



International Conference For Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders

 **17th & 18th April 2025**

 **Omni Orlando Resort,
Championsgate,
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Personal Journeys, Professional Insights

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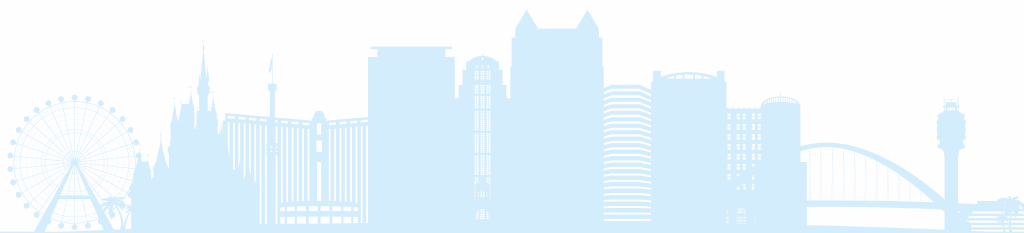
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About ICAN

The International Conference for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ICAN) is a distinctive gathering where voices from all walks of the autism journey converge. This year, ICAN offers a special platform for individuals on the autism spectrum and parent-professionals to share their personal journeys and professional insights. Following the success of our previous conferences in Dubai and Tanzania, we are thrilled to bring this enriching experience to the USA.

ICAN is more than just an exchange of ideas—it's a place where lived experiences meet expert knowledge. This conference fosters meaningful connections between those who live with autism and those who dedicate their careers to advancing care and understanding. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the latest research, discuss new treatments, and engage in conversations that bridge the gap between personal experience and professional expertise. At ICAN, we are united by a shared goal: to enhance the lives of individuals on the Autism Spectrum by embracing both the science and the stories that shape their world.

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OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Temple Grandin

Author, Speaker and Autism Rights Activist, USA

Meet Dr. Temple Grandin!

We Are Excited to Announce That for the First Time, Dr. Temple Grandin, One of the World's Leading Voices in Autism Advocacy, Will Join Us **In Person** at the ICAN Conference 2025!

After Inspiring Us Virtually in Our Past ICAN Conferences, This Year's Event During World Autism Awareness Month is a Unique Opportunity to Connect with Dr. Grandin Face-to-Face.

Don't Miss This Unforgettable Moment to Meet a True Pioneer and Gain Invaluable Knowledge from Her Vast Experience!



Matt Morgan

Former WWE Superstar, Ex-American Gladiator, 3-time Mayor of Longwood, Re-elected to Longwood City Commission (Nov 2024), and Autism Dad

Topic: Addiction in the Spectrum: Awareness, Prevention, and Support



Lynne White

Founder of Teamawesomism & AwesomismMom

Topic: A Grassroot Strategy to Turn Autism into Awesomism

END KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Tom Iland

Award-Winning Author with Autism, USA

Topic: The Glass Is Full: Stories of Putting Mental Health First

Individuals On The Spectrum



Andrew Arboe

USA

Autistic Self-Advocate



Topic: My Wish for Future Employment Programs



Elizabeth Bonker

USA

Autism Advocate | Exec. Director,
Communication 4 ALL Autism
Society America's Council & Policy Advisor



Topic: Empowering Nonspeakers with
Communication, Regulation & Education



Jonathan Gardner

USA

Motivational Speaker,
Advocate, Cancer Survivor,
Who Happens to Have Autism



Topic: Trauma to Triumph as a Self-Advocate and Cancer
Survivor who happens to have Autism



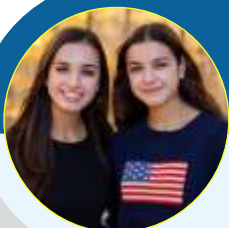
Dr. Emile Gouws

South Africa

Postdoctoral Fellow (Unisa),
Academic representative of South
Africa's response to the United Nations



