

12th Annual Pennsylvania Autism Training Conference (PATC) for Professionals

“PATC: Interact 2019”



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

TO REGISTER:

- ♦ Login or create an account on [MyODP](#). (To create an account go to www.myodp.org/login/index.php and follow the instructions.)
- ♦ Once you are logged in, under the **Trainings** tab, choose **All Autism Trainings**. Then select **PA Autism Training Conference (PATC) 2019**.
- ♦ You can go directly to the registration page with this link: <https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1508>
- ♦ Choose: **Click Here to Register**. This link will open a new window and take you to an external site.
- ♦ There you will be able to choose the days and the breakout sessions you want to attend, and pay by credit card, or indicate that you will be paying by check.

LOCATION: Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, 25 South Queen St, Lancaster, PA
Hotel Reservations: There will be a room block at the Lancaster Marriott with a special rate for PATC attendees. The rate will include free overnight self-parking in the Marriott garage. The link for hotel room reservations will be available shortly.

Thursday, September 5 - Friday, September 6, 2019

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE: As programs in Pennsylvania expand to include people with autism, this conference will provide all professionals working directly with children and/or adults with autism the tools, strategies, and resources to provide the most effective support. Opportunities for engagement with providers and experts in the field will be offered throughout this conference.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Professionals looking to increase their knowledge of and/or ability to support individuals with autism across the spectrum and the lifespan.

We welcome all professionals supporting individuals with autism in Pennsylvania, in all systems. Please join us!

Thursday, September 5:

Check-In/Breakfast: 7:30 am - 8:45 am

Sessions: 8:45 am - 4:30 pm

Networking Reception: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Friday, September 6:**Check-In/Breakfast:** 7:30 am - 8:30 am**Sessions:** 8:30 am - 3:30 pm**REGISTRATION FEE:***Continental breakfast, lunch and continuing education are included.*

Online registration will remain open until **Wednesday, August 28, 2019**. Walk-ins will be welcomed if space allows, but please note that the registration fee is lower if you pre-register online.

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION RATES**Thursday & Friday, September 5-6, 2019: \$100 per day, per person****WALK-IN RATES****Thursday & Friday, September 5-6, 2019: \$125 per day, per person****CONFERENCE SESSION TOPICS:**

Suicide Prevention, Behavior Analysis, Health & Wellness, Meaningful Communication, Justice System, Family Systems, Dual Diagnosis, Community Engagement, and Relationships

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

1. Re-conceptualize autism from multiple perspectives;
2. Evaluate and utilize a variety of tools to help identify appropriate interventions for individuals with ASD; and
3. Implement appropriate interventions to support individuals with ASD across the lifespan and across the spectrum.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ **Provider Poster Session** highlighting innovative approaches to best practices.
- ◆ **Thursday Evening Networking Reception**, with Live Music and Cash Bar, 5:30 -7:30 PM
- ◆ **Friday Morning Mentoring Breakfast**, 7:00 - 8:30 AM. To participate, select the discussion topic you are interested in on the registration site.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS**THURSDAY, SEPT. 5, 2019****9/5 WELCOME & KEYNOTE (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)**

This session qualifies for BCBA continuing education (2.5 credits) and ACT 62 BSL training hours (3 hours of Assessments).

Welcome Remarks**Kristin Ahrens, Deputy Secretary, Office of Developmental Programs****Nina Wall, Director, Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations, Office of Developmental Programs**

Featured Keynote Presented by Patrick Friman, PhD

Colloquial Descriptions of Behavior Analytic Treatment Concepts: Multiple Examples

There is much to love about behavioral analysis but the perfect love is hard to find, especially in the sciences. An obstacle to love is imperfect, incomplete, or incomprehensible communication. And because the technical language of behavior analysis is so challenging, even for those inside the field, using it with people outside the field can limit or completely preclude their capacity for loving (or even just liking) the science. This talk will present a variety of behavior analytic treatment concepts and use plain every language to describe them.

