

8:00 Check-In					
8:45 Welcome/Opening					
9:00 Plenary Session		<p>The Stoop Storytelling Series is a Baltimore-based organization that empowers individuals and builds community through the sharing of personal stories. Their live shows and podcast feature everyday people telling the extraordinary true tales of their lives, and their workshops offer skills and support for everyone to share their tales. https://stoopstorytelling.com/</p>	<p>The Stoop has teamed up with Honestly Autism Day to bring you a series of real-life stories from local Autistic voices. Everyone has a story!</p>		
10:00-10:15 Break	Visit the exhibitors found in the Multipurpose Room (322) & Lobby				
10:15-11:15 Breakout 1 (Choose 1)	Flip the Script- Understanding & Supporting Gestalt Language Processors	*Celebrating, Affirming, and Protecting Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination when supporting Autistic Teens and Adults	Parent Perspectives: Navigating Life with Autistic Young Adults with High Support Needs	Dignity of Risk: Balancing Freedom and Protection of Autistic Adults in an Independent Living Program	Affirmation as Standard: Raising Expectations for Provider Selection
Presenter(s)	Kaitlyn Tasselmyer, M.S., CCC-SLP	Jenna Meehan, M.S. OTR/L	Parent Panel TBA	Lauren Eaton, M.A., LBA, BCBA	Joy F. Johnson, M.Ed.,MS, BCBA
		*This presentation will be delivered remotely. It will be previously recorded followed by a live remote Q&A with the presenter, Jenna Meehan.			
11:15-11:30 Break	Visit the exhibitors found in the Multipurpose Room (322) & Lobby				
11:30-12:30 Breakout 2 (Choose 1)	Flip the Script- Understanding & Supporting Gestalt Language Processors	Newly Diagnosed? Do we have news for you!	Effective Strategies to Support School-Aged Autistic Multilingual Learners	Our Neurodiversity Moment: Why Now? And What Does It Mean?	Cultivating Connections: Building Better Spaces with Neurodiversity-Affirming Practices
Presenter(s)	Kaitlyn Tasselmyer, M.S., CCC-SLP	Marlo Lemon, Co Deputy Director The Parents Place of Maryland & Neal Lichter, Program Director Pathfinders for Autism	Nicole Tricia I. dela Paz, M.S., CCC-SLP & Aishah AlFadhalah, Ed.D., CCC-SLP	Zosia Zaks, Ph.D.	Christopher Martini, MAT
12:30-1:30 Lunch	Enjoy your lunch and visit the exhibitors found in the Multipurpose Room (322) & Lobby				
1:30-2:30 Breakout 3 (Choose 1)	Flip the Script- Understanding & Supporting Gestalt Language Processors	*Identifying and Supporting Sensory and Self-Regulation Needs for Autistic Children and Their Caregivers	Employment Panel: Navigating Success, Challenges, and Change in Autistic Employment	Sex on the Spectrum	Affirmation as Standard: Raising Expectations for Provider Selection
Presenter(s)	Kaitlyn Tasselmyer, M.S., CCC-SLP	Jenna Meehan, M.S. OTR/L	See Registration Site for Panelists	Mallory Gulling, M.A., LBA, BCBA & Stephanie Musto - Itineris	Joy F. Johnson, M.Ed.,MS, BCBA
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2:30-2:45 Break	Visit the exhibitors found in the Multipurpose Room (322) & Lobby				
2:45-3:45 Plenary Session	<p>Stay for the Teen Panel! Hear directly from autistic teens as they share their voices and lived experiences.</p> <p><i>A little history... Back in 2009, the very first teen panel was held in a BCPS school cafeteria. The response was overwhelming—the honesty and insight of those students sparked an idea that grew into what is now Honestly Autism Day. The teen panel became the highlight of every Honestly Autism Day, year after year. The courage and authenticity of these teens have inspired glowing reviews and lasting impact, making the panel a tradition we are proud to carry forward. What better way to close out our 2025 event than with this powerful and inspiring session?</i></p>				