Topic: The Paradigm Shift



**Maya &
Lara Hammoud**

USA

Researcher, Autism
Activist, & Co-Founder of
the Perception Foundation



Topic: Building Our New Normal



Gage Kern

USA

Autistic Advocate
and Podcaster



Topic: The Power of Autism



Andre Klass

USA

Founder & Executive
Director, Christian Tech
Center Ministries



Topic: God Made Us Perfect As We Are



Elissa R. Mandel

USA

Speech Pathologist, ASD
Clinical Specialist, CEO of Speech
Works by Elissa, Expert at The Aspie
World & Co-Founder of ClimbRx



Topic: The Cost of Masking for Neurodivergent Individuals:
A Wake-Up Call for Educators, Therapists, and Parents

Individuals On The Spectrum



Karla Pretorius

South Africa



Registered European
Psychotherapist, PhD researcher,
and co-founder of Climbrx

Topic: PDA (Persistent Drive for Autonomy)



Michelle Vinokurov

USA



Behavior Specialist

Topic: Unlocking Potential: Empowering Neurodiverse
Individuals in the Workplace



Jolene Stockman

New Zealand



Autistic TEDx Speaker,
Author, & Global Diversity Educator

Topic: Autistic World Domination



Chris Weakly

USA



Autistic Advocate
for Neurodiversity &
Founder of Logical-A

Topic: Dilemma of Autistic Employment

Autism Parents



Uzma Akser

UK



Founder & CEO of Uzma Akser Coaching and Consulting

Topic: Growing with Autism: Building Inclusive Workspaces for Lifelong Development



Yasmeen Alqalaaf

Kuwait



Autism Specialist and Autism Mom

Topic: Autism and Homeschooling



Tamarsha Alexander

USA



Autism Mom | Advocate CAS | Naturopath | CEO and Founder Ausome Life Institute

Topic: From Nonverbal to Verbal: A Holistic Approach to Empowering Families of Children with Autism



Udaya K. Dintyala

India



Chairman of Cognitive Botics, Technology Expert & Autism Dad

Topic: Transforming Early Intervention: Digital platform for augmenting the Therapy Ecosystem with AI, AR, and Gamified Content



Dr. Melinda Edwards

USA



Founder of Living Darshan

Topic: Beyond Inclusivity: Find Your Inner Aspie



Manisha Lad

USA



Neurodiverse Parent Coach, Founder & Executive Director Akhil Autism Foundation & Sensory Pathway Center

Topic: Empowering Akhil Lad's journey to college-Brain Development & Letter Board Communication



Rita Mastrangelo

Canada



Autism Mom & Autism Functional Health Practitioner

Topic: The Role of Gut Health in Reducing Challenging Behaviors and Improving Independence in Children with Autism



Neena Wagh

India



Autism Mom, Founder, Managing Trustee ALAP

Topic: Assisted Living Scenario and the Emerging Trends in Community Mobilisation

Autism Parents



Natalie Peldo

Canada



Nutritional Therapist

Topic: Helping your child with autism build a brilliant brain while overcoming sensory processing and using lifestyle medicine for behavior



Dr. Sylvia M. Akinsiku

Kenya



Founder Andy Speaks 4 Special Needs Persons Africa, Eastern Africa Academy of Childhood Disabilities exec committee & WHO World Rehabilitation Alliance - ER member

Topic: Inclusion in the community

Professionals



Aspen Baxter
USA



Disability Advocate,
Public Speaker & Accessible
Travel Blogger

Topic: "Tails" of Resilience: Navigating Late Diagnosed Autism, Disability, & Accessible Adventures with a Service Dog



Dr. Richard Boles
USA



Medical Geneticist,
Pediatrics, Clinical Genetics

Topic: Application of Genetic Testing and Dietary Supplementation Strategies to Improve Clinical Outcomes



Zahida Chagani
Tanzania



Special Educator &
Principal, AL Muntazir
Special Education Needs

Topic: Transforming Internships and Vocational Training for Children with Special Needs



Paul D. Diaz
USA



Winter Springs City
Commissioner | IRS Enrolled Agent IRS
Defense & Strategic Tax Resolution Expert



Dr. Thiago Dutra
Brazil



Pediatrician &
Postgraduate in Child &
Adolescent Psychiatry

Topic: Integrating Autism Education into Medical Training & Practice



Dr. Carissa Doherty
Canada



Naturopathic Doctor

Topic: IPOTS...Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome: POTS and PANs



Dr. Sonya Doherty
Canada



Naturopathic Doctor,
FMAPS (Cand.)

