

<u>Registration</u> is now open for Autism New Jersey's <u>41st Annual Autism Conference</u>. Special education professionals, school administrators, autism service providers, child study team members, parents, and students with autism are invited to attend the two-day conference in Atlantic City on October 19 & 20, 2023. The Annual Autism Conference, which draws more than 1,200 attendees every year, provides training and education to families and professionals to better meet the needs of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This year's conference will showcase more than 100 exhibitors and hold more than 60 workshops focused on autism content including communication and social skills, strategies to assess and treat severe challenging behavior, inclusion, parent-professional collaboration, healthcare equity for individuals with autism, program administration, data collection and analysis, and other key topics.

Among many notable speakers, Dr. Amanda Philp, Ph.D., BCBA-D, from the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education, will present a session on Friday, October 20, 2023, highlighting the Department's Autism Program Quality Indicators — Revised (APQI-R). The Department's presentation will provide an overview of the APQI-R framework and new updates to the framework and showcase evidence-based practices that contribute to program effectiveness and positive outcomes for students with ASD. APQI-R session attendees will gain valuable insights and practical tools to understand how the APQI-R can guide their efforts to enhance the quality of autism programs.

Please visit <u>Autism New Jersey's website</u> for more information about the 41st Annual Autism Conference, including <u>keynote panels and other workshop sessions</u>, <u>exhibitors</u>, <u>overnight travel</u> <u>waiver</u>, and hotel information. Autism New Jersey's 41st Annual Autism Conference provides NJDOE professional development hours for more than 60 workshop sessions at no additional charge for New Jersey educators. Autism New Jersey annual conference offers professional continuing education credits from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), American Psychological Association (APA), New Jersey Social Work Continuing Education Approval Collaborative, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

For more information about the 41st Annual Autism Conference, please visit the conference <u>FAQ</u> page. For questions about the annual conference, please contact <u>conference@autismnj.org</u>.

