

## Join us LIVE! In-person or web stream

Join us for inspiration and information! At ACT's live events, leading international practitioners and researchers share their insights into improving the lives of those with autism and other special needs with parents and professionals.

### Live Event Web Streaming

[www.actcommunity.ca/webstreaming](http://www.actcommunity.ca/webstreaming)

ACT web streams some of our events as LIVE online video broadcasts, in real time. We work with a professional video production company to bring events from Vancouver to an international audience. Our system is simple to use, with a built-in chat function that allows you to ask questions and get feedback from presenters on the issues you care about. No special equipment or software is necessary; all you need to watch is a computer, laptop, or tablet.

### Web Streaming as a Group

ACT is offering special rates to agencies, parent groups and schools who wish to watch an ACT web streamed event together on a big screen. Contact the ACT office for details.

### Bursaries - \$25 a day training for parents!

B.C. parents and caregivers of children with autism can attend an ACT event for only \$25 a day (which can be covered by Autism Funding) until the special fund is exhausted. ACT has a limited bursary program for others that we fund from donations.

See [www.actcommunity.ca/eventbursaries](http://www.actcommunity.ca/eventbursaries) for more information on bursaries.



## 2018 CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Your leading source of evidence-based, community-focused special needs training for parents and professionals



# 2018 Events



**January 22 - 26, Vancouver & March 5 - 9, Surrey**

## **INTRODUCTION TO ASD – PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS – POPARD**

This 30-hour course is relevant for those working with or parenting school-age children across the autism spectrum. **Registered Psychologist and POPARD consultant, Dr. Kenneth Cole** has an infectious enthusiasm for engaging adult learners in the challenges and the rewards of teaching students with ASD. The course is a requirement in many school districts for teaching assistants. Only 30 spots available for each event in Vancouver and Surrey..



**February 23, Sidney, BC**

## **“I’M GOING TO BE A VIDEO GAME DESIGNER!” HELPING TEENS PREPARE FOR THE REAL ADULT WORLD**

This day is a must for anyone engaged in helping able teens with ASD and other social learning challenges prepare for adulthood. **Dr. Pamela Crooke, Chief of Research at Social Thinking, is an SLP and academic** with long experience in working with youth and young adults with social learning challenges. She is an excellent presenter, blending humour, compassion and a keen intelligence. Her most recent book geared to adults, *Social Thinking at Work: Why Should I Care?*, was co-authored with Michelle Garcia Winner.



**March 10, Vancouver**

## **iPAD’S IN AUTISM INTERVENTION**

Children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities who need significant support in communication and learning strategies often benefit from the visual supports embedded in tablets. **Dr. Brenda Fossett, BCBA-D, Capilano University**, who is well known for her expertise in using visual strategies, will demonstrate how iPads can be used both as an instructional tool and/or an aid for daily living. Current research on their effectiveness for communication, academic, daily living and employment skills will be reviewed; many relevant apps will be highlighted.



**April 5 - 6, Vancouver & Web Streaming**

## **ACT’S 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOCUS ON RESEARCH CONFERENCE: WHAT IS RESEARCH TELLING US ABOUT WOMEN AND GIRLS WITH AUTISM?**

The issue of how autism affects women and girls has recently been the topic for important research. This conference will feature a series of speakers, including a panel of women with ASD presenting their perspectives. **Keynote speaker, Dr. William Mandy, University College London, UK**, will share his research about the characteristics of autism in females, how this affects diagnosis, and ways of improving recognition, with a focus on improving clinical and educational practice.



**May 3 - 4, Surrey & Web Streaming**

## **CUTTING EDGE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS**

Rest up before this training! **Sarah Ward, CCC-SLP, Cognitive Connections, Boston**, provides two intense days of insights and strategies to help parents and a wide range of professionals wrap our heads around how to enhance executive function skills, especially for those with ASD and ADHD with IQ’s in the average range. The strategies presented can help those with difficulties in organizing themselves, to reach their potential at school and in the work place.

Save  
the  
date!

**July 19 - 20, Nanaimo**

## **SOCIAL STORIES WITH CAROL GRAY**

**August 16 - 17, Vancouver**

## **SOCIAL THINKING CONFERENCE WITH MICHELLE GARCIA WINNER & DR. PAMELA CROOKE**

**September 27 - 28, Vancouver & Web Streaming (Day 1)**

## **COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR THERAPY WITH DR. JUDY REAVEN, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO**

**October 19 - 20, Vancouver & Web Streaming**

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS CONFERENCE WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**November 2, Vancouver & Web Streaming**

## **INVESTING IN GIRLS AND WOMEN WITH ASD WITH DORI ZENER, MSW RSW**