



8th Annual Pennsylvania Autism Training Conference (PATC) “Delivering Autism Services in Pennsylvania: Practical Strategies & Tools”

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE: This conference is designed to provide professionals with the tools to support individuals with ASD. It will focus on addressing **real-life situations faced by those who work directly with individuals with autism, with an emphasis on supporting transition-age individuals and adults.** The presenters will share strategies that exemplify best and most current practices developed in Pennsylvania and by nationally recognized autism experts. Each session will offer practical strategies and solutions that can improve the quality of life for people with ASD and their families.

Tuesday - Thursday, June 9 - 11, 2015
Eden Resort Inn & Suites
222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Who Should Attend?

- ✧ BAS Adult Autism Program Providers (Tues, Wed, Thurs, June 9, 10 & 11)
- ✧ All Professionals Supporting Individuals with Autism (Wed & Thurs, June 10 & 11)

This Year's Presentations Include:

Al Condeluci, PhD, Social Capital and Relationship Building
Val Paradiz, PhD, Autistic Global Initiative, with a film on Trauma and Autism
Jose Valesco, Head of SAP 'Autism at Work' Initiative in the United States
Eastern ASERT, Employment Workshop
Central ASERT, Holistic Case Management
Western ASERT, ASD & Co-occurring Disorders Case Studies
BAS Clinical Staff, Data Collection Workshop

Note: Tuesday, 6/9/2015 is BAS Adult Autism Program Providers Day and is NOT open to the general public.

HOW TO REGISTER:

To register, go directly to the conference registration site:

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/bastrainings/cw/main.asp>

Select the *View by Alpha* icon at the top of the page, then click on “8th Annual PA Autism Training Conference (PATC)” and follow the prompts.

Or, if you previously set up an account through the SINGLE-ENTRY BAS TRAINING SYSTEMS PAGE you may register through your master login account. Visit www.bastrainings.org, login and choose **BAS Live Training Registration (Coursewhere)** to begin your registration.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This conference is approved to meet ACT 62 Behavior Specialist licensing requirements, and for continuing education for Board Certified Behavior Analysts, Social Workers, National Board Certified Counselors, Psychologists and Nurses. General Continuing Education hours are also offered.

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Eden Phone: 717-560-8400 ✧ Rooms at this rate are limited.



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Featured this year: Multiple artists will be exhibiting and selling their work, including pottery, sculpture, paintings and drawings, and photography. Please bring cash or checks with you, as credit cards will not be accepted.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Adult Autism Waiver providers, ACAP provider network, adult service providers, direct service staff professionals, BHRS professional staff, diagnosticians, educators, employment providers, clinicians, nurses, pediatricians, MH clinicians.

Tuesday: Adult Autism Program Providers Day

Check-In: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Sessions: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Wednesday: General Registration

Check-In: 8:00 am - 8:45 am

Sessions: 8:45 am - 4:15 pm

Thursday: General Registration

Check-In: 8:00 am - 8:45 am

Sessions: 8:45 am - 4:15 pm

REGISTRATION FEE:

Continental breakfast, lunch and continuing education are included.

6/9: NO FEE for Adult Autism Program Providers Day

6/10-6/11: \$50 per day, per person with advance registration

6/10-6/11: \$65 per day, per person for walk-ins (only checks or cash will be accepted)

CONFERENCE SESSION TOPICS: Employment Service Tools & Strategies; Social Capital & Relationship Building; Trauma and Autism; Clinical Models; Assessment & Treatment Case Studies; Holistic Case Management; Data Collection; Fostering Advocacy Skills in Adults with ASD.

PATC Learning Objectives: *Attendees of this conference will be able to...*

1. Describe customized adaptations to improve quality of life for individuals with ASD across multiple settings;
2. Describe collaborative models designed to improve supports and services for individuals with ASD;
3. Evaluate and utilize a variety of tools to help identify appropriate interventions for individuals with ASD;
4. Implement appropriate interventions to support individuals with ASD across the lifespan and across the spectrum.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015: Adult Autism Program Providers Day

This day is designed specifically for Adult Autism Waiver Providers and ACAP Providers, and is not open for general registration.

