

# SUMMIT DETAILED AGENDA



<b>Wednesday, April 18, 2018</b>	
7:30 - 8:30 The Shaw Centre Ottawa Salon	<b>Registration Open and Networking Breakfast</b>
8:30 - 9:05	<b>Summit Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emcee – Conference Chair</b> <b>Debbie Irish, CASDA Director</b></li> <li>• <b>Welcome to Algonquin Territory</b> <b>Jerry Lanouette, Algonquin Elder’s Helper</b></li> <li>• <b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, Government of Canada</b></li> <li>• <b>Welcome Remarks</b> <b>Senator Jim Munson</b></li> </ul>
9:05 - 10:05	<b>Opening Session: Collaboration in Action</b>  <p>Across Canada there are examples where advocacy groups, service providers and governments are working together to bring about system changes. Effective collaboration by multiple stakeholders is required to achieve broad system change. This session will highlight how stakeholder collaboration has informed the Ontario Autism Program (OAP). Panelists will provide an overview of how they brought about change and key elements of their success.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Bruce McIntosh</b>, Ontario Autism Program Advisory Committee Member, President, Ontario Autism Coalition</p> <p><b>Debra Kennedy</b>, BSc.OT., M.R.Sc., OT Reg (Ont.), Ontario Autism Program Advisory Committee Member, Representing the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists</p> <p><b>Josh Hjartarson</b>, Facilitator for the Ontario Autism Program Advisory Committee, Partner, Public Sector, KPMG Canada</p> <p><b>Marg Spoelstra</b>, Ontario Autism Program Advisory Committee Member, Executive Director, Autism Ontario</p> <p><b>Sarah Hardy</b>, Director, Ontario Autism Program Project Team, Ministry of Children and Youth Services</p> <p><b>Sherry Fournier</b>, Ontario Autism Program Advisory Committee Member, Executive Director, Child &amp; Community Resources</p>
10:05 - 10:20	<b>Refreshment and Networking Break</b>

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10:20 - 10:50	<p><b>National Autism Spectrum Disorders Surveillance Data: Using Data to Inform Our Work</b></p> <p>The National ASD Surveillance System (NASS) aims to address the impacts of ASD, such as health and social effects. It is being developed to track ASD among children and youth first and will eventually include adults living with ASD. NASS will provide the evidence to inform planning of services, research and programs. The results will impact Canadians living with ASD as well as their families and caregivers.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Marianna Ofner</b>, PhD, Senior Advisor, Public Health Agency of Canada</p>
10:50 - 11:20	<p><b>Accessibility Legislation</b></p> <p>Currently, one in seven Canadians has a disability, and that number is expected to grow with an aging population. It is clear that these barriers to accessibility can no longer be ignored. Legislation is being developed to help address these barriers and strive towards a more accessible Canada. This session will provide an overview of the Accessibility Legislation and how this legislation can support meaningful improvements to quality of life for individuals with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>James VanRaalte</b>, Director General, Accessibility Secretariat</p>
11:20 - 13:00	<p><b>Lunch/Autism on the Hill/Poster Viewing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch Break (sandwiches – grab and go)</li> <li>• Attendees Walk to Parliament Hill</li> <li>• Autism on the Hill QuickStart – Early Intervention for Autism</li> </ul>
13:00 - 13:05	<p><b>Introducing Spectrum LIVE</b></p>
13:05 - 13:30	<p><b>Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorders Alliance (CASDA) Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Cynthia Carroll</b>, Chair CASDA, Executive Director, Autism Nova Scotia</p>

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13:30 - 13:45	<p><b>Ready, Willing and Able</b></p> <p>The Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL) and the Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorders Alliance (CASDA) are very proud to be partners in the delivery of the Ready Willing and Able (RWA) initiative. RWA, is a project designed to increase the workforce participation of people with intellectual disabilities and ASD and funded by the Government of Canada.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Cynthia Carroll</b>, Chair CASDA, Executive Director, Autism Nova Scotia</p>
13:45 - 14:15	<p><b>Sponsor Remarks: Autism Speaks Canada</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Esther Rhee</b>, National Program Director, Autism Speaks Canada</p>
14:15 - 14:30	<p><b>Refreshment and Networking Break</b></p>
14:30 - 16:00	<p><b>Session : Mental Health Supports Across the Lifespan</b></p> <p><b>Formal and informal mental health supports</b></p> <p>This panel will present a variety of perspectives related to supporting the mental health of an individual with autism. After the panel, Dr. Weiss will frame three question and tables will respond to the questions. A note taker from each table will capture the key ideas. Within 30 days of the Summit, CASDA will capture the responses into a short briefing note and share the briefing note with Summit attendees via email. The briefing note can be used to inform conversations with regional stakeholders on the opportunities to support mental health across the lifespan for individuals with ASD.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  <b>Allison Garber</b>, Parent, Owner of Allison Garber Communications  <b>Daniel Share-Strom</b>, Motivational Speaker  <b>Jonathan A. Weiss</b>, PhD, Associate Professor, York University, Department of Department of Psychology  <b>Katelyn Lowe</b>, PhD, Chief Strategy Officer, The Sinneave Family Foundation  <b>Yona Lunsky</b>, PhD, Clinician-Scientist, Adult Neurodevelopmental Services, Director of the Health Care Access Research and Developmental Disabilities (H-CARDD) Program, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health</p>
16:00 - 19:00	<p><b>Summit Reception on Parliament Hill</b></p> <p>Reception Start – 17:00          Location – Wellington Building – 180 Wellington Street – Room: WE-430          Registered Summit attendees are welcome.          Please leave adequate time to clear security.          Government issued photo ID is required.</p>