Topic: Motor Planning and Mitochondrial Issues In Autism



Spencer Doman
USA



Child Brain
Developmentalist, Doman
Method Coach

Topic: The Doman Method: 70 Years of Holistic Success with Children with Autism and Developmental Delays

Professionals



Dr. Terita Gusby
USA



Special Educator & Founder
of Education Prescriptions a
Virtual Education Company

Topic: The Incorporation of Visual and Tactile
Skills Taught to Students with Autism



Stacey Hoaglund
USA



President of the Autism
Society of Florida

Topic: Masking to Survive - The Autistic Person's
Battle to Belong



Cowboy Jack
USA



YouTuber &
Autism Advocate

Topic: Using Unique Ways and Adventures To
Learn Skill Sets



AJ Cullen Langell
USA



LICSW, C-AAIS,
Founder - Autism Barks

Topic: Pawsibilities: Enhancing Autism Support
with Animal-Assisted Services



Alisha Lalljee
India



Psychologist

Topic: Unidentified Adult Autism



Dr. Annie A. Lasway
USA



Healthcare Researcher
and Educator,
CEO of DECODER Health.

Topic: Critical Distinction Between
Inheritability and Heritability



Dr. Tim Lloyd
USA



Ph.D., BCBA, IBA, LMFT

Topic: Compassionate Behavior Analysis: Empowering
Individuals on the Autism Spectrum and Their Families



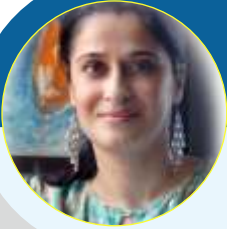
Eleonora Palmieri
Italy



Clinical Psychologist,
Itard Therapist,
Director Victor Center

Topic: Neuroactivation practices for Autism

Professionals



Minal Potnis

India

Face Yoga Therapist



Topic: Neuro-Wellness & Mental Clarity for Autism, while naturally optimizing your aesthetic condition with targeted Face Exercises



John Payne

USA

Chairman & CEO, PURELIFE Health Sciences Group, LLC



Topic: New Studies And A Solution For Autism And The Connection To The Gut-Brain Axis



Darshan Punjabi

USA

Technology Lead at Oracle & Empowering Children with Unique Abilities



Topic: Empowering Autism Families : Technology for Growth and Connection



Michael Radka

USA

President and CEO of Mercy Road



Topic: Exploring the Intersection of Faith and Neurodiversity



Dr. Valeria Risoli

UAE

Clinical Psychologist At Allied Medical Center (Dubai)



Topic: Challenges Of Children Raised By Autistic Parents



Dr. Hemangi Sane

India

Consultant Physician



Topic: Neurotransmitters In Autism



Greg Santucci

USA

Pediatric Occupational Therapist, Founding Director of Power Play Pediatric Therapist and Co-Founder of ClimbRx



Topic: Creating Sensory Safe Spaces



Dr. Randi A. Sarokoff

USA

Associate Professor in ABA, at Kean University



Topic: Prioritizing Learner Preference to Enhance Quality of Life: Script Fading to Teach Dramatic Script Memorization as a Recreational Activity for an Adult with Autism

Professionals



Jeniece Stewart

USA



Founder & Executive Director, Special Needs Siblings

Topic: The Importance of Awareness and Visibility for Siblings



Dr. Tyler Sexton

USA



Pediatric Hyperbaric Specialist

Topic: Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy: More Than Wounds: Neurological Application



Dr. Alok Sharma

India



Neurosurgeon

Topic: Recent Advances in the Pathophysiology and Medical Management of the Autism Spectrum



Danielle Terrell

USA



Autism Advocate

Topic: Supporting Individuals with Transitions!