Attendance is optional, but pre-registration is required.

This day is designed specifically for Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) Providers and Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP) Providers, and is not open for general registration. The content of this day is designed for Direct Support Professionals and supervisors of agencies providing supports through the AAW and ACAP.

This session will include a blend of presentations, interactive discussions and opportunities to hear from people who have successfully supported participants through complex situations. ACAP and AAW providers will hear first-hand about changes underway to both programs that are resulting from federal requirements, ongoing strategic planning, stakeholder feedback, focus groups, and mandatory APS reporting. ACAP and AAW providers who attend the session will have the opportunity to ask questions and share comments.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015: General Registration for Professionals

6/10 GENERAL SESSION: KEYNOTE

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Social Capital: The Power and Potency of Relationships

Presented by Al Condeluci, Ph.D.

This session qualifies for BSL continuing education (3 hours of Instructional Strategies).

All of us are interested in a better community where all people are safe, have an opportunity for accessible and affordable homes, jobs or meaningful daytime opportunities and lifestyles of their choice. In spite of our many years of work on this goal, the outcomes in this area are still not satisfactory for people who are vulnerable due to disability or other compromises. Many of these vulnerable people, children and adults, find themselves in isolated situations with limited options for friendships and important social relationships. Many times these vulnerable people become victims of abuse and neglect. This presentation takes a close look at the reasons why our systems have not been more successful in these goals, defines and delineates the concept of social capital, and offers a community building perspective designed to shift the culture to be more inclusive and supportive to all people.

6/10 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM)

Conference attendees will select one session to attend.

A1) Building More Friendships

Presented by Al Condeluci, Ph.D.

This session qualifies for BSL continuing education (1.5 hours of Family Collaboration).

All individuals and family members are interested in seeing themselves or their son/daughter/relative successful in life. In fact, one of the biggest fear individuals and families have is that their loved one might be lonely or at serious risk when their gone. Although none of us can predict the future, we can look at ways and means to better prepare for the future by understanding the impact of friendships in our lives. Sociologists call this "social capital" and it is amazing what our relationships do for us. This session will help you think about how friendships can be better developed over time.

A2) The SAP Autism at Work Program

Presented by Jose Velasco

This session qualifies for BSL continuing education (1.5 hours of Skill Deficits).

The SAP Autism at Work Program has an objective to have 1% of its workforce represented by people in the autism spectrum. This translates to about 650 positions. Join Jose Velasco, head of the Autism at Work Program in the U.S., and learn how this unique program provides business value to SAP by leveraging abilities of people on the autism spectrum. Topics that will be discussed are: how private/public sector partnerships are working to provide employment opportunities for people with autism; the structure of a global program that supports an objective of having 1% of its workforce represented by people with autism; and lessons from the first year and a half of the program's operation.

A3) Case Presentations: Assessment and Treatment of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Co-occurring Mental Health Diagnosis

Presented by John J. McGonigle, Ph.D., Western ASERT

This session qualifies for BCBA continuing education and BSL continuing education (0.75 hours of Assessment and 0.75 hours of Co-Morbidity & Medications).

This presentation will use case studies to present best practice approaches in assessment and developing and implementing treatment, habilitative, and support plans for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and co-occurring psychiatric diagnosis. The cases will present individuals with varying needs to represent the diverse population professionals may find themselves supporting.

6/10 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (2:45 PM - 4:15 PM)

Conference attendees will select one session to attend.

A4) Employment Service Tools and Strategies for Working with Adults with Autism

Presented by Susan Schonfeld, in collaboration with Eastern ASERT

This session qualifies for BSL continuing education (1.5 hours of Skill Deficits).

