



Your Guide and Passport

Speakers Schedule

9:25	Main Stage	6 David Clarke Dignity Memorial Pre-needs Planning for your kin
9:30	Main Stage	7 Roz MacLean Picture books & neurodiversity
9:30	Breakout	8 Jamie McCleary – Autism Canada
9:40	Main Stage	22 Cristina Eris – Somos Tribu Social emotional learning
9:50	Breakout	17 David Chen Benefit Change Discussion
10:00	Main Stage	Paul Finch – BCGEU Living with autism
10:10	Breakout	10 Oscar Chan – Ark Behavior Consulting
10:25	Main Stage	5 Michael McLellan - ESATTA Neurodivergent lived experiences
10:40	Breakout	17 DC Complete Financial RDSP myths and facts
11:00	Main Stage	Ovey Yeung - Beyond diagnosis: The power of choice
11:00	Breakout	5 Michael McLellan Neurodivergent adult pov
11:20	Main Stage	19 Kate Chase - Nurture Learning - Supporting Your Child's Joint Engagement & Play
11:30	Breakout	17 Complete Planning Alliance Estate Planning Panel Talk
11:35	Main Stage	23 Merrilyn Cook - Purpose Secondary School
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12:15	Main Stage	3 Sara Jane Walker – LDS Three Things I Learned Parenting Two Neurodivergent Kids When the System Shifts — What Parents of Neurodivergent Kids Really Need to Know
12:20	Breakout	14 Gina Fernandez – Enable OT Making groups FUNctional

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4:20	Main Stage	28 Jurrell Lewars - Marina Swim Supporting Neurodiverse Swimmers: Building Confidence Through Adventure-Based Swim Instruction
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12:45	Main Stage	Early session closing remarks













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Sara Jane Walker	LDS	<p>Three Things I Learned Parenting Two Neurodivergent Kids When the System Shifts — What Parents of Neurodivergent Kids Really Need to Know</p> <p>As BC disability policy and funding shift, many parents are feeling anxious and unsure about what comes next. In this honest and heartfelt talk, Sara Jane Walker, parent of two neurodivergent young adults and Senior Manager at Learn. Develop. Succeed., shares three lessons that helped her navigate advocacy, belonging, and building independence in a changing system.</p>
Merrilyn Cook	Purpose Secondary	<p>The Journey to Create a Safe And Trusting School Community For Neurodivergent Learners</p> <p>Join Merrilyn Cook, Principal and Director and Jordan Samek, Vice Principal and Teacher as they unpack Purpose Independent Secondary School’s Heart-Mind- Well-being Approach to learning and to creating a safe and trusting space for neurodivergent learners.</p>
Kate Chase	Nurture learning	<p>Supporting Your Child's Joint Engagement & Play</p> <p>Growing children's joint engagement - their ability to engage with you and a shared activity - is the strongest predictor of language and communication growth in young autistic children (and neurotypical children). Learn about how joint engagement develops, and how to support your child in playful, positive ways.</p>
Jamie McCleary	Autism Canada	
Roz MacLean	Books	<p>Picture Books and Neurodiversity</p> <p><i>Author Illustrator Roz MacLean shares her neurodiversity focused books, More Than Words: So Many Ways to Say What We Mean and Together, a Forest: Drawing Connections Between Nature's Diversity and Our Own.</i></p>
David Clarke	Dignity Memorial	<p>Title: Protecting You And Your Loved Ones At The Worst Time Of Your Life</p> <p>Synopsis: Overview of what needs to be done when someone passes, how it affects people and what can be done ahead of time to ease the burden on those left behind</p>
Jurrell Lewars	Marina Swim	<p>Supporting Neurodiverse Swimmers: Building Confidence Through Adventure-Based Swim Instruction</p> <p>specialized swim program designed to support neurodiverse children. He will outline our services, the support we provide to families, and our strengths across our eight locations throughout BC.</p>

Doug Tennant		Chorus Housing
Ovey Yeung	Keynote	<p>Beyond diagnosis: the power of choice</p> <p>In this keynote, Ovey shares her lived experience navigating life after an acquired brain injury and stepping into neurodivergence as an adult in a largely neurotypical world. Through stories of recovery, grief, adaptation, and advocacy, she explores how diagnosis can inform the journey but does not define identity. This talk invites caregivers, educators, and community partners to reframe differences, lead with strengths, and design environments where neurodivergent individuals can thrive.</p>
Kate Chase	Nurture Learning & Development	<p>Play Crash Course - How to Spot your Child's Play Level</p> <p>Understanding your child's play can help you connect and engage with them! Learning about different types of play helps you spot where your child is at right now, and figure out how they will enjoy engaging with you! This makes for more fun for everyone AND helps you support their language and communication development.</p>
Oscar Chan	Ark Behavior consulting	“Why Behaviours Happen: Understanding the 4 Functions of Behaviour & Practical Tools Parents Can Use at Home”
Gina Fernandez	Enable OT	<p>Making groups FUNctional</p> <p>Looking for something truly FUNtastic and FUNctional? Our unique therapy groups in Richmond, led by an SLP and OT, combine purposeful skill-building with interactive activities that support social, language, cognitive, physical, and emotional development. Come see how fun and functional can go hand in hand!</p>
Cristina Eris	Somos Tribu Education	social emotional learning
Merrilyn Cook	Purpose Secondary	<p>Purpose Independent Secondary School – An Inclusive Education School : An Information Session</p> <p>What all parents /professionals need to know about Purpose Independent Secondary School- an Inclusive Education School.</p>
David Chen	DC Complete Financial	RDSP Myths and Facts
Grace Tsang Stanley Ip Jacqueline Ho David Clarke David Chen		<p>Estate Planning Panel Talk</p> <p>Moderated by Ovey Yeung – Questions about cases that this panel of professionals have dealt with that have had unintended consequences</p>
Paul Finch	BCGEU president	Living with autism
David Chen	DC Complete Financial	New benefits change discussion

Exhibitor	Booth	speaking	Booth Stamp	Passport Match
ESATTA	5	10:25 2:25 main 11:00 3:00 breakout		
Advantage SLP & Enable OT	14	12:20 4:20 breakout		
Open Arts at HYAD & Roz MacLean	7	9:30 1:30 main 10:00 2:00 Childminding		
Autism Canada	8	9:30 1:30 breakout		
Kel's Magic	21			
B Kids Daycare	25	Childminding		
Code Ninja	12			
Complete Planning Alliance	17	11:30 3:30 breakout		
Somos Tribu Education	22	9:40 1:40 main		
DDA	30			
Dignity Memorial	6	9:25 1:25 Main		
Kidstart Pediatric Therapy	29			
Kenneth Gordon	13			
Keto Caveman Bakery	15			
Kids Physio Group	9			
LDS	3	12:15 4:00 main		
Max Party, abdominal migraines & Tony Tsang	16			

Marina's Swim School	28	12:35 4:20 main 12:45 4:40 breakout	
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