NADD Conference Schedule

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH		
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Conference Registration Open	*17th Floor*
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibitor Setup	*Urban*
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH		
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Conference Registration Open	*17th Floor*
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast & Visit w/ Sponsors	*Grand Ballroom*
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibits Open	*Urban*
7:45 AM - 8:15 AM	Coffee Chat with the Editor: Publishing in the NADD Journal *Dr. Kerim Munir, MD, MPH, DSc*	*Urban*
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome & Keynote Introduction *Jeanne Farr, MA; Dr. Gregory Cherpes, MD*	*Grand Ballroom*
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	The Link Center: Voices for Change *Stacy Nonnemacher PhD; Monica Wafford; Tyrome Launderville; Micah Peace Urquilla*	*Grand Ballroom*
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break with Sponsors	*Urban*
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	❶ Dementia and ID/DD: A Process Map for Detection **BCBA Eligible** *Maranda Trahan, PhD, BCBA-D; Amanda Ripley, BCBA*	*Monongahela (17th fl)*
	❷ Personality Disorder-Informed Therapy with Neurodivergent Clients *Jill Brenneman PhD*	*Conference A (CL Fl)*
	❸ Overview of Polyvagal Theory and Application *Robin VanEerden, MS, LPC, NADD-DDS, CC*	*Sky (17th Fl)*
	❹ Advancing IDD/MI Supports Through Person-Centered Leadership *Julie Lago, LICSW, BT-CC; Sarah Sadowski, MA*	*Phipps (CL Fl)*
	❺ Beyond Billing: Skills, Access, and Stability *Megan Johnson, LCSW; Celine Turco, Lic PHR; Jana Dreyzehner, MD; Meighan Schmidt, MA*	*Allegheny (17th Fl)*
	❻ Sexual Knowledge and Education: A Different Perspective *Eric Schoenecker, LSCSW*	*Frick (CL Fl)*
	❼ All About Community: Inclusive Research in Mental Health and IDD *Andrea Palmieri, EdD, MSW, LCSW; Joan B. Beasley, PhD, LMHC; Micah Peace Urquilla*	*Conference B (CL Fl)*
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Networking Lunch & Poster Session	*Grand Ballroom*
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	DSP to Leadership: A Real-World Career Panel *Jason Rechtman, LPC, NADD-DDS*	*Monongahela (17th fl)*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH (CONTINUED)

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	❶ The Art and Science of Reinforcement **BCBA Eligible** *Josh Westphal, MS, BCBA, LBA; Kelly Berth, MS, BCBA, LBA*	*Monongahela (17th fl)*
	❷ ASERT: Building Statewide Autism Supports Through Regional Collab *Andrea Layton, MA, BCBA, LBS; Alexis Gingell, MS; Emily Saich, MBA; Molly Sadowsky, MPH*	*Conference A (CL Fl)*
	❸ Understanding and Supporting Intersectionality in Deaf Services *Dr. Julie Beadle-Brown; Miles Noschese*	*Sky (17th Fl)*
	❹ Trauma Basics for DSPs: Creating Safety and Connection *Melissa Cheplic MPH, NADD-CC, DrPHc*	*Phipps (CL Fl)*
	❺ Home Based Crisis Intervention (HBCI) for Dually Diagnosed Youth *Ellie Nierstedt, LMSW, MPH; Kyrie Berkery*	*Allegheny (17th Fl)*
	❻ All Paths Lead Home: Diversion from Hospitalization for People with IDD *Stacey Dixon, MHA, PhD*	*Frick (CL Fl)*
	❼ Determinants of Providers Stigma Towards Refugees and Immigrants *Irene A. Boamah, MSSW, CSW; Daniel Boamah, PhD, MA, LCSW*	*Conference B (CL Fl)*
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Break with Sponsors	*Urban*
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	❶ Diagnostic Overshadowing: An Overview **BCBA Eligible** *Brad Young, BCBA, LPC; Amanda Barrett, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC*	*Monongahela (17th fl)*
	❷ Innovations in Mental Health Treatment for Autistic Individuals *Sarah Johnston; Conner Carlton; Heather Conroy LCSW; Keely Hirsch, PsyD*	*Conference A (CL Fl)*
	❸ The Experience Theory: Restoring the Human Touch - Supporting Complex Trauma Healing in People with IDD *Dr Wanda Brown-Ramseur, LPCS, NCC*	*Sky (17th Fl)*
	❹ Visual Communication and Sensory Integration in IDD/MI Services *Bradley Wyner, NADD-DDS; Sarah DeJohn, MA*	*Phipps (CL Fl)*
	❺ Adapting Motivational Interviewing for Intellectual and Development *Frank Koerber, PhD, MS, MS, LPC, LBS, NADD-CC; Amy Fisher, LCSW*	*Allegheny (17th Fl)*
	❻ Improving Crisis and Emergency Care for Neurodiverse Individuals *Ryan Cramer, LSW*	*Conference B (CL Fl)*
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception	*Urban*
Evening	Dinner on Own	

