



## A Summary of ACT Training: 2003 - 2018

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ACT – Autism Community Training is British Columbia’s leading provider of community-based professional development and parent training in autism and special needs. Since 2010, ACT has trained over 17,000 registrants, providing 143,000 hours of live training featuring leading clinicians and researchers.

In 2018, ACT provided:

- Over 19,000 hours of training to nearly 2,000 registrants featuring provincial and international experts - a 55% increase for both hours of training and registrants over 2017;
- 14 evidence-based training opportunities across a wide-range of topics;
- Training in four B.C. cities: Surrey, Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria;
- Web streaming to allow 700 registrants to join five trainings from all regions of BC: individually and in teams of up to 50. This is a 138% increase in web streaming registrants over 2017;
- \$21,000 in bursaries in the form of reduced registration fees for low income registrants.

In 2018 ACT trained:

- Over 900 professionals including Physicians, CLBC Facilitators, Social Workers, Psychologists, Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapists, Behavior Consultants and Teachers;
- Over 500 family members, including parents and foster parents;
- 350 para-professionals staff from group homes, school districts and early intervention programs.

In 2018, most of ACT’s trainings had cross ministry relevance including:

- *Non-Aversive Strategies to Assist Individuals with Autism and Challenging Behaviors* (relevant to MSDPR, MOH, MMH, MOE and MCFD)
- *Girls and Women with ASD* (relevant to MSDPR, MOE, MOH, MCFD)
- *Helping Teens Prepare for the Real Adult World* (relevant to MSDPR, MOE, MOH, MCFD)
- *Cutting Edge Strategies to Improve Executive Function Skills* (relevant to MSDPR, MOE, MOH, MCFD)
- *Managing the Anxious Symptoms of Children and Adolescents with ASD – Practical Strategies* (relevant to MOH, MMH, and MCFD)

In 2018, ACT is offering nearly 40 free online videos, edited versions of some of our live events, at [www.actcommunity.ca/videos](http://www.actcommunity.ca/videos)

## Suspending ACT’s Live Training

Until July 2017 ACT received funding under a contract with MCFD to provide support and information for parents; this allowed ACT to provide our live training program without direct government subsidy.

In October 2018, ACT’s Board of Directors determined that as of November 2, 2018, ACT must suspend its program of live events until we have identified sources of sustained funding. Live events are high risk and expensive. Most registrants cannot afford the full cost. ACT requires core funding of \$300,000 to continue offering a subsidized training program to benefit the special needs community across the lifespan.

## The Contribution of ACT's Live Events to the BC Special Needs Community

ACT's live training program has made a major contribution to the autism community in British Columbia since 2003. Between 2010 and 2018, ACT provided 17,000 registrants with over 144,000 hours of training at a total of 148 events, in three languages, in 14 communities across B.C. This training was made possible through the commitment of our presenters to share their knowledge and a pool of volunteers who allowed us to provide these opportunities at non-commercial prices, in addition to the crucial support of sponsors and donors.<sup>1</sup>

ACT's live training events have provided practical, evidence-based learning opportunities to family members, professionals, and para-professionals in communities across British Columbia. They have addressed fundamental topics and issues that are pertinent to a wide-range of ages and for varying levels of abilities across the autism spectrum. (See the full listing of ACT events from 2010-2018, p. 8).

### Relevance Across Special Needs

While these events teach skills and demonstrate practical applications on how to support individuals with autism, the topics and learning outcomes are often applicable and useful to the greater special needs population. ACT offers group discounts to encourage intervention teams and colleagues to come together and reinforce the learning and implementation after the event. Everyone is welcome and while events are priced as low-cost as ACT can manage, ACT provides bursaries to participants who must travel, or are under financial stress - regardless of diagnosis.



