

Conference agenda:

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00-10:15 Welcome & Keynote Address:

**Things No One Ever Tells You After
Your Child Is Diagnosed With Autism**

-Frank Campagna “Autism Daddy”

10:30-11:15 Breakout Session A

1) Navigating Adult Services

-Kathy Wilcox, Transition and Youth
Services Senior Counselor, ACCES VR
-Letah Graff, Community Employment
Specialist for ACCES VR - North Country

2) DIR/Floortime

-Christie Bezruczyk, MEd, Adirondack
Helping Hands

3) OPWDD Supports And Services

- Rebecca Spanfelner, Self-Direction Liaison

11:30-12:15 Breakout Session B

1) Biomed Basics: Naturopathic Care

-Debra Dahler, Naturopathic Doctor

2) Speaking Beyond Speech

-Theo Gossou, BCBA

**3) Special Education Process Regulations:
Rights and Safeguards**

- Lori Booth Trudeau, Program Director
and Parent Trainer for Clinton County,
Adirondack/North Country Special
Education Parent Network

12:15-1:15 Lunch (included in registration)

1:15-2:00 **Autism Through My Eyes**

2:15-3:15 Breakout Session C

**1) Fostering Positive Relationships With
Law Enforcement/Project Lifesaver**

-Sergeant William Dominy
-Officer John Malcolm, DARE

**2) Music Therapy And Its Integration For
Fostering Development And Learning**

-Andrea Barber, LCAT, MT-BC

3) When They Can't Stay Home

- Todd Castine, M.S., BCBS, LBA
Director of Autism Services
Hillcrest Educational Centers

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Please check one title from each breakout session:

Breakout Session A (10:30-11:15)

_____ A1 Navigating Adult Services

_____ A2 DIR/Floortime

_____ A3 OPWDD Supports And Services

Breakout Session B (11:30-12:15)

_____ B1 Biomed Basics: Naturopathic Care

_____ B2 Speaking Beyond Speech

_____ B3 Special Education Process Regulations:
Rights and Safeguards

Breakout Session C (2:15-3:15)

_____ C1 Fostering Positive Relationships With
Law Enforcement/Project Lifesaver

_____ C2 Music Therapy And Its Integration For
Fostering Development And Learning

_____ C3 When They Can't Stay Home

A limited number of parent scholarships will be offered.

Please call 518-565-0207 or email

registration@aaneny.org for more information.

Welcome and Keynote Address (9:00 – 10:15)

By Frank Campagna "Autism Daddy"

Our Keynote Speaker has over 100,000 followers on Facebook and he has written a great deal of content regarding what it is like to be the parent of a child with autism. His goal is to educate people on how to be an autism parent without losing all of your former self in the process.

Breakout Session A (10:30-11:15)**A1 Navigating Adult Services**

-Kathy Wilcox, Transition and Youth Services Senior Counselor, ACCES VR

-Letah Graff, Community Employment Specialist for ACCES VR - North Country

It is important that students with disabilities and their families plan for the transition from school to adult services to identify the supports and services that will be most helpful. This session will discuss the state agencies that provide services to youth in transition as they enter the adult world of living, learning, and earning. Participants will learn more about what agency services are available and how to access them.

A2 DIR/Floortime

-Christie Bezruczyk, MSED, Adirondack Helping Hands

Using the Greenspan Floortime Approach to diffuse challenging behaviors through play.

A3 OPWDD Supports And Services

-Rebecca Spanfelner, Self-Direction Liaison

The New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) is responsible for coordinating services for individuals with developmental disabilities through a network of service providing agencies.

Breakout Session B (11:30-12:15)**B1 Biomed Basics: Naturopathic Care**

-Debra Dahler, Naturopathic Doctor

Naturopathic Care is the use of modalities that restore a balance in the physical, emotional and spiritual person.

Breakout Session B (Continued)**B2 Speaking Beyond Speech**

-Theo Gossou, BCBA

Verbal Behavior Therapy teaches communication using the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis and the theories of behaviorist B.F. Skinner to motivate individuals to learn language by connecting words with their purposes.

B3 Special Education Process Regulations: Rights and Safeguards

-Lori Booth Trudeau, Program Director and Parent Trainer for Clinton County, Adirondack/North Country Special Education Parent Network

This presentation will focus on the federal and state regulations on special education and the parent's central role in the special education process.

Autism Through My Eyes (1:15-2:00)**Breakout Session C (2:15-3:15)****C1 Fostering Positive Relationships With Law Enforcement/Project Lifesaver**

-Sergeant William Dominy

-Officer John Malcolm, DARE

The Clinton County Sheriff's Department will present ideas and strategies to prepare for interactions with law enforcement including information about Project Lifesaver.

C2 Music Therapy And Its Integration For Fostering Development And Learning

-Andrea Barber, LCAT, MT-BC

This presentation will cover the use of clinical and evidence-based music interventions to foster development and accomplish individualized goals.

C3 When They Can't Stay Home

-Todd Castine, M.S., BCBS, LBA, Director of Autism Services at Hillcrest Educational Centers

Sometimes a loved one requires more care than is available in a community setting. This presentation will discuss knowing when it is time, what to look for, and the effects on the entire family.