

— SPRINGBROOK —

AUTISM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

PRESENTS



— NATIONAL —

CONVERGE

AUTISM SUMMIT

— 2023 —

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 16th & 17th, 2023

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ABOUT THE EVENT

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE

We are expecting 300-500 providers, therapists, educators, and parents from across the southeast.

SCHEDULE — May 16th-17th, 2023

Day 1

7:30-8:30 — Registration/Breakfast

8:30-9:45 — Keynote I

Dr. William Killion, Ph.D., BCBA

- ❖ *The Functional Independence Skills Handbook (FISH) and Its Use in Developing Greater Adaptive Behaviors*

9:45-10:15 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

10:15-11:30 — Keynote II

Dr. Tyler Whitney, Psy.D.

- ❖ *Short & Long-Term Cognitive and Emotional Consequences of COVID-19 on Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)*

11:30-1:00 — Lunch

1:00-2:00 — Breakout Session 1

- Family: Dr. Tyler Whitney, Psy.D. – *DSM-IV(1994) to DSM-V(2013): ASD Diagnosis and Beyond: Autism Spectrum Disorders from a Lifespan Perspective*
- Professional: Dr. William Fisher, MD – *Psychopharmacology and Autism*
- Educator: Dr. Brandon Clark, Psy.D., BCBA – *Building Psychological Resilience Under Stressful Work Conditions*

2:00-2:15 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

2:15-3:15 — Breakout Session 2

- Family: Dr. Sergio Sanchez, MD – *Reality in the Mind of Autism*
- Professional: Jill Jones, LISW-CP-S – *The Art of Not Throwing the Baby Out with the Bathwater: Ethical Use of Polyvagal Theory for Autism*
- Educator: Kaelynn Partlow, RBT – *Words Matter: Using Appropriate Language to Improve Outcomes in Treatment, Classrooms, and Life*

3:15-3:30 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

3:30-4:30 — Breakout Session 3

- Family: Jill Jones, LISW-CP-S – *The Art of Not Throwing the Baby Out with the Bathwater: Practical Polyvagal Support for Families Living with Autism*
- Professional: Tosha Rollins, MA, LPC, ASDCS – *Autism Spectrum Disorder: What Every Mental Health Clinician Should Know*
- Educator: Heidi Carico, MA, NCSP – *Supporting Students with Autism in the General Education Setting*

Day 2

7:30-8:30 — Registration/Breakfast

8:30-9:45 — Keynote III

Dr. Karen Ratliff-Schaub, MD, MBOE

- ❖ *ASD and/or ??: Differentiating Autism Spectrum Disorder from Other Conditions*

9:45-10:15 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

10:15-11:30 — Keynote IV

Alix Generous, MS, BCBA

- ❖ *Autism and Dual Diagnosis*

11:30-1:00 — Lunch

1:00-2:00 — Breakout Session 4

- Family: Alix Generous, MS, BCBA – *The Autism Sensory Experience*
- Professional: Dr. Celine Saulnier, Ph.D. – *Diagnostic Evaluations Throughout the Lifetime*
- Educator: Dr. James Ball, Ed.D., BCBA-D – *Early Intervention and Autism: Real Life Questions, Real Life Answers*

2:00-2:15 — Break/Networking/Visit Vendors

2:15-3:15 — Breakout Session 5

- Family: Jessica Ragnio, MSW, LICSW – *Play for Emotional Strength: Using Biofeedback Video Games to Build Emotional Regulation Skills*
- Professional: Dr. Celine Saulnier, Ph.D. – *The Importance of Adaptive Functioning for Self-Sufficiency Throughout Life*
- Educator: Dr. James Ball, Ed.D., BCBA-D – *7 Core Strategies for Effective Programming*



FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Tyler Whitney, Psy.D.

Dr. Whitney received his Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology in 2001 from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology (FIPP). He interned at St. Charles Hospital and Rehabilitation Center (SUNY-Stony Brook Health Sciences System) in Port Jefferson, New York (Long Island). Dr. Whitney has conducted outcome research and published on ways families can help their children cope with medical and developmental differences. He has 16 years of clinical experience working with children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral disorders, and 12 years' experience working with families and children with autism and other developmental disabilities.