*Information Table at an ACT Event*

*"The schedule of training events that ACT offers annually is both extensive and comprehensive – ranging from autism assessment, to toilet training, to transition planning for adolescents and adults, to social skill interventions, to workshops on eating problems and other challenging behaviors. ACT invites both provincial and international experts to conduct these workshops, which are known across Canada for their high quality... ACT's workshops enable families and professionals across the province to build more advanced skills and have greatly enhanced treatment and intervention expertise in the province."*<sup>2</sup>

Dr. Pat Mirenda, University of British Columbia

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<sup>1</sup> Sponsors, whose financial support has allowed us to travel and bring in less-commercial speakers, include Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia - Faculty of Medicine, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Dwyer Tax Law, Autism Speaks Canada, Canucks Autism Network, B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union, B.C. Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists, Children's Sleep Network, Social Thinking, Autism Kamloops, City of Kamloops, BC Association of Behaviour Analysis, Surrey School District, Autism Okanagan, School District 23, Sheraton Wall Centre, and Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration in Autism (CIRCA) at UBC.

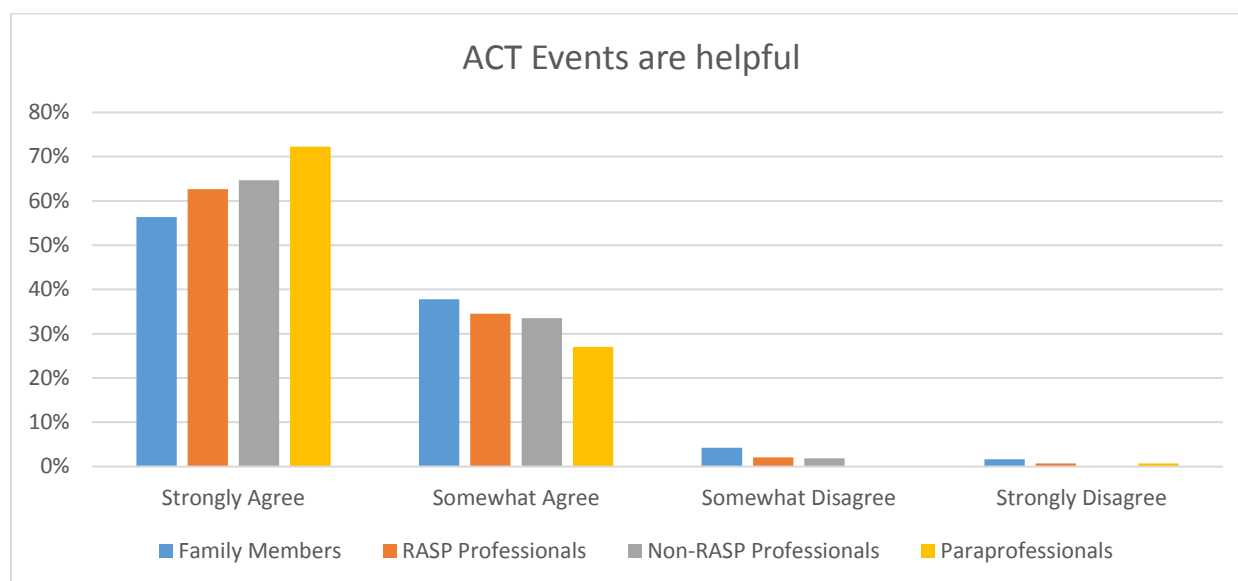
<sup>2</sup> *Appendix: References and Letters of Support - Mirenda*

The training that ACT has provided over the last 15 years in the Lower Mainland, has had a profound effect on:

- Raising parental understanding and expectation of what autism intervention programs and educational programs should look like for their children;
- Empowering parents with knowledge about the crucial role they play in maximizing the therapeutic environment for their children in the home and community;
- Educating professionals on the potential of individuals with autism and how they can improve their practice whether they are an educator or a RASP Professional;
- Allowing professionals and para-professionals to earn high quality CEU's in the area of autism.

