

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Early bird rate for professionals ends on 2/13/15. Call Brooke at 774-955-8637 or e-mail brookewalker@community-autism-resources.com with any questions.

RATES (please circle)	Parent/Family Member/Student	Professional	Group (5 or more)
Thursday & Friday	\$199	Spouse \$70	\$250 per person
Thursday or Friday	\$119	Spouse \$50	\$150 per person

Thursday Lunch

Turkey Sandwich

Chicken Salad Sandwich

Chef's Salad

OR Select one

Vegetarian

Gluten Free

Friday Lunch

Tuna Salad Sandwich

Ham Sandwich

Garden Salad

Spouse name (if attending): _____

Total: _____

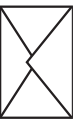
*Must receive registrations at same time to qualify for group rate. Please fill out a separate registration form for each registrant.

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ASD Symposium


 ASD Symposium
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 Johnston, RI 02919



Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Ron Suskind has written some of America's most important works of nonfiction, framing national debates about presidential power, the U.S. economy and America's role in the world, while exploring complexities of the human experience. In April 2014 Mr. Suskind published a memoir, *Life, Animated*, which details his family's twenty-year struggle with his son Owen's autism. Since the book's publication, Ron has advocated for better autism research and treatment, speaking to audiences at the United Nations, NIH, and many universities; testifying in front of the United States Congress; and appearing on numerous TV and radio shows, including Good Morning America, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, The Diane Rehm Show, and Real Time with Bill Maher. Mr. Suskind was the Wall Street Journal's senior national affairs reporter from 1993 until 2000, and won the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing. He is currently the Senior Fellow at Harvard University's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics.

Autism Affinities: Prison, or Pathway?

Join Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ron Suskind for a discussion about the writing and reception of his memoir, *Life, Animated: A Story of Autism, Sidekicks, and Heroes* and its afterlife in the spheres of neuroscience and behavioral therapy for autism spectrum disorders. Inspired by Owen's self-directed transformation and the unique way that the Suskinds engaged and motivated him through adversity (or rather, enabled him to engage and motivate himself via his profound affinity for Disney), researchers at Yale, MIT, and England's Cambridge University are launching an international study that will compare outcomes of a group of 4 to 6 year olds who have autism – half of whom will receive an “affinity therapy” program much like Owen's.

In addition to this study, the Suskinds have launched the “Affinities Project,” a virtual space where the affinities of others, and the intricate and restorative art those affinities often prompt, will become more visible. The project – like the ongoing scientific research in this area – is premised on the belief that there is massive therapeutic, artistic, and social potential for acknowledging affinities as the complex and often beneficial phenomena they are.

Speaker Disclosure

Financial: Mr. Suskind is receiving an honorarium for speaking at today's educational activity. He is the author of *Life, Animated*, and he is employed as a Senior Fellow at Harvard University's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, and serves as the Director on Public Narrative there as well. He is the founder of the non-profit Affinity Foundation, which will be directing funding for affinity-related research. Non-financial: There are no non-financial relationships to disclose.



Emily Rubín, MS, CCC-SLP is an Educational Outreach Specialist at the Marcus Autism Center, an academic affiliate of Emory University and an NIH Autism Center of Excellence. She is a speech-language pathologist specializing in autism, Asperger's Syndrome, and related social learning disabilities. As a former adjunct faculty member and lecturer at Yale University, she has served as a member of their Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic. She recently participated as a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Ad Hoc Committee on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), a committee charged with developing guidelines related to the role of speech-language pathologists in the diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of ASD. She is a co-author of the SCERTS Model and lectures internationally for educational programs developing programs to foster social emotional engagement.

Neuroscience and autism: From research to educational practice

Research in neuroscience fosters our understanding the development of social and emotional competence in child with autism spectrum disorder and related social learning differences. This research translates into essential educational practices that foster active engagement, smooth transitions and more conventional emotional expression. In this course, practical guidelines will be provided to help educators implement interpersonal modifications, environmental arrangement, and visual supports.

AAC and autism: Matching “tools” to developmental priorities

How the environment is adapted with learning supports and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and how a child's communication partners implement these supports plays a critical role in the development of social and emotional competence. This course will discuss how to select and use AAC as an individual with autism matures through developmental stages. Critical priorities for outcomes in social communication will be discussed for children who are before words (i.e., pre-symbolic), at the emerging language stage, and who are using conversational discourse.

