



CONVERGE
AUTISM SUMMIT
2018

Presented by Springbrook Behavioral Health

EMBASSY SUITES

GREENVILLE, SC

MARCH 1-2, 2018

SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES



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ABOUT THE EVENT

OUR VISION & PURPOSE



This summit is dedicated to all the unsung heroes who fight and search every day for answers and support. There is nothing that makes providers, teachers, therapists, and parents feel more helpless than not being able to communicate or respond effectively when a child or adolescent with autism is acting out, engaging in self-harming behaviors, becoming aggressive with others, or exhibiting any of the maladaptive behaviors. Converge is dedicated to providing an educational forum to help further competency, understanding, research, and support to help those involved with children and adolescents with autism and improving the quality of life for the individual and their families.

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE

We are expecting 250 providers, therapist, educators, and parents from across the Southeast.

MARCH 1–2, 2018 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Day 1

8:00–9:00 Registration • Refreshments
9:00–10:15 Day One Keynote I
10:15–10:45 Break • Networking • Visit Vendors
10:45–12:00 Day One Keynote II
12:00–1:30 Lunch • Ask the Experts Panel • Vendors
Breakout Tracks: Parent, Professional, and Educator
1:30–2:45 Breakout Session I
2:45–3:15 Break
3:15–4:30 Breakout Session II

Day 2

8:00–9:00 Registration • Refreshments
9:00–10:15 Day Two Keynote I
10:15–10:45 Break • Networking • Visit Vendors
10:45–12:00 Day Two Keynote II
12:00–1:30 Lunch • Legislative Panel • Vendors
Breakout Tracks: Parent, Professional, and Educator
1:30–2:45 Breakout Session I
2:45–3:15 Break • Networking • Visit Vendors
3:15–4:30 Breakout Session II

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

VENDOR \$250

Only 13 vendor booths left

- 6' table provided
- Ad in the conference program
- Company logo on conference website
- Acknowledgment on rolling power point during breaks
- One free professional ticket for exhibitor including meals and parking passes for both days (Additional conference and daily meal tickets can be purchased)
- Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request

LUNCHEON SPONSOR \$1,000

1 available for each day

- Prominent placement of company logo on all room/luncheon signage
- Company logo on all event signage
- Company logo on all printed & electronic invitations for event & link
- Company logo placed in the conference program
- Opportunity for company to provide branded takeaway or giveaway item to each attendee
- Name on conference website
- One free professional ticket
- One free parking pass for each day

PARENT/STUDENT SPONSOR \$95

Unlimited while seats available

- Sponsor the attendance of parent or student
- Company or individual named in scholarship email/letter to sponsored attendee
- Opportunity for personal introduction to the individual you have sponsored
- Company or individual named in the conference program

VENDOR INFORMATION

To ensure maximum visitations with vendors, special times are reserved for attending the Vendor area. Additionally, refreshment breaks are held in the Vendor area allowing prime visitation time with all attendees.

To encourage conference attendees to actively engage with company representatives, each attendee will receive a list of vendors with a place for the exhibitor to sign. Attendees who receive signatures from all vendors will be eligible for special door prizes and/or raffle drawings. You can also include your own door prizes for special drawings and company recognition.

ELIGIBILITY

The Event Coordinator reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any company or product for inclusion in the summit and reserves the right to reject or prohibit any exhibit in whole or in part, or an exhibitor, or his/her representatives, with or without giving cause.

MAIL-IN VENDOR REGISTRATION

If you would like to be a vendor at the 2018 Converge Autism Summit, please fill out the commitment form attached and submit it with your check for the appropriate amount. You may also request to be invoiced for the full amount. Payment is due within 30 days of receiving the invoice, no later than January 31st, 2018.

One professional ticket is included with your vendor booth purchase. Additional tickets are required for meals and to enter the summit sessions. A special Meal Only ticket option is available for additional exhibitors who will not be attending the summit sessions (\$20/day), or you can purchase additional tickets at the normal rate for exhibitors who would like to also sit in on the sessions and/or receive CEU credit hours.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

If you wish to pay via debit or credit card, you may use our Eventbrite page (<https://converge18.eventbrite.com>). Enter the vendor promotional code (CA2018VEND) to access Vendor booth and ticket options. You will also be able to purchase tickets for your help as booth price only includes one (1) ticket!

