

# Imagine... New Paths Forward

Conference Schedule

**MORNING**

**Thursday, June 12, 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  Supporting the Spectrum: Beyond the Diagnosis Dr. Kristin Sohl 8:30-9:30 Sandia Ballroom V-VIII			
Break 9:30-9:45			
Breakout Sessions	9:45-11:00	Connecting Systems to Optimize Thriving for Autistic Individuals - Kristin Sohl, MD	Sandia V
		Autism and the Workforce: Balancing Employment, Daily Life, and Well-Being - Maria Mendez, PhD, NCSP, NCC; Allison Salazar, BA	Sandia VI-VIII
		Anxiety in Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder - Sylvia J. Acosta, PhD; Sunny Olsen, EdS, NCSP; Emily Pomichter, MA	Ocotillo
Break 11:00-11:15			
Breakout Sessions	11:15-12:30	Preparing Neurodiverse Youth for Inpatient Hospitalization: Tips for Outpatient Teams and Families - Amy Rouse, MD	Sandia V
		Bridging the Gap: Supporting Students with Mental Health Needs and Developmental Disabilities in the Special Education System – Felicia Nevarez, MEd; Michelle Tregembo, NBCT	Sandia VI-VIII
		The Impact of Bullying on Mental Health in the ASD/IDD Population Tanya Burnett, BS; Tiffany L. Otero, PhD, BCBA	Ocotillo
12:30-1:45  Enjoy a complimentary buffet lunch in the Hotel Atrium			

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Breakout Sessions	1:45-3:00	Tools for Providers Serving Youth with Mental Health Needs - Amy Glass, MSW; V. Ann Waldorf, PhD	Sandia V
		Where have we come from and where are we going? History of the Mental Health Peer movement and how it can support the Developmental Disability Advocacy experience - Jaime Campbell, CPSW, CHW	Sandia VI-VIII
		Understanding Trauma and Autism Spectrum Disorder in Young Children - Janeth Nuñez del Prado, LCSW, IMHE-III; Julia Oppenheimer, PhD, IMH-E®	Ocotillo
Break 3:00-3:15			
Closing Keynote Session  Holding Complexity, Building Connection: A Psychiatrist’s Reflection on Autism, Mental Health, and the Power of Interdisciplinary Care  Dr. Kimothi Cain 3:15-4:30 Sandia Ballroom V-VIII			

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