OUR VISION AND PURPOSE
This national 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 to have the skills they need to improve the quality of life for the individual and their families.

OCTOBER 15-16, 2020
GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
GREENVILLE, SC

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ABOUT THE EVENT

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE
We are expecting 500-600 providers, therapists, educators, and parents from across the Southeast.

FEATURED SPEAKER - RON SUSKIND
We are very excited to have best-selling author Ron Suskind speaking this year. With widely acclaimed works frequently being characterized as giving voice to the voiceless, which is evident in his latest best-seller Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes and Autism, Suskind has a gift for engaging audiences with a genuine and entertaining rapport.

SCHEDULE — OCTOBER 15-16, 2020

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE SPONSOR
$5000
After 8/30/20 contact for availability
• Special advertisement placement on the summit website and two (2) pre-summit e-mails.
• Detailed description of your company’s services on the summit website.
• Executive level logo placement on summit marketing materials, signage at the summit, and on Converge website.
• Sponsorship recognition through social media via enhanced listing.
• Vendor booth in a high traffic location (see diagram). Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request.
• Four complimentary summit tickets for company including meals (Additional summit tickets can be purchased).
• Full page advertisement in the summit brochure.
• Five minute presentation to summit attendees about your services.
• Marketing materials distributed at the summit.
• Double tables in a prime location.

PLATINUM SPONSOR
$2500
After 8/30/20 contact for availability
• Special advertisement placement on the summit website.
• Brief description of your company’s services on the summit website.
• Platinum level logo placement on summit marketing materials, signage at the summit, and Converge website. Executive sponsors are assigned a location (see diagram). Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request.
• Vendor booth in area of choice once Executive and Platinum level vendors are assigned a location (see diagram). Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request.
• Three complimentary summit tickets for company including meals (Additional summit tickets can be purchased).
• Half page advertisement in the summit brochure.
• One table in a prime location.

GOLD SPONSOR
$1000
After 8/30/20 contact for availability
• Gold level logo placement on signage at the summit and Converge website.
• Vendor booth in area of choice once Executive and Platinum level vendors are assigned a location (see diagram). Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request.
• Two complimentary tickets for company, including meals (Additional summit tickets can be purchased).
• Quarter page advertisement in the summit brochure.
• One table in a prime location.

Note: The first two organizations to sign up for sponsorship on any sponsorship tier will receive the opportunity to endorse their products/services as a lunch sponsor.

SPONSOR INFORMATION

SPONSORSHIP PURCHASE
Please fill out the commitment form attached and send it along with your payment to the address provided. You may also request to be invoiced. Invoice payments are due 30 days from the date of the invoice, no later than August 30, 2020. If you wish to pay with a debit or credit card, please contact the Event Organizer and we will make arrangements to accommodate.

MEDIA SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
In order to receive the most benefit from your sponsorship, we encourage you to commit to your sponsorship as soon as possible. Please ensure when submitting your sponsorship you send a high resolution (at least 300dpi) digital copy of the company logo and any text or links you would like to be used in your advertisement as applicable. By submitting your advertisement, you agree to allow Springbrook and/or its designated representative to edit submitted materials as necessary to ensure appropriate and professional display on the website and printed materials. Please note that it is the responsibility of the sponsor to submit the necessary files for advertisements prior to the August 30, 2020 deadline. Due to printing deadlines, we will only be able to guarantee recognition of organizations in the program who meet this submission deadline. Any inquiries regarding print media or website advertisement may be submitted to laurie.elrod@springbrookbhs.com or to the Event Coordinator using the contact information provided in the general guidelines.
## VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

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<td>6’ table provided</td>
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<td>Tickets for additional exhibitors helping our vendors. All helpers will need a ticket for entry</td>
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<td>Company Logo in the summit program and on the summit website.</td>
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<td>May attend the conference sessions. For ticket options for helpers not attending sessions please contact the organizer.</td>
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<td>One free professional ticket for exhibitor including meals (Additional summit tickets may be purchased)</td>
<td>Company Logo in the summit program and on summit website</td>
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<td>Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request</td>
<td>One free professional ticket for exhibitor including meals (Additional summit tickets may be purchased)</td>
<td>Discounted price available for parents of autistic children and students. Please see ticket description on Eventbrite for more information</td>
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## VENDOR INFORMATION

To ensure maximum visitation with vendors, special times are reserved for attending the Vendor area. To encourage summit 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 may also include your own door prizes for special drawings and company recognition. There are 50 guaranteed vendor spots available this year. Please contact the Event Organizer with questions concerning availability or if you wish to inquire about vending opportunities after the August 30, 2020 deadline.