9/5 BREAKOUT SESSIONS (1:30 PM – 2:45 PM and 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM)

Conference attendees will select one session to attend during each set of concurrent sessions. Each session presented at 1:30 pm will be repeated at 3:15 pm.

A1/A5) It Took a Village

Presented by Heidi Arva and Gwen & Gene Harshaw

This session qualifies for ACT 62 BSL training hours (1.5 hours of Family Collaboration).

Parents/caregivers/guardians are under a great deal of stress when raising a child with special needs. Hear one family's story of raising an autistic child into adulthood. The old African adage states it takes a village to raise a child. A reflection of this journey reveals how large the village population swelled. You will understand how his family and his village used their gifts and talents to help bring about the springing forth of his own gifts and talents.

A2/A6) Understanding Wellness

Presented by Greg Cherpes, M.D.

This session qualifies for ACT 62 BSL training hours (1.5 hours of Autism-Specific Training).

The pursuit of wellness enhances our lives. Wellness is more than the absence of illness. Wellness involves an active process of growth and change. This session intended for a general audience will review the areas of wellness and the importance that they play across the lifespan. Building from an understanding of these areas, barriers that individuals with autism spectrum disorder may face and tools for pursuing wellness will be discussed.

A3/A7) Navigating the Complexities of Meaningful and Functional Communication for Individuals with Autism

Presented by Amy Alford & Krista Lewis

This session qualifies for ACT 62 BSL training hours (0.75 hours of Instructional Strategies & Best Practices plus 0.75 hours of Skill Deficits).

In a communication-requisite world, we have a responsibility to ensure all people can communicate in a meaningful and functional way. It is not enough to rely on verbal language, nor is it sustainable to simply 'know' what a person with autism wants or needs. Communication is complicated, but across systems and disciplines, we have learned a variety of methods to understand this topic and population. This training will explore the definition of communication through multi-disciplinary perspectives, explain why it is important to accurately identify how an individual with autism expressively and receptively communicates, and provide tools, resources, and strategies to support individuals with a variety of communication needs.

A4/A8) Suicide Prevention and Intervention for Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Presented by Dr. Perri Rosen and Amy Kabiru

This session qualifies for ACT 62 BSL training hours (1.5 hours of Co-Morbidity and Medication).

There is limited research on prevalence and risk factors of suicidality among youth with autism spectrum disorders, as well as on best practices to suicide risk assessment and intervention with this population. This presentation will synthesize existing research and identify gaps in the literature, as well as provide practical recommendations for mental health professionals serving youth with ASD.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Opening Remarks (8:30 AM – 9:00 AM)

Announcements/Updates on ODP & ASERT Initiatives Presented by Stacy L. Nonnemacher, Ph.D. & ASERT

WORKSHOPS (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

These sessions are all three-hour workshops. Conference attendees will choose one session to attend.

B1) Autism in the Criminal Justice System

Presented by Kate Hooven and Jesse Torisky, Eastern ASERT

This session qualifies for ACT 62 BSL training hours (3 hours of Autism-Specific Training).

The attendees will obtain an overview of the criminal justice process and the ramifications of an arrest, how they can/should interact with law enforcement, probation officers, and attorneys, and what to do if their client is arrested, has to stand trial, and even be incarcerated.

Attendees will discover various resources such as social stories that will help them prepare for an interaction with law enforcement. Attendees will have a better understanding of how they can help individuals with autism PLAN (Prepare, Learn, Advise and Notify) for a positive interaction in the criminal justice system.

B2) Be Safe and Be Social: Helping Individuals with ASD Build Healthy Relationships

Presented by Michael Murray, M.D. and Andrea Layton, Central ASERT

This session qualifies for ACT 62 BSL training hours (1.5 hours of Instructional Strategies & Best Practices plus 1.5 hour of Skill Deficits).

