

# 2019 Colorado Autism Conference: Partnering for Potential



**June 4-6, 2019 in Fort Collins on the Colorado State University Campus – Lory Center**  
**Please join us for an amazing conference lineup!**

**Laura Anthony, Ph.D. - Tuesday Keynote (8:30-10:00):**

*What is Executive Functioning and What Can We Do to Help Our Kids Develop It?*

This session will start with a discussion of how to recognize executive functioning (EF) difficulties when it is seen at school or at home, and how to distinguish a “can’t” from a “won’t.” EF difficulties can include problems with regulating emotions, goal-setting, making plans, and thinking flexibly. Some quick tips and tricks will be covered that have been proven in treatment research studies, and that the audience can use immediately.

**Dave Hamrick & Lindsey Nebeker - Wednesday Keynote (8:30 - 10:00):**

*Let's Get Personal: A Heart-to-Heart Conversation with Dave & Lindsey*

Many individuals on the autism spectrum and their loved ones may express ongoing and sometimes exhausting challenges associated with relationships, interpersonal communication and interaction. What can we learn from these challenges, and how can we as a community better support and enable individuals on the autism spectrum to feel empowered, and what can we work on ourselves in our own relationships? In a semi-informal atmosphere, Dave and Lindsey (featured in *Autism in Love*) will talk about their personal journey of finding love and navigating through life, expressed through spoken word, imagery, and selected scenes from the Emmy-nominated documentary film. Join us for a special session with the lovebirds as they share their stories of celebration, loss, encouragement, sorrow, wisdom, companionship, truth, power and vulnerability -- and what they have learned so far through their adventure as individuals and as a couple.

**Bryn Harris, Ph.D. - Wednesday Workshop (3:00-4:15):**

*Disparities in ASD Identification: Implications for School Professionals & Advocates -*

Disparities in ASD identification, particularly by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic indicators, have been documented for decades. Despite the awareness, reduction of these disparities has been limited. This workshop will provide national and Colorado state data pertaining to trends in ASD identification disparities. Participants will gain knowledge pertaining to strategies used by professionals nationwide and Colorado to reduce these disparities and how partnerships can improve earlier and more accurate ASD identification in traditionally underserved populations.

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**Jack Robinson, Esq. - Thursday Workshop (8:30 - 10:00):**

*Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District RE-1, The Establishment - and Its Impact - of a Substantive Standard for a Free Appropriate Public Education for Children With Disabilities- The U.S. Supreme Court in Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District RE-1 established a markedly more demanding standard for determining when a school district has met its substantive obligation of providing a free appropriate public education (FAPE) under the IDEA. While the Court did not directly address the IDEA's least restrictive environment (LRE) requirement, Endrew F., nevertheless, establishes a legal "expectation" that the provision of a FAPE will involve inclusion in the regular classroom with an individualized education program (IEP) calculated to achieve advancement from grade to grade for all children - regardless of the disability. This session will examine the FAPE requirement under the IDEA and the Supreme Court's establishment of a substantive FAPE standard and how that standard impact the placement of children with disabilities in the regular education classroom.*

**Mitch Sleep, Ben LeSatz and their families - Thursday Panel (10:30 - 12:00):**

*Living with ASD-The Best Is Yet to Come - Please join us as we share our journey and personal stories about autism from the early years through today. The riveting road for each of us (whether son or parent) have held continuous challenges and victories, but have proven to us the best is yet to come.*

**To Register:**

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-autism-asdconference>

**Pricing:**

Professionals - \$175

Self-Advocates/Family Members - \$75

Full-time Students - \$75

Exhibit Hall Participants (Approval required) - \$125

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