### ACT's Training is respected

The positive reputation of ACT's events is evident from the results of ACT's Resources and Services Survey 2016. 94% of Family Members and 98% of RASP Professionals "Strongly Agreed" or "Somewhat Agreed" that Live Events are helpful. Attendees consider them professional, relevant, organized and accessible. Full survey results are available at <https://www.actcommunity.ca/files/pdf/act/ACT-Resources-and-Services-Survey-2016.pdf>



*"The live events are the best professional development opportunities I have attended. I always learn something, and get more insight in how to work with students. Keep it going!"*

*"The ACT events that I've attended have been very relevant and well organized."*

*"I am impressed that ACT keeps live events open to parents and para-professionals. Parents really value the information they receive and that they are included."*

## Live Web Streaming of ACT Events

Beginning in 2017, ACT has made select training events available via live web streaming video to registered viewers. This was an important step to increase accessibility to viewers across the province and beyond. Not only does the web stream option provide access for professionals and families in remote areas, it also reduces the cost of attending by eliminating travel and child care. The web streaming platform includes a text-based chat function which attendees can use to exchange ideas, share information, and pose questions to the speaker.

In 2017, five ACT events were available via live web stream, providing 295 online registrants with over 2,950 hours of training. In 2018, ACT's online audience climbed to 702 registrants across five web streamed events, accounting for 36.2% of total event registrants for the year. This is a 137.9% increase from the year prior.

ACT also offers schools and centres special discounts when viewing web streamed events in a shared venue. This encourages work group collaboration and increases the dissemination of valuable training information to support staff. More information on ACT's live event web streaming is available at [www.actcommunity.ca/education/event-registrations/about-act-events/webstreaming](http://www.actcommunity.ca/education/event-registrations/about-act-events/webstreaming).

*"Thank you for the enlightening experience, without this webinar opportunity I would not be able to attend."*

*"I live in central BC and online training allows me to participate in valuable training without all the extra financial and time constraints"*

*"I loved the online format. We watched as a team. No distractions from 200 other participants. We could pause and discuss as we wanted and then resume play. It was great."<sup>3</sup>*

## Autism Videos @ ACT – available when, where and as often as you want

As B.C.'s largest provider of community-level autism training and support, ACT knows that not everyone can attend live events. Autism Videos @ ACT (AVA) is an innovative approach to parent and professional training – putting free videos online increases accessibility, for those for whom attending a live event is not possible, including extended family members and community professionals.

Autism Videos @ ACT covers practical topics that address issues across the lifespan of individuals with autism. Grounded in research and good practices, they provide reliable, non-commercial information to help professionals and parents maximize the positive impact of providing fun and functional therapy for children with ASD. Many videos are relevant to a variety of children with special needs other than autism.

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### Autism Videos @ ACT

Practical Information for Parents & Teams

Watch where when and as often as you like! Read more...

**Solving Sleep Problems in Children with ASD**  
Presented by Beth Ann Malow, M.D. Professor of Neurolog...

**Early Intervention - Practical Topics**

- NEW! One Parent's Journey in Autism (in Punjabi)
- NEW! Introduction to Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) - in Punjabi
- Best Practices in Early Intervention: An Update - Research and Helping Families Build the "Team"
- Solving Sleep Problems in Children with ASD
- See all 7 videos +

**Education and Advocacy**

- NEW! One Parent's Journey in Autism (in Punjabi)
- NEW! Introduction to Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) - in Punjabi
- Education, Integration, Inclusion - Key Information for Parents of Children with Special Needs
- The Art of Advocacy - A Parent's Guide to Advocating for Their Child With Special Needs

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ABOUT ACT VIDEOS

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- Video Descriptions (pdf)
- Technical Support
- Provide Video Feedback

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- Toilet Training for Everyone
- Ready Set Coach
- Best Practices in Early

<sup>3</sup> Comments from ACT Live Event Feedback Surveys for web streamed events in 2017.

## Growth and Evolution of ACT's Online Videos: 2007 - 2018

From 2007 to 2012, ACT's online videos were available to users for a small annual fee. In 2012, ACT dropped all sign-up fees; registration numbers immediately increased for all online videos. In 2015, using donations, ACT launched a new platform Autism Videos @ ACT.