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<b>Thursday, April 19, 2018</b>	
7:45 - 8:15 The Shaw Centre Ottawa Salon	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>
8:15 - 8:40	<p><b>Summit Day Two</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emcee – Conference Chair</b> <b>Debbie Irish, CASDA Director</b></li> <li>• <b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>The Honourable Wanda Thomas Bernard, PhD, CM, ONS</b> Senator – Nova Scotia, East Preston</li> <li>• <b>Welcome Remarks</b> <b>The Honourable Mike Lake, PC, MP</b></li> </ul>
8:40 - 10:00	<p><b>Indigenous Leadership and Innovation</b></p> <p>This session will focus on effective engagement and partnerships in Indigenous communities. From advocacy and policy development to ground breaking funding agreements, partnerships with government and communities will be examined. Service barriers and solutions both on and off reserve, and perspectives on the challenges of urban and remote communities will be discussed. A review of a northern 5-year action plan will take participants to a discussion of next steps towards effective engagement and outcomes.</p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u></b> <b>Keely Wight</b>, Executive Director, Autism Resource Centre</p> <p><b><u>Presenters:</u></b> <b>Bertha Sutherland</b>, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women’s Council <b>Corey O'Soup</b>, Advocate for Children and Youth, Saskatchewan <b>Ken Robertson</b>, Four Directions Autism, Chair <b>Seonag Macrae</b>, CEO of Community Living British Columbia <b>Theresa Sutherland</b>, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women’s Council <b>Victorine Lafferty</b>, Director, Seniors and Continuing Care Services, Health and Social Services, Government of the Northwest Territories</p>

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Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Continued

<p>10:00 - 11:30</p>	<p><b>Research to Practice: Showcasing Research in Canada</b></p> <p>It is sometimes challenging to see a clear connection research and practice. These presenters will each provide a high-level overview of their research and how their work is making the leap into practice and impacting individuals with ASD and their families.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p><b>Evdokia Anagnostou</b>, MD, Co-Lead Autism Research Centre, Bloorview Research Institute</p> <p><b>Lonnie Zwaigenbaum</b>, MD, Professor &amp; Director of Autism Research, Division of Developmental Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta</p> <p><b>Mayada Elsabbagh</b>, PhD, Montreal Neurological Institute, McGill University</p> <p><b>Stelios Georgiades</b>, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences, McMaster University &amp; Co-Director, McMaster Autism Research Team (MacART)</p> <p><b>Stephen W. Scherer</b>, PhD, DSc, FRSC</p>
<p>11:30 - 12:30</p>	<p><b>Lunch/Networking/Poster Session</b></p>
<p>12:30 - 13:30</p>	<p><b>The Intersection Between Research, Practice and Policy</b></p> <p>Across Canada researchers are examining the effects of a variety of Naturalistic Developmental Behavioral Interventions (NDBI) with young children and their families. Three unique examples of this research are taking place in BC, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. Each project has evolved from distinctive collaborative partnerships between research, provincial systems of practice and policy development. This presentation will provide an overview of how each project was developed in each province; the status of the research in each location; and recommendations for next steps including the identification of potential facilitators and barriers to future policy development.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Karen Bopp</b>, PhD, Director, Autism Information Services British Columbia, BC Ministry of Children and Family Development</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p><b>Isabel Smith</b>, PhD, Professor, Joan &amp; Jack Craig Chair in Autism Research, Departments of Pediatrics and Psychology &amp; Neuroscience, Dalhousie University</p> <p><b>Jessica Brian</b>, PhD, Co-Lead Autism Research Centre, Bloorview Research Institute, University of Toronto</p> <p><b>Pat Mirenda</b>, PhD, Professor and Director, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration in Autism (CIRCA), University of British Columbia</p>

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13:30 - 14:30	<p><b>Working Together Toward a National Autism Strategy -Peer to Peer Session</b></p> <p>CASDA’s is committed to ensuring the implementation of a comprehensive National Autism Strategy that addresses critical gaps in funding and policies, which are preventing individuals with autism and their families from exercising their equal rights as Canadians. With the recent autism funding announced by the federal government in the 2018-19 budget this peer to peer session will engage attendees in what a National Autism Strategy would look like and how recently announced funding could help get us there.</p> <p>Peer Groups: Researchers, Service Provider/Advocacy Organizations, Executive Directors, Public Sector, Parent/Caregiver, Educator, Registered Health Professional, Self-Advocate</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p><b>Cynthia Carroll</b>, Chair CASDA, Executive Director Autism Nova Scotia  <b>Margaret Spoelstra</b>, Executive Director, Autism Ontario</p>
14:30 - 14:45	<p><b>Refreshment and Networking Break</b></p>
14:45 - 15:45	<p><b>Closing Session: First Voice Perspective – The Unspoken Price of Advocacy</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p><b>Bruno Hache</b>  <b>Corey Walker</b>  <b>Daniel Share-Strom</b>, Motivational Speaker  <b>Jackie McMillan</b>, BES, Asperger's  <b>Patricia George-Zwicker</b>, Autism Nova Scotia, Editor Autistics Aloud  <b>Trudy Goold</b></p>
15:45 - 16:00	<p><b>Closing Remarks – Sponsor: The Sinneave Family Foundation</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <p><b>Tanya McLeod</b>, President, The Sinneave Family Foundation</p>

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