The majority of individuals with ASD, especially adolescents and adults, consistently report dissatisfaction with their social lives. Individuals with ASD who also present with complex communication needs have even greater difficulty finding meaningful community engagement and are particularly vulnerable to victimization. In this interactive workshop, participants will gain increased insights and the tools needed to help individuals with ASD achieve their relationship goals. Emphasis will be placed on helping individuals with ASD increase safety while increasing their social interactions. Case examples will illustrate key concepts and participants will be encouraged to interact throughout the presentation to assess their own understanding.

B3) Meeting the Complex Needs of Individuals with Dual Diagnosis through a Multidisciplinary Approach

Presented by Ryan Cramer and Heather Capo, Western ASERT

This session qualifies for ACT 62 BSL training hours (3 hours of Co-Morbidity and Medication).

In order to meet the complex needs of individuals with dual diagnosis it is imperative that all aspects of the root causes of these complexities are understood and addressed. Many individuals with dual diagnosis can present with needs that may require assessment and treatment by a variety of disciplines

in order to mitigate challenges. During this workshop presenters will discuss and describe an integrated approach to assessment and treatment for individuals with multiple and complex needs including psychiatric, behavioral and physical health domains.

9/6 KEYNOTE (1:30 PM – 3:30 PM)

Featured Keynote Presented by Mark Salzer, Ph.D.

Life in the Community Like Everyone Else: Fundamentals of Community Inclusion

This session qualifies for ACT 62 BSL training hours (2 hours of Autism-Specific Training).

This session will describe community participation and inclusion and its importance for health and wellness and then offer the fundamentals for promoting full inclusion. Specific fundamentals that will be emphasized include beliefs about the capabilities of people with autism to participate, promotion of choice and dignity of risk, addressing a full range of participation domains, recognizing the critical role of family and significant others in the promotion of inclusion, and addressing environmental barriers based on the social model of disability.

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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?

A confirmation email will be sent automatically once you've completed the registration process online. If you do not receive a confirmation email within a few hours of registering, you may contact Carmen Culver at cculver@columbusorg.com to verify your registration was completed successfully.

Are you having trouble registering?

Please contact cculver@columbusorg.com

If you need to cancel or change your registration, please contact cculver@columbusorg.com.

If you registered and can no longer attend, someone else may attend in your place, but only with advanced notice. You must email cculver@columbusorg.com no later than 12pm on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 with the name and email of your replacement. Onsite registration swaps are not possible and registration fees will not be refunded.

PAYMENT

There are two registration payment options. You may pay online using a credit card or you may pay by check.

- **Checks should be mailed to The Columbus Organization, ATTN: PATC, 500 East Swedesford Road, Suite 100, Wayne PA 19087**
- **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 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 Office of Developmental Programs, 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 Office of Developmental Programs will refund any registration fee, but it is not responsible for any related costs, charges, or any expenses to registrants, including cancellation costs/fees charged by hotels or 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

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Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square (CONFERENCE SITE)

25 South Queen Street
Lancaster, PA
717-239-1600

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONALS

All requests for continuing education will be made onsite at the conference by turning in the completed *PATC 2019 Attendance Verification* form before leaving the event. A professional number or license number is required for BCBA, NBCC, and Social Work CEU applicants; this number must be included on the form, so be sure to have your number on hand 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 2.5 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 11 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).

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 11 clock hours (1.1 CEUs).

ACT 62 BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST LICENSURE Requirements: Sessions presented during this conference are approved by the Bureau of Autism Services to meet Act 62 Behavior Specialist Licensure Requirements. This program is being offered for up to 11 hours toward this requirement. Please see the individual session descriptions for the specific licensing requirement category or categories that each session qualifies toward.

GENERAL TRAINING HOURS: Up to 11 general training hours will be issued to all conference attendees. A certificate will be available through MyODP.org for each day attended, once attendance has been verified. You may use this documentation as proof of attendance or when applying for other continuing education types independently.