In 2016, ACT held its inaugural Seymour Triple G fundraising and awareness event to raise funds for Autism Videos @ ACT. Funding is essential to support the delivery of free online training across British Columbia. In 2017, five additional videos were added to the AVA page. 13 are planned for Winter 2018.

Year	Videos added	Total number of videos*	
2012	1	7	
2013	7	14	
2014	5	15	All videos made available at no cost
2015	2	16	New platform developed – no login and easier navigation.
2016	8	20	Two videos in Punjabi released.
2017	5	26	
2018	13	39	

(\*) The number of new videos will not total the total number available; ACT removes videos on request of the presenter, and records replacements for out of date videos.

### About the Videos: Accessible and Professional

ACT videos are of high quality both in content and production values. The focus of these videos is on practical information that will help parents be better consumers. Based on a decade of working with families, ACT believes that informing families is the first step to ensure best outcomes for their children.

ACT free online videos can be accessed at [www.actcommunity.ca/videos](http://www.actcommunity.ca/videos) and [www.actcommunity.ca/mentalhealth](http://www.actcommunity.ca/mentalhealth). AVA's presentations range from 1 to 4 hours, divided into short sections to help navigation and accommodate busy lives. There are also links to additional or referenced information resources.

They are accessible:

- There is no cost involved
- No password or login is required to watch the videos.
- Available in high and low-definition, to support lower-speed Internet
- On desktop, tablet or smart phone.

They are professional:

- Videos are professionally filmed and edited;
- Speakers are experts in their field, and speak compellingly on evidence-based training;
- Technical help, though rarely required, is available at: [www.actcommunity.ca/videohelp](http://www.actcommunity.ca/videohelp).

### 13 Videos Released in 2018

ACT released 13 new videos in 2018. This is over 21.5 additional hours of free online training available to families and professionals. AVA hosts over 78.5 hours of training, available online anytime, anyplace and to anyone.

Title	Released	Funding Source
<b><i>ESSENCE* – Early Recognition of ASD and Associated Disorders Can Lead to Better Outcomes</i></b>	Sept 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Addressing Mental Health in Autism: Should We Treat the Person with ASD, the Family, or the Community?</i></b>	Oct 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Girls and Women with Eating Disorders</i></b>	Oct 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Practical Strategies for supporting Mental Wellness of Women and Girls</i></b>	Oct 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>The role of medication in the management of ASD</i></b>	Oct 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Mental Health in Post-Secondary Education</i></b>	Nov 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Panel Discussion: Perspectives of Adults with ASD</i></b>	Nov 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Applications of CBT</i></b>	Nov 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Anxiety and Social Competence</i></b>	Nov 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Implementing modified CBT</i></b>	Nov 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Treating Selective Mutism</i></b>	Nov 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Autism and Forensic Healthcare</i></b>	Dec 2018	Online Mental Health Project
<b><i>Panel discussion: Adapting Existing Therapies for Individuals with ASD</i></b>	Dec 2018	Online Mental Health Project

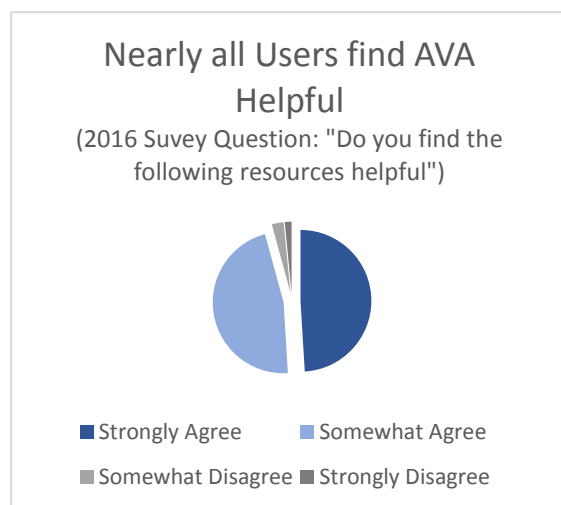
### Autism Videos @ ACT – a Valued Part of Autism Training

Those who have used the Autism Videos @ ACT (AVA) value them highly, as seen in ACT’s 2016 survey. 96% of those surveyed find the Autism Videos @ ACT Agreed or Strongly Agreed that the free online videos are helpful.

