and the Classroom - Panel
- 11:00 AM Exhibitor Area Open / Lunch (Included)
- 11:30 AM Film Screening Premier

“My Voice: One Man’s Journey to Overcome the Silence of Autism”

Watch the inspiring true story of Matt Hayes, as he navigates life and finds his place in the world as a defender of human rights for non-communicative autistic people. This young autistic man fights to help others, like him, who were born without the ability to communicate.

- 12:30 PM Roundtable Discussion about the Film
- 1:30 PM Break / Exhibitor Area Open
- 2:00 PM Sensory Motor Training – A Hands-On Experience
- 4:15 PM Wrap-Up / Conference Evaluations
- 4:30 PM Conference Ends