Alix Generous, MS, BCBA

Alix Generous is an autistic behavior analyst with 5 years of clinical experience and a master's from Pepperdine University in behavioral psychology. She lives in Los Angeles, CA, where she works as a remote clinical supervisor for with families in southeast region of Washington State. She is the founder of Global Behavior Consultants, LLC, an international behavior analysis company that supports families and individuals with receiving affordable care.



Dr. William Killion, Ph.D., BCBA

Dr. Killion possesses 40 plus years of direct experience with individuals with developmental disabilities including autism. He possesses a B.S. in Speech Pathology with a minor in Psychology, a M.Ed. in Special Education and a PhD in Developmental Psychology. He is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), license #1107105, which also endorses him to supervise Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBAs) and Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs). He has been employed at Springbrook Behavioral Health for over 10 years as a Behavioral Psychologist. He is the author of the Functional Independence Skills Handbook or F.I.S.H. developmental program, published by Pro-Ed Inc.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE LUNCH SPONSOR

\$5000

After 4/15/23 contact for availability

- Company name will be listed as the designated lunch sponsor for either the Tuesday or Wednesday lunch period.
- Your company will be recognized during the lunch period and will be allowed the opportunity to present resource information to the crowd for 3-5 minutes during the mid-day announcements.
- Detailed description of your company's services will be listed on the summit website.
- Executive level logo placement on summit marketing materials, signage at the summit, and on summit website.
- Sponsorship recognition through social media via enhanced listing.
- Four complimentary summit tickets for company including meals.**
- One table in a prime location.

PLATINUM BREAK SPONSOR

\$2500

After 4/15/23 contact for availability

- Company name will be listed as the designated break sponsor during one of the five (5) scheduled break periods. Signage will be placed near the beverage and snack station within the exhibition hall.
- Detailed description of your company's services will be listed on the summit website.
- Platinum level logo placement on summit marketing materials, signage at the summit, and summit website.
- Four complimentary summit tickets for company including meals.**
- Sponsorship recognition through social media via enhanced listing.
- One table in a prime location.

GOLD SPONSOR

\$1000

After 4/15/23 contact for availability

- Detailed description of your company's services will be listed on the summit website.
- Gold level logo placement on signage at the summit and summit website.
- Two complimentary tickets for company, including meals.**
- Sponsorship recognition through social media via enhanced listing.
- One table in a prime location.

Additional tickets are available for purchase

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 April 30th, 2023. 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 April 15th, 2023 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 \$600

After 4/15/23 contact for availability

- 6' table provided
- Company Logo 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 4/15/23 contact for availability

- Discounted rate for non-profit companies with 501(c)3 status.
- 6' table provided
- Company Logo 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 \$199-\$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.
- Meals 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 April 15th, 2023 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 2023 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://convergeautismsummit2023.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 April 30th, 2023. 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://convergeautismsummit2023.eventbrite.com>. Enter the vendor promotional code (CA2023Vend) 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 April 30th, 2023, but in order to have your graphics included in printed materials you must submit those files by April 15th, 2023. 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 April 30, 2023. 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, and other advertisement materials. By submitting your media, 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 other materials. Please note it is the responsibility of the vendor to submit the necessary files for advertisements prior to the April 15th, 2023 deadline. Due to printing deadlines, we will only be able to guarantee recognition of organizations who meet this submission deadline if we consider printed materials for our event. 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 Monday, May 15th, 2023 and before 7:00am on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023. Exhibits MUST be set-up by 7:00am on May 16th, 2023. Breakdown will begin at 3:15pm on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEADLINE

Vendors and Sponsors must have their registration and payment submitted no later than April 30th, 2023. 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, Scott Compton, at (864) 834-8013 or via email at scott.compton@springbrookbhs.com (please put Converge 2023 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#: (864) 660-6008 Attn: Converge 2023

Email: laurie.elrod@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 • \$600
- 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) \$199: _____

Professional Vendor (w/CEUs) \$299: _____

Total of All Items: \$ _____

- Check here if you wish to donate a door prize for a drawing during lunch. Your company's name will be mentioned as the donor of the prize. Prize must have a minimum of a \$50 value.

FORM OF PAYMENT (CHECK ONE)

- Check made payable to Springbrook Behavioral Health Attn: Converge 2023
- Invoice me at the above address (net-30)
- Credit Card (select a card type) Mastercard Visa AmericanExpress Discover

Name on Card

Card Number

Exp. Date

Signature

Printed Name

Purchase securely online with your credit card at convergeautismsummit2023.eventbrite.com by using the code **CA2023VEND**



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