Comments show also that people value the videos because:

- They can watch them with their peers or partner.
- They can access them at any time (analytics show there is a bump in page views after 8pm!)
- Online training saves in travel costs, providing access to professional speakers.

*“My husband and I watched (the video) as a couple, which was really helpful for planning and mutual support. It also helped us bond over supporting our son. For us, it provided a theoretical perspective to develop a plan, which was important when we have six or so professionals working with him, all of whom have their own ideas about how we should handle it.”*



*“ACT has done an outstanding job at providing educational opportunities to both families and professionals.”*

*“I do love the online videos that I can access all the time.”*

ACT’s Resources and Services Survey 2016 is available to review at

<https://www.actcommunity.ca/files/pdf/act/ACT-Resources-and-Services-Survey-2016.pdf>.

AVA videos were played over 19,000 times in 2017, with more than 2,600 hours of video training watched.

### Future Plans

ACT has a number of recorded presentations awaiting editing, pending staff and financial resources. With funding, ACT would be able to create subtitles in English and other languages, to make the videos accessible to the hard of hearing and those for whom English is a second or unfamiliar language. This would increase the reach of training to extended families for many.

# List of ACT Events 2010-2018

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YEAR	NUMBER OF EVENTS	NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS	HOURS OF LIVE TRAINING
2010	16	1,986	14,511
2011	21	2,658	18,472
2012	17	2,269	20,210
2013	17	1,762	13,589
2014	19	1,933	17,208
2015	26	2,019	12,503
2016	8	1,360	13,124
2017	9	1,248	13,635
2018	14	1,936	19,741
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>17,171</b>	<b>142,993</b>





<b>Event Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Hands-on Verbal Behaviour</b>	Dr. Suzanne Jacobsen and Richard Stock	Vancouver	January 9, 16, 23, 2010
<b>Focusing on the Social Skills of Children w/Autism</b>	Dr. Bridget Taylor	Vancouver	March 26, 2010
<b>Bridges to Adulthood for Learners w/ASD: Targeting Skills for the Next Environment</b>	Dr. Peter Gerhardt	Vancouver	March 27, 2010
<b>Estate Planning for Families Who Have Children with Special Needs in B.C.</b>	Blair Dwyer	Vancouver	April 9, 2010
<b>Focus on Research - Taking the Stress Out of Mealtimes – Tackling Feeding Issues in Children with Autism &amp; 15 Presentations on B.C. Autism Research Projects</b>	Dr. Lauren Binnendyk and various speakers	Vancouver	April 22-24, 2010
<b>Evidence-Based Practice in Sensory Processing Disorder: Subtypes, Assessment, and Intervention</b>	Dr. Lucy Jane Miller	Vancouver	May 7, 2010
<b>Advanced Hands-On Verbal Behavior</b>	Dr. Suzanne Jacobsen	Richmond	June 25 & 26, 2010
<b>The Challenge &amp; Potential of Early Detection of ASD in Children Under Three</b>	Dr. Amy M. Wetherby	Vancouver	August 6 & 7, 2010
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Marianne Garrison	Vancouver	August 9-13, 2010
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Marianne Garrison	Vancouver	August 23-27, 2010
<b>The Challenge of Adulthood for Teenagers with ASD</b>	Michelle Garcia Winner	Vancouver	September 10 & 11, 2010
<b>Transforming Parent-Child Interaction with PBS</b>	Dr. Joe Lucyshyn	Victoria	October 22 & 23, 2010
<b>ASD: Planning for Adulthood</b>	Dr. Anthony Bailey	Vancouver	November 27, 2010
<b>Transforming Parent-Child Interaction with PBS -</b>	Dr. Joe Lucyshyn	Vancouver	December 3 & 4, 2010
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Marianne Garrison	Vancouver	January 15, 22, 29 February 5, 12, 2011
<b>Organizing Strategies to Prepare for Homework and the Real World</b>	Michelle Garcia Winner	Victoria	February 18, 2011
<b>Technology for Your Toolbox</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Vancouver	April 1, 2011
<b>Focus on Research 2011 - Facing Your Fears</b>	Dr. Judy Reaven	Vancouver	April 29 & 30, 2011
<b>Beyond Wants and Needs: Supporting Social Interactions Between Students with ASD and Their Peers</b>	Dr. Pat Mirenda	Kamloops	May 20, 2011

