

4th Annual Pasadena Autism/Asperger's Conference

The Most Comprehensive Autism Conference Series in Southern California

"Back to School"
August 14-15, 2009
Pasadena Convention Center

Don't miss this exciting conference, with over twenty great speakers!

Practical information for children and adults of all ages and abilities!

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Developing Talents at School and at Home **Temple Grandin, Ph.D., Friday Morning Keynote**

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., will discuss strategies from her book on how to develop talents by focusing on the strengths of people with autism instead of their weaknesses.

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., is a highly successful adult with autism, and one of the leading lecturers on how to help individuals with autism/Asperger's. She has authored six books on her life experiences in dealing with autism, and is a leading advocate for people with autism. She is an Associate Professor at Colorado State University.

Raising Temple Grandin - Personal and Historical Reflections **Eustacia Cutler, Friday Night Keynote**

Eustacia Cutler will describe raising her daughter Temple in the conservative "Leave-it-to-Beaver" world of the fifties, a time when little was known about autism (then called "infant schizophrenia") and children like Temple were banished to institutions. She will cover some of her own life experiences, fighting to hang onto hope in the face of a complicated family battle. She will also explore the main stumbling blocks of autism as she has learned them from doctors and how, to a minor degree, traces of its characteristics are in us all.

Eustacia Cutler is the author of "A Thorn in My Pocket" which describes the challenges raising a child with autism. She has written school lessons for major TV networks, researched and scripted the TV documentary THE DISQUIETED (on autism,) researched and contributed script to THE INNOCENTS, a documentary prize winning first on retardation. She has 3 other children and 5 grandsons.

20 Tips for Improving Behavior at Home and School: **Cathy Pratt, Ph.D., Saturday Keynote**

Cathy Pratt, Ph.D., will address practical strategies for addressing challenging behaviors across multiple environments. Ideas and suggestions for teaching alternative behaviors and creating positive behavioral environments will be highlighted.

Cathy Pratt, Ph.D., is the Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community and teaches at Indiana University. She lectures internationally and consults on behalf of children and adults across the autism spectrum. Currently, Dr. Pratt serves as Chair of the Board of the National Autism Society of America.

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Friday, August 14th

8:30 a.m. – Developing Talents at School and at Home – Temple Grandin, Ph.D.

10:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – **Breakout Sessions** (Choose any talks from 5 parallel tracks)

Medical Track

- Psychiatric Medications for Autistics – Temple Grandin, Ph.D.
- Anxiety, Depression, and Neurotransmitters
- Nutritional and Metabolic Problems in Autism
- Biomedical & Nutritional Interventions

Teacher Track

- Behavior, Curriculum, and Teacher Coaching
- Teaching High Functioning Autistics
- Google Sketch-Up for Teachers

Parent Track

- Maximizing Experiences at Home and in the Community
- Least Restrictive Environment
- Dads Panel

Yoga/Drama/Art Track

- Yoga Techniques for Self-Regulation
- Yoga Brain Breaks! Classroom Strategies for Less Stress and More Success!
- Dramautism – Building Communication and Social Skills
- The “Art” of Developing Social and Life Skills

Speech/Social Track

- Diagnosis and Treatment of Speech and Language Problems
- Enhancing Comprehension and Conversation
- Play Groups for Social Communication

5:15 p.m. – Raising Temple Grandin – Eustacia Cutler, mother of Temple Grandin

Saturday, August 15th

8:30 a.m. – 20 Tips for Improving Behavior at Home and School: Cathy Pratt, Ph.D.

10:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – **Breakout Sessions** (Choose any talks from 5 parallel tracks)

Education Track with Cathy Pratt

- Educating Students with the Most Significant Disabilities
- Teaching Alternative Behaviors
- Writing Effective IEP Goals

Parent Track

- Social Skill Solutions
- Law Enforcement and Safety
- Social Groups for All Ages and Stages

Legal Track

- Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Special Education Law
- Financial Planning for Special Needs

Teen/Adult Track

- Adolescents with Autism
- Mapping Transitions to the Future
- Learning in Real Life – Community-Based Instruction
- Vocational development
- Panel of Teens and Adults with Autism/Aspergers

Medical Track

- Nourishing Hope – Essentials of Nutritional Intervention
- Autism Speaks Research Update
- Physician Panel

Full conference speaker listing and more details available online at www.autism-conferences.com

Important Details

Conference Location

Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St, Pasadena, CA 91101

Directions

Take East or West 210 Freeway to Fair Oaks Ave. / Turn South for 1.5 miles to E. Green St. / Turn left (one way St.) to Euclid St. / Right turn on Euclid / Go South on Euclid / Enter Convention Center Parking Structure off Euclid and Cordova St. ****Note: this is the same entrance as The Sheraton Hotel****

Registration Information

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. each day of the conference with coffee and juice. Lunch is on your own.

Parking

Parking is \$10/per day at the Pasadena Convention Center. No In/Out Parking.

Hotel

Sheraton Pasadena, (626) 449 4000, 303 East Cordova St., Pasadena, CA 91101 (next to the Convention Center) \$119/night (ask for 2009 Autism Conferences rate)

Conference Website

www.autism-conferences.com

Certificates of Attendance/CEU

Certificates of Attendance are available at the end of each day (7 contact hours/day).

(CEU's) Continuing Education Units for Professional Development available for:

- (SLPs) Speech Language Pathologist and Audiologist (7 contact hours/day) CA SLP-Audiologist Board PDP #230
- Nursing (7 contact hours/day) CA Board of Registered Nursing PDP #15094
- MFT- Marriage and Family Therapists, LCSW - Licensed Clinical Social Workers (7 contact hours/day) CA Board of Behavioral Sciences PCE #4429

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Register Online: www.autism-conferences.com (preferred) or send in the form below.

✓ **Financial aid available for families with income under \$50,000/year.** For more information call us at (480) 831-2047 or email us at autismconferences@gmail.com by Monday, August 2, 2009 to ensure availability.

Early Bird Registration: Registered and paid by July 24, 2009 Regular Registration: after July 24, 2009

Category	Friday, August 14th		Saturday, August 15th		Both Days: Fri/Sat Only		Mini-DAN! Sunday, Aug 16th		Amount	
	Early	Regular	Early	Regular	Early	Regular	Early	Regular		
1st Parent/Family Member	\$100	\$110	\$100	\$110	\$175	\$195	\$95	\$105		
2nd Family Member	\$85	\$95	\$85	\$95	\$155	\$175	\$85	\$95		
Professional	\$135	\$145	\$135	\$145	\$205	\$225	\$120	\$130		
Parapro/Hab/Student*	\$70*	\$80*	\$70*	\$80*	\$120*	\$140*	\$70*	\$80*	*	
People with Autism/Asperger's	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$40	\$20	\$25		
Refunds: 75% prior to August 11; no refunds after August 11								Conference Total:		

* For **Parapro/Hab** Rate, include letter from agency stating you work with autistic children/adults and that your salary is below \$20/hour. Register only by mail/fax.

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