

Imagine... New Paths Forward

Conference Schedule

MORNING

Friday, June 13, 2025

Registration Check-in/Breakfast 7:30-8:30 <i>(Please be sure to visit our Resource Tables - open from 8:00-2:00 both days!)</i>			
Opening Keynote Session Granting Access: Dismantling Ableism and Embracing Autistic Identity Haley Moss, JD 8:30-9:30 Sandia Ballroom V-VIII			
Break 9:30-9:45			
Breakout Sessions	9:45-11:00	Talking the Talk About Autism: Navigating Disclosure Situations - Haley Moss, JD	Sandia V
		Autism and the Brain: How does the wiring work? Evelyn L. Fisher, PhD, ABPP-CN	Sandia VI-VIII
		In Search of Meaning: Autism Spectrum Disorder and Reading Comprehension - Marci Laurel, MA, CCC-SLP	Ocotillo
Break 11:00-11:15			
Breakout Sessions	11:15-12:30	Navigating the “Birds and Bees” Guiding Conversations on Dating Relationships and Sexuality for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) - Jeneé Lewis-Walker, PsyD	Sandia V
		Regulation vs. Replacement: Teaching New Skills through a Developmentally Informed Lens - Kayla Lopez, MA, BCBA <i>(eligible for BCBA CEUs)</i>	Sandia VI-VIII
		Feeding and Eating Challenges in ASD - Osana Abich Oliva, MD; Erin Smith, MS RD	Ocotillo
12:30-1:45 Enjoy a complimentary buffet lunch in the Hotel Atrium or join us for a special networking event <i>Compartiendo el Almuerzo</i> (Sharing Lunch) in Sandia VI <i>(English interpretation available)</i>			

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AFTERNOON

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Breakout Sessions	1:45-3:00	Key Components of Effective NMSTART Therapeutic Coaching - Tanya Burnett, BA; Angelica Gutierrez BA; William Szumigala, BS	Sandia V
		Advocating and Addressing Communication: The other form of AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) - Jaime Branaman, MA, CCC-SLP; Dr. Kimberly Mattison, SLPD CCC-SLP	Sandia VI-VIII
		Autism & IEPs: From Identification to Intervention – Maria Mendez, PhD, NCSP, NCC; Tiffany Otero, PhD, BCBA; Brandon Rennie, PhD	Ocotillo
Break 3:00-3:15			
Closing Keynote Session Navigating the Path Forward: Advancing and Thriving in Uncertain Times Patricia Osbourn, MA Associate Director, UNM-CDD Director, CDD Autism Programs Director, NM START Program 3:15-4:30 Sandia Ballroom V-VIII			

Thank you so much for joining us for the 2025 Imagine Conference!

*Before you leave today, please take a few
moments to complete a short survey to tell us
about your conference experience!*