Led by the Eastern Region, ASERT is working on a set of initiatives to support individuals with autism in finding and maintaining employment. Community Integrated Services (CIS) is one of the providers of employment support services assisting ASERT in this project. During this presentation, Susan Schonfeld, the Executive Director of CIS, will be outlining strategies for employment services and discussing the driving philosophy behind communities employment. She will describe effective person-centered employment planning and discovery strategies, and share examples of successful employment opportunities for people with ASD.

A5) The SAP Autism at Work Program **Repeat Session******

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015: General Registration for Professionals

6/11 GENERAL SESSION: KEYNOTE

Trauma Warriors: Adults with Autism Share their Experiences and Survivor Stories

Presented by Valerie Paradiz, Ph.D.

This session qualifies for BSL continuing education (1.5 hours of Autism-Specific Training and 1.5 hours of Crisis Intervention).

Valerie Paradiz, executive director of the Autistic Global Initiative, will host a screening of the film "Trauma Warriors." Produced by Anthony Morgali and Valerie Paradiz, this film features adults with autism as they discuss the effects of trauma in childhood and their survivorship stories as adults. Many people with autism experience trauma when they are bullied at school as children or harassed at the workplace or in public settings as adults, often leading them down the difficult path of developing other disorders such as PTSD. The film brings awareness to this still hidden, yet pervasive, problem within our autism community. Following the film, a Q & A session will be held.

6/11 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (1:00 PM - 4:15 PM)

These sessions are all double sessions. Conference attendees will choose one session to attend.

B1) Strategies and Tools to Foster Advocacy Skills in Adults with ASD

Presented by Valerie Paradiz, Ph.D.

This session qualifies for BCBA continuing education and BSL continuing education (1.5 hours of Assessment and 1.5 hours of Instructional Strategies).

This presentation offers an introduction to supporting individuals with autism in learning self-advocacy skills. Topics include learning the three basic steps of self-advocacy, identifying the indicators and measures for self-advocacy skill development, and review of five self-advocacy skill areas (social, sensory, special interests, disclosure, and civil rights/entitlements). Specific training will be on implementing the ISA Sensory and Social Scans®. The presentation includes assessment tools, supports for the development of individual service plan goals that foster self-advocacy ability, support in functional behavioral assessment, and implementation strategies for the *Integrated Self Advocacy ISA® Curriculum*.

B2) Making the Case for Case Conceptualization

Presented by Michael J. Murray, M.D., Central ASERT

This session qualifies for BCBA continuing education and BSL continuing education (1.5 hours of Assessment and 1.5 hours of Instructional Strategies).

Strong case conceptualization skills are invaluable in determining and coordinating the complex care needs of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In this presentation, findings from the Autism Life Care Model (ALCM), an ASERT project, will be used to highlight key points. The importance of holistic assessment of individuals across key functional domains as a means of determining treatment priorities which are person-driven and family-centric will be highlighted using case materials from participants in ALCM. Participants in this session will gain experience interpreting assessment materials to compose comprehensive case conceptualizations which can lead to well informed and guided decision making for individuals and their support systems as they determine areas of treatment priorities.

B3) Making Data Valuable: A Hands-on Workshop

Presented by Stacy L. Nonnemacher, Ph.D. and the BAS Clinical Team

This session qualifies for BCBA continuing education and BSL continuing education (3 hours of Assessment).

This workshop is targeted to individuals who should collect and analyze data as a means to report progress and make data-based instructional decisions. The BAS Clinical Team will provide attendees with an opportunity to review various methods to develop data collection tools specific to individual needs. In addition, this will be a hands-on workshop where attendees will develop tools, collect data, and analyze results using low and high tech methods. Attendees should bring a laptop with Microsoft Excel to the workshop.

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[Is there a registration deadline?](#)

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants who register for the training but are unable to attend should **deregister online** as soon as possible. Individuals on the wait list for a session will then automatically be enrolled.

[Do I need to provide an email address when I register?](#)

Yes. Registration confirmation, wait list status, and additional information about the trainings will be sent via email through the online registration system. Email addresses will not be used for purposes unrelated to Bureau of Autism Services trainings. If you do not have an email address, you may provide one for someone who is able to receive the information on your behalf.

