

Update on ACT's Resources & Panel Discussion on Advocacy

*In Celebration of April
– Autism Awareness Month*

Saturday, April 18th, 2015

515 West Hastings Street, SFU Harbour Centre, Vancouver

ACT Resources Update

2015 is ACT's 10th year of providing information and support to B.C. families. The day will begin with brief updates from ACT's staff on recent enhancements to our information resources. These resources are relevant for families, individuals with autism and the professionals who support them. Many are appropriate for all children with special needs. ACT is looking forward to receiving feedback from attendees on the priority areas for expanding our resources.

Advocacy Discussion

There are a number of autism organizations across B.C., some of which did not exist a decade ago, which have a primary role in advocacy. While ACT is not funded to provide individual advocacy to parents, or to adults, we guide callers to resources, and coach them to advocate for appropriate services for themselves or their children. To open this discussion, a panel of speakers from a range of organizations will present their views on how B.C.'s autism community can collaborate to better support families and individuals with a range of special needs. In particular, we will focus on how to support marginalized families and individuals to have their needs met, including those affected by poverty, mental illness, those living on reserve and in isolated communities and those who struggle in English. Questions and suggestions from the audience will be encouraged.

Advocacy Panel Participants

- **Michael Craig**, Board President, ACT- Autism Community Training (Moderator)
- **Patrick Dwyer**, Facilitator and Vice-President, Authors with Autism; UVic Student Club
- **John Esson**, President, Autism Society of B.C.
- **Betty-Ann Garreck**, Coordinator, Autism Kamloops
- **Katy Harandi**, CEO, Canucks Autism Network
- **Susan Noble**, Board Member, Autism Okanagan
- **Louise Witt**, Board Member, Autism Support Network

Workshop Schedule

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:45	Session 1 – Presentations by ACT Staff & discussion of future initiatives
10:45 – 11:00	Morning break (<i>light snacks will be served</i>)
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 – Presentations by Advocacy Panel Members
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch (<i>a light lunch will be provided</i>)
1:15 – 2:30	Session 3 – Discussion Period

REGISTRATION FORM

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Online Registration

To register for this event online, and for event details, see www.actcommunity.ca/?p=4639

Please confirm your registration before booking your flight – cancellation insurance is recommended.

Name:		Home or Cell Phone:	
Organization:		Work Phone:	
Address:			
City:		Province/State:	Postal/Zip Code:
Email: (if you do not receive an email confirmation within a week, call ACT)		I wish to: <input type="checkbox"/> Receive periodic updates by post <input type="checkbox"/> Join ACT's confidential email list*	
Registration Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Professional (please specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Para-Professional (please specify): _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Student (please include copy of student ID) <input type="checkbox"/> Person with ASD or other Special Need <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Family Member of a person with ASD or Special Need	

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Payment

Registration Cost (including lunch): \$ 35.00 _____

Method of Payment: Cash Cheque MasterCard VISA To use your AFB funds for event payment, please call our office.

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Name on Card:		Signature:	
Card Number:		Expiry Date:	CVV Code:

In addition to registering online, you may also register by telephone using a credit card or fax to (604) 205-5345. Registrations are accepted only when accompanied by payment. Refunds for registration, less a \$25 handling charge, are available if ACT is informed in writing one week before the workshop date. Details of the cancellation policy are available at www.actcommunity.ca. Cheques that are not honoured will result in a loss of registration status. Bank charges incurred by ACT as a result of a NSF cheque are the responsibility of the registrant. Cheques or money orders should be made out to: ACT – Autism Community Training. Mail to: Suite 150, 2250 Boundary Road, Burnaby, B.C., Canada V5M 3Z3. If you have questions, email info@actcommunity.ca or telephone 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188.

Autism Funding

20 percent of a child's Autism Funding can be used to cover training and travel. For details on how to use Autism Funding for an ACT event, see www.actcommunity.ca/education/funding-invoice-option/.

Bursaries

ACT fundraises to provide bursaries for low-income participants and/or those travelling from outside their home regions to an event. Please apply before registering. For more information, see www.actcommunity.ca/about-us/bursaries-faqs/. Please call or email ACT's office for clarification.

ACT provided \$24,000 in bursaries in 2014 and gratefully accepts donations to our bursary fund to allow us to provide a greater level of support. For details see www.actcommunity.ca/support-us/donating/

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