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	*Grand Ballroom*
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Conference Registration Open	*17th Floor*
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibits Open	*Urban*
7:45 AM - 8:15 AM	Coffee Chat with NADD Authors: Books & Publishing *Bruce Davis, PhD; Uzama Price EdD, NADD-DDS CC, LBA, LCASA, LCMH-CA; Daniel St.Croix Baker, Ph.D., NADD-CC, CCEP; Kevin Aldridge*	*Urban*
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Welcome & Keynote Introduction *Jeanne Farr, MA*	*Grand Ballroom*
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	A Trauma-Informed, Stepwise Approach to Addressing Severe Behavior *Adithyan Rajaraman, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA*	*Grand Ballroom*
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Mid-Morning Break with Sponsors	*Urban*

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH (CONTINUED)

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	❶ Hidden Harmonies: Letting Trauma Insight Shape Behavior Practice *Carrie Dhanarajan, MA BCBA LBA, NADD-CC; Kevin Aldridge, MA; Lara Palay, LISW-S* **BCBA Eligible**	*Monongahela (17th fl)*
	❷ Multiple Ways of Knowing: Evidence, Experience, and Narrative in Supporting People with IDD and Mental Health Issues *Bruce Davis, PhD*	*Conference A (CL Fl)*
	❸ Choices in Communication for Everyone, in Every Way *Julia Pearce*	*Sky (17th Fl)*
	❹ Where Art Meets Therapy: Using MARI in Dual Diagnosis Care *Patricia Gonzalez LPC, MT-BC, NADD-CC, CMT*	*Phipps (CL Fl)*
	❺ Beyond Crisis: Creating an Optimal Continuum of Supports (Part 1) *Stacy Nonnemacher PhD; Brandi Kelly PhD*	*Allegheny (17th Fl)*
	❻ Peer-Led Follow-Up in Mobile Crisis Systems *Katherine Cannon, MSSA/MSW; Dean Dill*	*Frick (CL Fl)*
	❼ Bridging IDD Gaps in Integrated Care *Victoria Juarez-Ochoa, Ochoa, NADD-DDS*	*Conference B (CL Fl)*
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon	*Grand Ballroom*
1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	❶ Trauma-Informed Autism Care Beyond Compliance **BCBA Eligible** *Michal Frank, LPCC, MSED*	*Monongahela (17th fl)*
	❷ Community-Based Stability for Individuals with IDD and SMI *Frank Koerber, PhD, MS, MS, LPC, LBS, NADD-CC; Anthony DeStefano, MA, MBA, NADD-DDS*	*Conference A (CL Fl)*
	❸ The New NADSP Code of Ethics -"Know the Code" *Tony Thomas, LISW, ACSW; Joseph Macbeth*	*Sky (17th Fl)*
	❹ The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts *Lauren Charlot PhD*	*Phipps (CL Fl)*
	❺ Stop Managing Crises: Using the Optimal Continuum of Supports (Part 2) *Stacy Nonnemacher PhD; Brandi Kelly PhD*	*Allegheny (17th Fl)*
	❻ Trauma Informed CBT Supports in IDD Practice *Ann Nash, MA, LPCC-S; Casondra Toole AS, BSN, RN Trainer, CDDN, RN; Georgia Tsaftarides; Kimberly Barkelew, RN*	*Frick (CL Fl)*
	❼ Implementation of Tiered Support for Complex Behavioral Needs *Natasha Merz, JD; Jessica Simacek, PhD*	*Conference B (CL Fl)*
3:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Afternoon Break with Sponsors	*Urban*
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	❶ Wellness, Trauma, Disaster Preparedness: Neurodiverse Populations *Jason Rechtman, MA, MBA, LPC, NADD-DDS; Brandi Kelly PhD; Kevin Aldridge; Uzama Price EdD, NADD-DDS CC, LBA, LCASA, LCMHCA; Lara Palay, LISW-S* **BCBA Eligible**	*Monongahela (17th fl)*
	❷ Autistic Burnout: Masking and Differential Diagnosis *Maleita Olson, LCSW, NADD-CC; Timothy Olson, NADD-DSP*	*Conference A (CL Fl)*
	❸ Person-Centered Thinking Through the Lens of Individuals with IDD *Greta O'Dell, NADD-DDS, CACTS; Jessica Edwards, NADD-DSP; Reginald Pitts; Tamika Woods, Self-Advocate*	*Sky (17th Fl)*
	❹ Empowering Unique Minds Through AI *Dr. Christine Clancy, PhD, ABPP; Corom Thompson*	*Phipps (CL Fl)*
	❺ Employment Support for All People with Intellectual Disability/MI *Daniel St.Croix Baker, Ph.D., NADD-CC, CCEP; Jolene Juhl*	*Allegheny (17th Fl)*
	❻ Person-Centered Practice in Clinical Care Transitions *Aaron McGavin LCPC, NCC; Zackary Abu-Shanab, LPC*	*Frick (CL Fl)*
	❼ Supporting Healthcare Access for LGBTQ people with IDD *Hannah Wells; MS, CTRS; Aidan Campagnolio, M.Ed;Taye Hallock*	*Conference B (CL Fl)*
Evening	Dinner on Own	

