

2019

AUTISM ALBERTA'S ALLIANCE EVENT



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— ALLIANCE —
An Initiative of Autism Society Alberta

A CALL TO ACTION *FORMING PROVINCIAL WORKING GROUPS*

DATE: October 11, 2019

LOCATION:
Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Centre

9:00 - 9:15am - Registration

9:15 - 9:30am - opening remarks

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Lonnie Zwaigenbaum

Dr. Zwaigenbaum is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Alberta, the inaugural Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation Chair in Autism Research, as well as Distinguished Researcher within the Stollery Science Lab Program. He is also the AHS Edmonton Zone Clinical Department Head for Child Health.

9:30 - 11:00am - Theme 1: Complex Case Care

COMPLEX CARE IN A
COMPLEX SYSTEM -
TOWARDS GETTING WHAT
IS NEEDED

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Panelists:

Dr. Kimberley Ward: Registered Psychologist and Executive Director of the Society for Treatment of Autism
Dr. David Nicholas: Professor in the Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary
Dr. Katelyn Lowe: Registered Psychologist and Chief Strategy Officer for the Sinneave Family Foundation
Nadine Gall: Manager of the Integrated Brain Health Initiative & Neurodevelopmental Disorders NDD Care Coordination Program at the Alberta Children's Hospital
Clayton Kleparchuk: Program Manager with Alberta Health Services

11:00 - 12:30pm - Theme 2: Housing and Independent Living

WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF
OUR KIDS - THE
REALITIES, THE OPTIONS
AND THE FUTURE



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Panelists:

Kim Fox: REALTOR® with REMAX in Red Deer, Director, Autism Alberta and Co-Chair of the advisory committee for the Sinneave Family Foundation Housing Committee
Nicole Spring: Community Ambassador, Autism Society of Wood Buffalo
Barbara Potter: Chief Operating Officer, The Sinneave Family Foundation
Dr. Deborah Barrett: Director, Autism Alberta; President and owner of Anthony at Your Service

12:30 - 1:15pm - Lunch Break

1:15 - 2:45pm - Theme 3: Family Advocacy

EMPOWERING A
COLLECTIVE VOICE -
BUILDING
COLLABORATION
WITH STAKEHOLDERS
AND GOVERNMENT



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Panelists:

Lyndon Parakin: Executive Director, Autism Calgary Association, Vice President, Autism Society Alberta
Brooke Pinsky: Manager of Programs and Support Services with Autism Edmonton
Kitty Parlby: Speaker and consultant with Autism Inspirations, Director, Autism Alberta
Jessica Klatt: Is an autistic parent of two young boys; one is autistic the other is still figuring out who he is

2:45 - 4:15pm - Theme 4: Advocates Forum

ENGAGING SELF
ADVOCATES - OPENING
THE DOOR

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Stewart Self Advocates
Fund**

Panelists:

Adam Glendon: Diagnosed with Autism in 2009, Adam works full-time as a yard freight conductor for CN Rail. He is an active volunteer in the autism community.
Michael Frost: An autistic artist (art activist), Michael is currently creating art both independently and collaborating with others to explore improved access to health and dental care for persons living with invisible disabilities.
Adam Kedmy: Adam currently makes his money being a plumber or a respite worker (never both together), and studies at the U of A as an autistic student, working towards a BA, double majoring in Linguistics and Sociology.
Aksana Kirton: Aksana recognizes herself as an advocate, a questioner, absurdist, Buddhist, painter, writer, vocalist, neighbour, and self describes as, above all, a believer. She uses her special interests in philosophy, theology, the social sciences and many other sciences to achieve a lifestyle founded in compassion.

4:15 - 4:30pm - Closing Remarks