

SUMMIT DETAILED AGENDA

Tuesday, April 2, 2019	
7:30 - 8:30	Registration Open and Networking Breakfast The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre – Room 118
8:30 - 9:00	<p>Summit Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emcee – Conference Chair Debbie Irish, CASDA Director • Welcome to Algonquin Territory Jerry Lanouette, Algonquin Elder’s Helper • Opening Remarks TBC, Government of Canada • Welcome Remarks The Honourable Wanda Thomas Bernard, PhD, CM, ONS Senator – Nova Scotia, East Preston • Welcome Remarks Lived Experience Bruno Hache
9:00 - 10:30	<p>Opening Session: Nothing About Us Without Us - Lessons from Youth Engagement and Lived Experience</p> <p>'Nothing about us without us' is a slogan used by the international disability movement to communicate the idea that no policy should be decided by any representative without the full and direct participation of persons with disabilities affected by that policy.</p> <p>This session will start with a presentation on an exceptional youth engagement model and the lessons for the autism community to consider. Individuals with lived experience will then share why authentic engagement in decision-making and co-creation is important to them. They will also share their experiences, thoughts and ideas about when they have felt heard, engaged, what works, etc.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Julia Armstrong, Project Coordinator, FRAYME Patricia George-Zwicker, Autistics Aloud Adam Glendon, Autism Calgary Judy Hanson, President, Autism Home Base Durham David Moloney, Director, Autism Ontario Corey Walker, Autism British Columbia</p>
10:30 - 10:45	Refreshment and Networking Break

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10:45 - 12:15	<p>Embracing Complexity</p> <p>There is great value in understanding complexities. To best support people and their families, a good understanding of the biological, phenotypical, social complexities and co-occurring conditions of an individual enables us to be pragmatic and solution-based in our approach to intervention and care.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Evdokia Anagnostou, MD, Co-Lead Autism Research Centre, Bloorview Research Institute</p> <p>Jeanine Lebsack, Freelance writer, Blogger, Family Engagement Stakeholder</p> <p>Yona Lunsky, 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> <p>Wendy Roberts, MD, FRCPC, Clinical Director, Integrated Services for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ISAND), Professor Emeritus, Department of Paediatrics, University of Toronto</p>
12:15 - 13:15	<p>Networking Lunch</p> <p>We have heard time and again that one of the benefits of attending the Summit is the opportunity to network. This year we are going to further facilitate networking and offer attendees the opportunity to eat their lunch at tables that have been identified around communities of practice. We are hoping great connections and conversations will be held.</p>
13:15 - 13:30	<p>The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility</p>
13:30 - 14:00	<p>Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorders Alliance (CASDA) Annual General Meeting</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Cynthia Carroll, Chair CASDA, Executive Director, Autism Nova Scotia</p>
14:00 - 14:30	<p>Ready, Willing and Able</p>
14:30 - 14:45	<p>To Be Confirmed</p>
14:45 - 15:00	<p>Bill C-81: The Accessible Canada Act</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 barriers to accessibility can no longer be ignored. Legislation is one of the tools that can help address barriers and make Canada more accessible. This session will provide an update of the status of Bill C-81: The Accessible Canada Act and how this legislation can support meaningful improvements to quality of life for individuals with disabilities.</p>

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	<p>Speaker: Michelle Demery, Director of Accessibility Implementation, Government of Canada</p>
15:00 - 15:15	<p>Engaging with Parliamentarians</p> <p>Speaker: Senator Jim Munson</p>
15:15 - 15:30	<p>Closing Remarks: Summit Supporter - Autism Speaks Canada</p> <p>Speaker: Esther Rhee, National Program Director, Autism Speaks Canada</p>
16:00 - 16:30	<p>Buses to Summit Reception Meet buses at The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre Main Entrance 3 buses are available they will leave at 16:00, 16:15, 16:30 Please plan on taking an early busy - No other arrangements for transportation will be made.</p>
16:00 - 19:00	<p>Summit Reception on Parliament Hill 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>
18:45 - 19:15	<p>Buses to The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre Main Entrance 3 buses are available they will arrive at 18:45, 19:00, 19:15 Please plan on taking an early busy - No other arrangements for transportation will be made.</p>