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	*Grand Ballroom*
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Exhibits Open	*Urban*
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Conference Registration Open	*17th Floor*
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	NADD Annual Business Meeting (Open to All!)	*Grand Ballroom*
9:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions	
	❶ MomPower: Trauma-informed Group Intervention for Mothers of ASD **BCBA Eligible** *Paula Pompa-Craven PsyD; Caitlyn Gumaer, PhD, BCBA; Katherine L. Rosenblum, PhD, ABPP*	*Monongahela (17th fl)*
	❷ National Community of Practice in Substance Use - IDD/A *Robert Fletcher DSW LCSW, FAAIDD, NADD-C; Lori Ann Eldridge, PhD*	*Conference A (CL Fl)*
	❸ Autism & Gender Diversity: Supporting the Neurodiverse Community *Shawn McGill, MSW, LSW*	*Sky (17th Fl)*
	❹ Gap to Gateway: Building IDD Behavioral Health Capacity *Nick Burton, MPA; Monica McCall, PhD*	*Phipps (CL Fl)*
	❺ Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for the Dually Diagnosed *Jennifer Cork, DSW, LCSW, Certified Autism Specialist (CAS), ADHD-CCSP, NADD-CC*	*Allegheny (17th Fl)*
	❻ Reimagining Independence: Technology-Supported Community Living with Behavioral Health Supports *Stephanie Kassel, PBS, ETN; Billy Shuburte, JD, LCSW; Twylla Brock, MS, QBHP*	*Frick (CL Fl)*
	❼ Bridging Technology and Person-Centered Care *Stephanie Higginbottom, MPA; Shannon Pociask*	*Conference B (CL Fl)*
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Mid-Morning Break with Sponsors	*Urban*
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	❶ Person Centered Practices in Prader-Willi Syndrome **BCBA Eligible** *Amy McTighe, PHD; Jenny Chapla, BCBA, LBS, NADD-CC*	*Monongahela (17th fl)*
	❷ Empowering Good Lives Through Positive Identity Development *Steve Dahl, MSW, LICSW, NADD-CC, MBA; Daniel St.Croix Baker, Ph.D., NADD-CC, CCEP*	*Conference A (CL Fl)*
	❸ A Strengths Based Approach to Independent Living *Katherine McGinley, OTD, OTR/L*	*Sky (17th Fl)*
	❹ DSP Retention Revolution: Training, EQ, and Sustainability *Hassan Abdulhaqq, PhD*	*Phipps (CL Fl)*
	❺ A Grassroots Inclusive Model for Promoting Mental Health Research *Matthew Wappett PhD; Luke Reynard; Andrea Palmieri, EdD, MSW, LCSW; Joan B. Beasley, PhD, LMHC; Melanie Hecker*	*Allegheny (17th Fl)*
	❻ The Decisions You Don't See: Behind the Scenes of Complex Care *Mandy Boersch, BsPN, RPN, CDDN; Michael Lavis, MA*	*Frick (CL Fl)*
	❼ The Compass Method for Stabilizing Complex Dual Diagnosis *Zipporah Levi-Shackleford, EdD, PBSF; Makahla Jackson*	*Conference B (CL Fl)*
12:30 PM	Conference Adjourns	

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