Speaker Disclosure

Financial: Emily Rubín, MS, CCC-SLP she will receive an honorarium for this presentation. She is a consultant to the Marcus Autism Center, an affiliate of Emory University and an NIH Autism Center for Excellence. She receives compensation as a consultant. She also receives royalties from Brookes Publishing Company as a result of her authorship of the SCERTS Assessment Process. Nonfinancial: Emily Rubín, MS, CCC-SLP serves as a committee member of several communities of practice including the International Autism Community of Practice and the National Autism Leadership Collaborative.



Dena Gassner is a doctoral student in Social Welfare at Adelphi University and a lifetime contributor to autism knowledge both nationally and internationally. She recently spoke to the UN in Geneva Switzerland about the needs of women and girls with autism. She is an advisory board member for the Autism Society, and a board member for GRASP and the Arc US. She is a wife, mother, grandmother and has lived an exemplary life of authenticity first as a parent supporting her son, Patrick who attends the College Autism Program at Marshall University and then as an individual living with autism herself.

The Connection Process: Integrating the Diagnosis

People are often diagnosed with an ASD without the support to take the diagnosis off the page and apply it to their life. In this presentation we will talk about the options available; requesting accommodations, adapting, and the value and necessity of the critical process of self-awareness to enhance personal wellness and maximize achievement while maintaining authenticity.

Spinning INTO Control: Understanding Dysregulation

Dysregulation, endured by all people with ASD, uses precious cognitive energies needed for productivity, engagement and personal wellness. This presentation will delve into causes and individual triggers of dysregulation, as well as the use of self-awareness, disclosure, accommodation and explanations to both self and others to enhance personal wellness and maintain authenticity.

Speaker Disclosure

Financial: Dena Gassner is a Doctoral Student at Adelphi University and sits on the Board of Directors for the Arc US and GRASP. She is an advisory board member for the Autism Society. She receives no compensation in any of these capacities. Non-financial: There are no non-financial relationships to disclose.

THE 20TH ANNUAL ASD SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH & FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

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HOSTED BY:

Barry M. Prizant, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Director, Childhood Communication Services, and Adjunct Professor, Artists and Scientists as Partners Group, Brown University

Childhood Communication

Seminars, Inc. (CCS) offers continuing education, seminars, workshops, and retreats that address topics related to the education and quality of life needs of children and adults with special needs and their families.

Community Autism Resources

33 James Reynolds Rd. Unit C
Swansea, MA 02777

Speakers:

Ron Suskind, Pulitzer Prize Winner and Parent
Emily Rubin, MS, CCC-SLP
Dena Gassner, MSW Parent and Individual with ASD

Topics:

Prison or Pathway Autism Affinities
Neuroscience & Autism - From Research to Education Practice
AAC & Autism - Matching tools to developmental priorities
Integrating the ASD Diagnosis
Understanding Dysregulation

Options:

One or Both days
Choose your lunch
Register online at www.community-autism-resources.com



Childhood Communication Seminars is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

This course is offered for .5 CEUs (Introductory Level, Professional Area) for March 12 and .5 CEUs (Introductory Level, Professional Area) for March 13

OTs: NBCOT has expanded the approved provider category to include seminars by ASHA-approved providers. OT recertification for 5 contact hours each day you attend.

Confirmation & Cancellations

A \$30 cancellation fee will apply to all registrants who cannot attend. Notice of cancellation must be given two weeks prior to the symposium. No refunds will be granted after that date. The same policy applies for purchase orders. A substitution may be made at any time. Returned checks will be charged \$25. You will receive a confirmation by e-mail, if an e-mail address was provided. If not, you will receive a confirmation by regular mail. If you do not receive a confirmation, please call Brooke at 774-955-8637 to ensure that you are registered.

Lodging

A block of rooms is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn Providence Airport/Warwick, 1 Thurber St, Warwick, RI 02886 for \$99 single/double (401.734.9600) until February 13.

The Hilton Garden Inn is less than 5 miles from Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. Please reserve early! To obtain the special rate, mention **ASD Symposium** when making reservations.

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Ron Suskind 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Break with light refreshments 1:45 - 2:00 pm

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LUNCH (box lunch included) 11:30 - 12:30 pm

Spinning INTO Control 10:00 - 11:30 am

Dena Gassner 9:45 - 10:00 am

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Cranston RI, 02905

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