Elizabeth Vosseller

USA



M.A., SLP, Founder and Executive Director of (I-ASC)

Topic: Presuming Competence: Nonspeaking Does Not Equal Nonthinking



Ijeoma Ugwu

UK



MSc. Human Nutrition. Registered Nutrition Society of Nigeria (NSN) and The Nutrition Society, United Kingdom

Topic: Feeding Challenges Among Children with ASD or Holistic Wellness in ASD



Zheng Wang

USA



Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Applied Physiology and Kinesiology, University of Florida

Topic: CONSEQUENCES OF AGING-Neuromotor, Cognitive, and Structural Brain Deviations In Middle-&-Old Aged Autistic Adults

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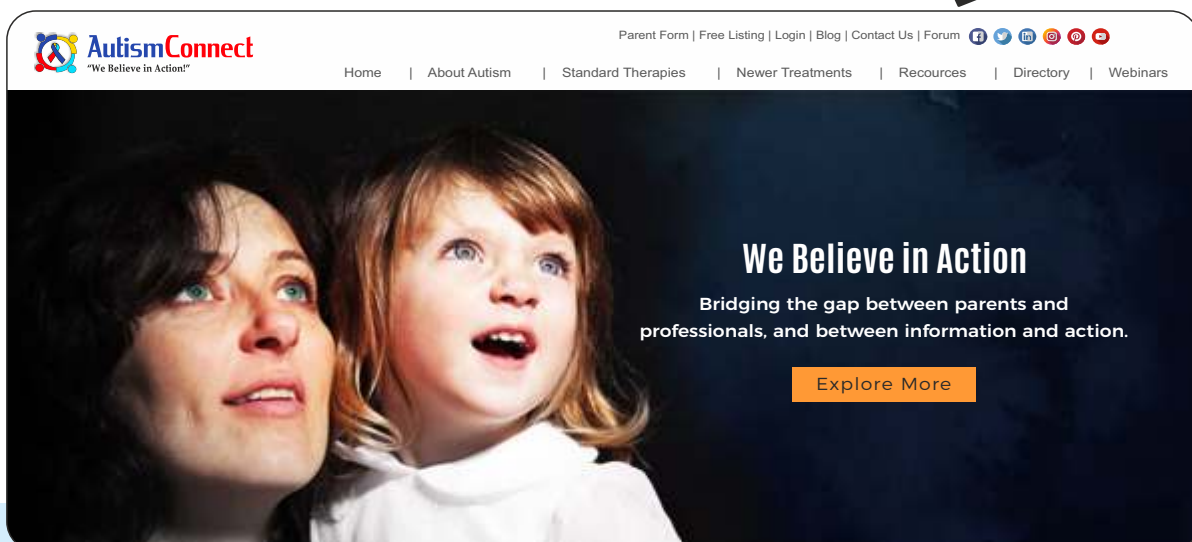
We offer easy access to professionals via our global directory, along with treatment options, resources, webinars, blogs, and newsletters. This helps parents make informed choices for their children. We continuously update and validate autism-related information, believing that individuals with autism have unique abilities ready to be uncovered with the right approach.

At Autism Connect, we don't just imagine a better world for people with Autism, we endeavor to create it "We Believe In Action".

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- **Worldwide Directory:** Access over 49,000 professionals, including special schools, rehabilitation centers, and therapists, across the USA, South America, Africa, India, and beyond.
- **Therapy Options:** Explore a range of therapies, from standard therapies to newer treatment methods and approaches, ensuring personalized care to meet your child's unique needs.
- **Blogs & Inspirational Stories:** Dive into articles authored by parents, professionals, and individuals with ASD, offering insights and inspiration.
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