

# SUMMIT DETAILED AGENDA

Tuesday, April 2, 2019	
7:30 - 8:30	<b>Registration Open and Networking Breakfast</b> The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre - 200 Coventry Road - Room 118
8:30 - 9:00	<b>Summit Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emcee – Conference Chair</b> Debbie Irish, CASDA Director</li> <li>• <b>Welcome to Algonquin Territory</b> Jerry Lanouette, Algonquin Elder’s Helper</li> <li>• <b>Opening Remarks</b> Senator Jim Munson</li> <li>• <b>Welcome Remarks</b> The Honourable Wanda Thomas Bernard, PhD, CM, ONS</li> <li>• <b>Welcome Remarks Lived Experience</b> Bruno Hache</li> </ul>
9:00 - 10:30	<b>Opening Session: Nothing About Us Without Us - Lessons from Youth Engagement and Lived Experience</b>  <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><b>Moderators:</b>  <b>Karen Bopp</b>, PhD, RSLP Director of Provincial Outreach, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration in Autism, University of British Columbia  <b>Amy Lonsberry</b>, MPA, Director of Operations, The Sinneave Family Foundation</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Julia Armstrong</b>, Project Coordinator, FRAYME  <b>Patricia George-Zwicker</b>, Autistics Aloud  <b>Adam Glendon</b>, Autism Calgary  <b>Judy Hanson</b>, President, Autism Home Base Durham  <b>David Moloney</b>, Director, Autism Ontario  <b>Corey Walker</b>, Autism British Columbia</p>

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10:30 - 10:45	<b>Refreshment and Networking Break</b>
10:45 - 12:15	<p><b>Embracing Complexity</b></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><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Evdokia Anagnostou</b>, MD, Co-Lead Autism Research Centre, Bloorview Research Institute</p> <p><b>Jeanine Lebsack</b>, Freelance writer, Blogger, Family Engagement Stakeholder</p> <p><b>Wendy Roberts</b>, MD, FRCPC, Clinical Director, Integrated Services for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ISAND), Professor Emeritus, Department of Paediatrics, University of Toronto</p> <p><b>Jonathan Weiss</b>, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, York University</p>
12:15 - 13:15	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></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 - 13:40	<p><b>The Context for Policy Change</b></p> <p>Presentation on the policy and political context for CASDA's advocacy work, looking at how policy decisions are made, the roles of different levels of government and the players within them, and political, electoral and fiscal cycles.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p><b>Adrienne Lipsey</b>, Co-founder, Springboard</p> <p><b>Noah Zon</b>, Co-founder, Springboard</p>
13:40 - 14:05	<b>Blueprint for a National ASD Strategy</b>
14:05 - 14:15	<b>Best Practices for Effective Advocacy</b>

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14:15 - 14:30	<b>Refreshment and Networking Break</b>
14:30 - 15:30	<p><b>Facilitated Discussion: Looking Back, Looking Forward</b></p> <p>This facilitated workshop session would provide an opportunity for discussion and to capture the insights of CASDA members about where the collective work of the alliance has been most effective to date and where work should focus going forward.</p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b>  <b>Adrienne Lipsey</b>, Co-founder, Springboard  <b>Noah Zon</b>, Co-founder, Springboard</p>
15:30 - 15:35	<p><b>Closing Remarks: Summit Supporter - The Sinneave Family Foundation</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>Tanya McLeod</b>, President, The Sinneave Family Foundation</p>
16:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Buses to Summit Reception</b></p> <p>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  Bus tickets will be inside name badges  No other arrangements for transportation will be made.</p>
16:00 - 19:00	<p><b>Summit Reception on Parliament Hill</b></p> <p>Reception Start – 17:00  Location – Government Conference Centre. 2 Rideau St, Ottawa, ON K1N 8X5  Registered Summit attendees are welcome.  Please leave adequate time to clear security.  Government issued photo ID is required.</p>
18:45 - 19:15	<p><b>Buses to The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre Main Entrance</b></p> <p>3 buses are available they will arrive at 18:45, 19:00, 19:15  Bus tickets will be inside name badges.  No other arrangements for transportation will be made.</p>

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<b>Wednesday, April 3, 2019</b>	
8:00 - 8:30	<b>Networking Breakfast</b> The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre - 200 Coventry Road - Room 118
8:30 - 8:55	<b>Summit Day Two</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emcee – Conference Chair</b> <b>Debbie Irish</b>, CASDA Director</li> <li>• <b>Pam Damoff</b>, MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health</li> <li>• <b>The Honourable Mike Lake</b>, PC, MP</li> <li>• <b>Welcome Remarks Lived Experience</b> <b>Sonia Merdjanian</b></li> </ul>
8:55 - 10:30	<b>Indigenous Leadership</b> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Marg Whelan</b>, CASDA Director</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  <b>Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox</b>, Lawyer, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Deputy Grand Chief responsible for education, economic development, broadband, environment and sports and recreation  <b>Betty Gunner</b>, Community Relations Coordinator, Special Needs Strategy/Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) Instructor, Omushkego Education - Mushkegowuk Council  <b>Brooke McKenzie</b>, Jordan’s Principle Coordinator, Yukon Child Development Centre  <b>Christopher Mushquash</b>, 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  <b>Ken Robertson</b>, Founder, Four Directions Autism, Father of two autistic children  <b>Garth Smith</b>, MD, Medical Director, Developmental Paediatrician, KidsInclusive Centre for Child and Youth Development, Associate Professor, Paediatrics, Queens University  <b>Steffanie Petroni</b>, Special Needs Coordinator, Nishnawbe Aski Nation</p>

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10:30 - 10:45	<b>Refreshment and Networking Break</b>
10:45 - 12:15	<p><b>CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship: Informing a National Strategy</b></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><b>Moderator:</b> Nathalie Garcin, CASDA Director</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> <b>Canadian Institute of Health Research 2018 Health System Impact Fellows</b> <b>Stephen Gentles</b>, MSc, PhD, McMaster University <b>Gina Glidden</b>, PhD, University of Calgary <b>Jonathan Lai</b>, PhD, McGill University <b>Matt Russell</b>, PhD, University of Calgary</p>
12:15 – 13:30	<b>Lunch/Networking/Poster Session</b>
13:30 - 14:00	<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>
14:00 - 14:30	<p><b>Ready, Willing and Able</b></p> <p>A core strength of Canada's workforce lies in its diversity. However, without inclusion, this potential remains untapped.</p> <p>After four impactful years, RWA is one of the most successful employment initiatives for people with an intellectual disability or autism in Canada and is changing how businesses across the country think about inclusive hiring. More than that, it is changing how people with autism or an intellectual disability see themselves reflected in today's workforce.</p> <p>Join us for a session on outcomes over the last four years, lessons learned and the future direction of RWA to make Canada's workforce more inclusive.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Don Gallant</b>, National Director for Ready Willing and Able</p>

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14:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Bill C-81: The Accessible Canada Act</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 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> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Michelle Demery</b>, Director of Accessibility Implementation, Government of Canada</p>
15:00 - 15:15	<p><b>Supporter Remarks : Autism Speaks Canada</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Esther Rhee</b>, National Program Director, Autism Speaks Canada</p>
15:15 - 15:30	<p><b>Summit Close</b></p>

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