## 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 2020 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. However, online registration is still required for placement. Visit our Eventbrite page: https://converge20.eventbrite.com. Choose check or invoice payment selection during the checkout process. Payment is due within 30 days of receiving the invoice, and no later than August 30, 2020. Please contact the Event Organizer for availability after this date.
One professional ticket is included with your vendor booth purchase. You must purchase additional tickets at the normal rate for additional 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://converge20.eventbrite.com). Enter the vendor promotional code (CA2020Vend) to access Vendor booth and ticket options. You will also be able to purchase tickets for additional exhibitors assisting at your table 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 August 30, 2020. Please contact the Event Organizer for available vending opportunities after that date.
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 August 30, 2020. Should the summit be canceled, 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 full refunds.

LIABILITY
The Vendor agrees to make no claim for any reason whatsoever against the Converge Autism Summit, Springbrook Autism 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 Autism 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 venue, its agents, servants, and employees from any and all such losses, damages, and claims.
VENDOR INFORMATION

ADVERTISEMENT SPECIFICATIONS
For the most advertisement benefit, we encourage you to commit to your vendor booth and submit your information as soon as possible. Please submit a high resolution (at least 300 dpi) full-color .jpg or .png format image of your company’s logo to laurie.elrod@springbrookbhs.com for use on our website, advertisement PowerPoint, and in the Summit program to be handed to attendees. By submitting your advertisement, you agree to allow Springbrook and/or its designated representative to edit submitted materials as necessary to ensure appropriate and professional display on the website and printed materials. Please note it is the responsibility of the vendor to submit the necessary files for advertisements prior to the August 30, 2020 deadline. Due to printing deadlines, we will only be able to guarantee recognition of organizations in the program who meet this submission deadline. Any inquiries regarding print media or website advertisement may be submitted to laurie.elrod@springbrookbhs.com or to the Event Coordinator using the contact information provided in the general guidelines.

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 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 and before 7:00 am on Thursday, October 15th, 2020. Exhibits MUST be set-up by 7:00 am on October 15th, 2020. Breakdown will begin at 3:00 on Friday, October 16th, 2020.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEADLINE
Vendors and Sponsors must have their registration and payment submitted no later than August 30, 2020. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first PAID basis at the Event Organizer’s discretion.

MORE INFORMATION
For additional questions/items not covered here, please contact our Event Organizer, LaTrese Kinney, at (864) 834-8013 or via email at latrese.kinney@springbrookbhs.com (please put Converge 2020 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 Autism Behavioral
      P.O. Box 1005 Travelers Rest, SC 29690
      Fax #: 1-(864)-660-6008 Attn: Converge 2020
      Email: latrese.kinney@springbrookbhs.com

COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name (as it should be listed for promotions) Mailing Address

City State Zip

Contact Name Title/Position

Phone Email

VENDOR BOOTH ONLY (Check One)

- Vendor Booth • $550
- Non-Profit Vendor • $400

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS (Check One)

- Executive Level Sponsor • $5000
- Platinum Level Sponsor • $2500
- Gold Level Sponsor • $1000

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TICKETS

(Please fill in quantity needed next to each box)

Parent/Student Vendor (No CEUs)$149: _____

Professional Vendor (w/CEUs) $299: _____

Total of All Items: $ _________

FORM OF PAYMENT (CHECK ONE)

- Check made payable to Springbrook Behavioral Health Attn: Converge 2020
- Invoice me at the above address (net-30)
- Credit Card (select one card type)    □ Mastercard    □ Visa    □ AmericanExpress    □ Discover

Name on Card

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature Printed Name

Purchase securely online with your Credit Card at converge20.eventbrite.com by using the code CA2020VEND
**1st Floor**

**Second Floor**
- 202 - All Sessions
- 203 - Book Signing with Ron Suskind
- 201 - Speaker Preparation Room

**First Floor**
- Lunch will be served in the following locations: 102ABC, 103, 104AB, 100AB

*Map Not To Scale*