

— SPRINGBROOK —

AUTISM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

PRESENTS



— NATIONAL —

CONVERGE
AUTISM SUMMIT
2021

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.

GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER

GREENVILLE, SC

MAY 20-21, 2021

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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 — MAY 20-21, 2021

Day 1

7:00-8:00 — Registration/Refreshments

7:45-8:00 — Announcements

8:00-9:00 — Keynote I: [Dr. William Killion, Ph.D, BCBA](#)

- ❖ *Effective Interaction Techniques for People with Autism*

9:00-9:15 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

9:15-10:30 — Keynote II: [Dr. Peter Vermeulen, MSc, Ph.D](#)

- ❖ *Autism and Happiness: From Neurodiversity to Neuroharmony*

10:30-10:45 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

10:45-12:00 — Keynote III: [Dr. Matthew Fisher, MD](#)

- ❖ *Autism Treatments: Debunking the Myth*

12:00-1:30 — Networking Lunch

1:30-2:45 — Techniques to Assist Children in Crisis:

[Dr. William Killion, Ph.D, BCBA](#)

[Dr. Matthew Fisher, MD](#)

[Dr. Peter Vermeulen, MSc, Ph.D](#)

[Brandon Clark, BCBA](#)

[Susan L. Senator, MA](#)

[Deanna DeThomas, MS OTR/L](#)

[Dru Filter, MS CCC-SLP](#)

2:45-3:15 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

3:15-4:45 — Breakout Session

Professional Track: [Dr. Peter Vermeulen, MSc, Ph.D](#)

- ❖ *Autism as Context Blindness, Absolute Thinking in a Relative World*

Education Track: [Dr. Matthew Fisher, MD](#)

- ❖ *How to Handle Behaviors in the Classroom*

Parent Track: [Susan Senator, MA, Author](#)

- ❖ *Transitioning to Adulthood*

Day 2

7:00-8:00 — Registration/Refreshments

7:45-8:00 — Announcements

8:00-9:15 — Keynote I: [Dr. James Ball, Ed.D, BCBA-D](#)

- ❖ *You Can't Make Me: Proactive Strategies for Positive Behavior Change*

9:15-9:45 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

9:45-11:00 — Keynote II: [Ron Suskind, Author](#)

- ❖ *Life, Animated*

11:00-11:30 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

11:30-1:15 — Networking Lunch

12:00-1:15 — Meet [Ron Suskind](#)

- ❖ *Book purchase and signing*

1:15-2:30 — Breakout Session

Professional Track: [Deanna DeThomas, MS OTR/L](#) and [Shelia Dickerhoof, COTA/L](#)

- ❖ *Regulation Station: Regulating Behaviors Using Evidenced Based Sensory Activities*

Parent Track: [Natalie Mullis, MT- BC](#)

- ❖ *Using Music at Home: Tools for Behavior Management from a Music Therapist*

Education Track: [Dr. James Ball, Ed.D, BCBA-D](#)

- ❖ *The Use of Video Modeling for Learners with Autism*



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE SPONSOR \$5000

After 3/31/21 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 3/31/21 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 sponsors 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 3/31/21 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 March 31, 2021. 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 March 31, 2021 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

VENDOR \$550

After 3/31/21 contact for availability

- 6' table provided
- Company Logo in the summit program and on the summit website.
- One free professional ticket for exhibitor including meals (Additional summit tickets may be purchased)
- Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request

NON-PROFIT VENDOR \$400

After 3/31/21 contact for availability

- Discounted rate for non-profit companies with 501(c)3 status
- 6' table provided
- Company Logo in the summit program and on summit website
- One free professional ticket for exhibitor including meals (Additional summit tickets may be purchased)
- Electricity and Wireless Internet available upon request

ADDITIONAL VENDOR TICKET \$149-\$299

Unlimited while seats available

- Tickets for additional exhibitors helping our vendors. All helpers will need a ticket for entry
- May attend the conference sessions. For ticket options for helpers not attending sessions please contact the organizer.
- CEUs included in professional ticket price
- Discounted price available for parents of autistic children and students. Please see ticket description on Eventbrite for more information
- Breakfast and Lunch included both days with ticket purchase

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 March 31, 2021 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.



VENDOR INFORMATION

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 March 31, 2021. 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 March 31, 2021. 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 March 31, 2021. 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 March 31, 2021 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 4:00pm on Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 and before 7:00am on Thursday, May 20th, 2021. Exhibits MUST be set-up by 7:00am on May 20th, 2021. Breakdown will begin at 3:00 on Friday, May 21st, 2021.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEADLINE

Vendors and Sponsors must have their registration and payment submitted no later than March 31, 2021. 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 2021 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 2021

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 2021**
- 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 _____

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