If for any reason your registration is not accepted, you will receive a full refund of your payment. Vendor Registration online closes January 31st, 2018. Note: Please be aware, purchases made through Eventbrite are subject to Eventbrite's fees for payment processing.

REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS

Refunds for vendor cancellation are at the discretion of the Event Organizer. No refunds will be issued after January 31st, 2018. Should the summit be cancelled, postponed, or abandoned due to fire, strikes, weather, or other uncontrollable circumstances before the opening date, this contract will not be binding and vendors will receive refunds.

LIABILITY

The Vendor agrees to make no claim for any reason whatsoever against the Converge Autism Summit, Springbrook Behavioral Health System, the summit venue, or other contractors for loss, theft, damage, or destruction of goods; nor for any injury to him/herself or employees; nor for any damage of any nature or character, including any damage to his/her business by reason of failure to provide space for the exhibit, or the removal of the exhibit; nor for failure to hold the summit as scheduled; nor for any action of any nature of Springbrook Behavioral Health System or its employees. Vendor assumes all responsibility and liability for losses, damages, and claims arising out of vendor's activities at the venue and will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the hotel, its agents, servants, and employees from any and all such losses, damages, and claims.

VENDOR INFORMATION

EXHIBIT LOCATION

Final decisions about booth locations/assignment will be made by Converge Autism Summit staff and are subject to change at any time. No vendor may assign, sublet, or share the space assigned without the knowledge and consent of Converge Autism Summit's Event Organizer or designee.

SET-UP/BREAKDOWN

Exhibits may be set up after 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 28th, 2018 and before 8:00am on Thursday, March 1st, 2018. Exhibits MUST be set-up by 8:00am on March 1st, 2018. Breakdown will begin at 4:30 on Friday, March 2nd, 2018.

SPONSOR INFORMATION

SPONSORSHIP PURCHASE

Please submit payment via check made payable to Springbrook Behavioral ATTN: Converge 2018. You may also request to be invoiced. Invoice payments are due 30 days from the date of the invoice, no later than January 31st, 2018. If you wish to pay with a debit or credit card, please contact the Event Organizer and we will make arrangements to accommodate.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEADLINE

Vendors and Sponsors must have their registration and payment submitted no later than January 31st, 2018. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first PAID basis at the Event Organizer's discretion.

ADVERTISEMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Please submit a high resolution (at least 300 dpi), full-color .jpg or .png format image of your company's logo to maryann.bennett@springbrookbhs.com for use on our website, advertisement PowerPoint, and in the Summit program to be handed to attendees. Please note it is the responsibility of the vendor/sponsor to submit the necessary files for advertisements prior to the January 31st, 2018 deadline. Due to printing deadlines, we will only be able to recognize organizations in the program who meet this submission deadline.

MORE INFORMATION

For additional questions/items not covered here, please contact our Event Organizer, Mary Ann Bennett, at (864)834-8013 or via e-mail at maryann.bennett@springbrookbhs.com (please put Converge 2018 in the subject line)

COMMITMENT FORM



LIMITED NUMBER OF SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Please complete, sign and return this form with your payment to:

Mail: Converge Autism Summit c/o Springbrook Behavioral Health
P.O. Box 1005 Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Fax #: 1-(864)-660-6008 Attn: Converge 2018

Email: maryann.bennett@springbrookbhs.com

COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name (as it should be listed for promotions)

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Contact Name

Title/Position

Phone

Email

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL (CHECK ONE)

- Vendor Booth • \$250
- Luncheon Sponsor: Day 1 • \$1,000
- Luncheon Sponsor: Day 2 • \$1,000
- Parent/Student Attendance Sponsor • \$95: _____

Total of All Items: \$ _____

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TICKETS

(Please fill in quantity needed next to each box)

Parent/Guardian Vendor (No CEUs) \$95: _____

Student Vendor (No CEUs) \$95: _____

Professional Vendor \$195: _____

Additional Vendor MEALS ONLY \$20/day: _____

FORM OF PAYMENT (CHECK ONE)

- Check made payable to **Springbrook Behavioral Health Attn: Converge 2018**
- Invoice me at the above address (net-30)
- Credit Card (select one card type) Mastercard Visa American Express Discover

Name on Card

Card Number

Exp Date

Signature

Printed Name

Vendors: Purchase securely online with your Credit Card at converge18.eventbrite.com by using the code **CA2018VEND**