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Wednesday, April 3, 2019	
8:00 - 8:30	Networking Breakfast The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre – Room 118
8:30 - 8:55	Summit Day Two <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emcee – Conference Chair Debbie Irish, CASDA Director • Opening Remarks Senator Jim Munson • Welcome Remarks The Honourable Mike Lake, PC, MP • Welcome Remarks Lived Experience Sonia Merdjanian
8:55 - 10:30	Indigenous Leadership How Truth and Reconciliation processes must include Autistic First Nations' members, their families and communities. Issues of partnership, sharing of resources and expertise, meaningful inclusion and discussion about the impact of Jordan's Principles on Autistic First Nation, Metis and Inuit Canadians will be addressed. The panel will identify actions needed to move forward in creating a better Canada for all autistic Canadians. Moderator: Marg Whelan, CASDA Director Presenters: Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox , Lawyer, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Deputy Grand Chief responsible for education, economic development, broadband, environment and sports and recreation Betty Gunner , Community Relations Coordinator, Special Needs Strategy/Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) Instructor, Omushkego Education - Mushkegowuk Council Brooke McKenzie , Jordan's Principle Coordinator, Yukon Child Development Centre Christopher Mushquash , PhD, Canadian Research Chair in Indigenous Mental Health and Addictions, Director, Centre for Northern and Rural Health Research, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Lakehead University Ken Robertson , Founder, Four Directions Autism, Father of two autistic children Garth Smith , MD, Medical Director, Developmental Paediatrician, KidsInclusive Centre for Child and Youth Development, Associate Professor, Paediatrics, Queens University Wendy Trylinski , Manager Childhood Development and Planning, Nishnawbe Aski Nation

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10:30 - 10:45	Refreshment and Networking Break
10:45 – 12:15	<p>CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship: Informing a National Strategy</p> <p>This session will provide an inter-provincial trainee perspective on how the health services and policy exposure that our respective fellowships provide may be useful to inform a national strategy, including the advantages and potential of a national level Learning Health System for autism.</p> <p>Presenters: Canadian Institute of Health Research 2018 Health System Impact Fellows Stephen Gentles, MSc, PhD, McMaster University Gina Glidden, MSW, McGill University Jonathan Lai, PhD, McGill University Matt Russell, PhD, University of Calgary</p>
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch/Networking/Poster Session
13:30 - 15:45	<p>Closing Session: Making a National Autism Strategy a Reality</p> <p>The Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorders Alliance (CASDA) was formed July 2007 shortly after the Senate Committee Report “Pay Now or Pay Later: Autism Families in Crisis”. During this time the federal government sent a clear message to the autism community: We need to work together with a unified voice. The autism community responded by forming CASDA. This session takes into account all of the collective work to date from CASDA and the broader community. CASDA has taken what we have learned from the national needs assessment, the Canadian autism partnership project, community interviews and feedback and input from past summits and developed what we feel is a strong outline for a concrete national autism strategy. We will share and discuss the tools that have been created and examine ways to best use them to help our community advocate together towards a national autism strategy that works for all. This is a year for action. Please come prepared to roll-up your sleeves, have some great discussions and work together to envision a better future for all Canadians.</p> <p>Facilitators: Adrienne Lipsey, Co-founder, Springboard Noah Zon, Co-founder, Springboard</p>
15:45 - 16:00	<p>Closing Remarks – Summit Supporter: The Sinneave Family Foundation</p> <p>Speaker: Tanya McLeod, President, The Sinneave Family Foundation</p>

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Note: Agenda is Subject to Change - Last updated March 14, 1045 am MDT