Can I register multiple people from our agency?

No. Registering multiple people in the online registration system is not possible. It is important individual staff create a unique Log-In ID and password account to access registration confirmations, wait list status, attendance records, certificates, continuing education documentation, and required evaluations.

How can I verify that I have successfully registered?

Your transcript in the online system will show the dates and sessions you've registered for. Simply log into your master account, enter the registration system, and choose "transcript." A confirmation email will also be sent automatically once you've completed the registration process online. Either the transcript or the email can be used as registration confirmation when sending in your payment.

Are you having trouble registering?

Please email ra-bastrainings@pa.gov and ask for the *Step by Step Instructions for Registering for PATC 2015*.

PAYMENT

Information about how to submit payment is available through the online registration system and is included in the email confirming your completed registration.

- ***Checks sent by an agency's accounting department must clearly note the name(s) of the registrant(s) for crediting payment.***
- ***A copy of the registration confirmation transcript or confirmation email for each registrant must be submitted along with payment.***
- ***Payments received for individuals who have not registered online will be returned.***

Cancellation & Refund Policy: The Bureau of Autism Services, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services reserves the right to cancel or postpone any course due to any unforeseen circumstances. In the event of cancellation or postponement, the Bureau of Autism Services will refund any registration fee but it is not responsible for any related costs, charges, or any expenses to participants, including cancellation costs incurred by airlines/travel agencies. In order to process refunds for course withdrawals, written notification of cancellation must be received two weeks prior to the lecture (subject to a service fee). No refunds will be granted thereafter.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Overnight accommodations are available at the conference location. A special rate is offered for conference attendees, pending availability. **You will need to contact the hotel directly to make a reservation.**

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222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Phone: 717-569-6444 or www.edenresort.com

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONALS

Note: You must indicate your request for continuing education at the time of registration. A professional number or license number is required at the time of registration.

Exception: Applicants for BCBA credits, ACT 62 Behavior Specialist Licensing hours, and Nurses will apply on site at the conference.

CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS: The Bureau of Autism Services is approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) to offer continuing education for certified behavior analysts. This program is being offered for up to 7.0 continuing education credits. BAS maintains responsibility for the program(s). BCBA credits are only available to individuals who are board certified behavior analysts for the specific sessions noted.

SOCIAL WORK (LSW/LCSW, LPC, LMFT): This program is offered for up to 15 hours of social work continuing education through the Bureau of Autism Services, a PA pre-approved provider of social work continuing education. Each contact hour is equal to 1 continuing education credit. These credit hours satisfy requirements for LSW/LCSW, LPC and LMFT biennial license renewal. BAS maintains responsibility for the program(s).

PSYCHOLOGISTS: The Bureau of Autism Services is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. BAS maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This program is being offered for up to 15 continuing education credits.

COUNSELORS: The Bureau of Autism Services is an NBCC-Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) and may offer NBCC-approved clock hours for programs that meet NBCC requirements. The ACEP solely is responsible for all aspects of the program. This program is being offered for up to 15 clock hours (1.5 CEUs).

NURSES: Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) will be provided by The Columbus Organization. Columbus is an approved CNE provider by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #11804. This program is being offered for 4 contact hours.

ACT 62 BEHAVIOR SPECIALISTS LICENSING Requirements: Sessions presented during this conference are approved by the Bureau of Autism Services to meet Act 62 Behavioral Specialist Licensing Requirements. This program is being offered for up to 12 hours toward this requirement. Please see the individual session descriptions for the specific licensing requirement category or categories that each session qualifies toward.

For Other Professionals: General Training Hours are available for attendees who select this option when registering. You may use this documentation as proof of attendance or when applying for other continuing education types independently. A *Certificate of Attendance*, to be completed by the attendee, will also be provided on site.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

This year the conference and the exhibitor area are open to the general public for two days. This event has space for only a limited number of exhibitors. All exhibitor spaces have already been reserved.