<b>Transforming Parent Child Interaction with Positive Behavior Support</b>	Dr. Joe Lucyshyn	Prince George	May 27 & 28, 2011
<b>Advanced Hands-On Verbal Behaviour</b>	Dr. Suzanne Jacobsen	Richmond	June 10 & 11, 2011
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Marianne Garrison	Vancouver	July 25-29, 2011
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Marianne Garrison	Vancouver	August 15-19, 2011
<b>Autism and The SCERTS® Model: Next Generation Practices for Children &amp; Their Families</b>	Dr. Barry Prizant	Vancouver	August 24-26, 2011
<b>Addressing Autism Across the Lifespan: A Symposium on Building a British Columbia Where Adults with ASD Can Thrive</b>	Dr. Anthony Bailey; various panelists	Victoria	September 9, 2011
<b>Teaching Social Thinking</b>	Michelle Garcia Winner	Kelowna	September 15 & 16, 2011
<b>Transforming Parent Child Interaction with Positive Behavior Support</b>	Dr. Joe Lucyshyn	Dawson Creek	September 30 -October 1, 2011
<b>Transforming Parent Child Interaction with Positive Behavior Support</b>	Dr. Joe Lucyshyn	Chilliwack	October 14 & 15, 2011
<b>Autism for Educators of School-Age Children – The Challenge for this Decade</b>	Dr. Peter Mundy	Vancouver	October 21, 2011
<b>Education, Integration, Inclusion: Key Information for Parents of Children with Special Needs</b>	Dr. Suzanne Jacobsen	Vancouver	October 22, 2011
<b>Teaching Individuals with ASD about Sexuality</b>	Joy Becker	Nanaimo	October 29, 2011
<b>The Prevention and Treatment of Problem Behaviour</b>	Bridget Taylor	Vancouver	November 5, 2011
<b>Technology for Your Toolbox</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Vancouver	November 26, 2011
<b>The Science of Making Friends</b>	Dr. Elizabeth Laugeson	Vancouver	December 3, 2011
<b>Transforming Parent Child Interaction with Positive Behavior Support</b>	Dr. Joe Lucyshyn	Vancouver	January 28, Feb. 11 & 25, 2012
<b>Beyond Wants and Needs: Supporting Social Interactions Between Students with ASD and Their Peers</b>	Dr. Pat Mirenda	Victoria	February 17, 2012
<b>Technology for Your Toolbox</b>	<b>Dr. Brenda Fossett</b>	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>February 18, 2012</b>
<b>Emotional Management, Relationships, Healthy Sexuality for Individuals with Asperger's</b>	Dr. Isabelle Hénault	Vancouver	March 30 & 31, 2012

<b>8th Annual Focus on Research 2012</b>	Vismara, Zwaigenbaum, and Bopp	Vancouver	April 13, 2012
<b>Technology for Your Toolbox</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Kamloops	April 16, 2012
<b>Technology for Your Toolbox</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Prince George	April 27, 2012
<b>The 2012 Vancouver Island Autism &amp; Developmental Disabilities Conference</b>	Various presenters	Nanaimo	May 10-12, 2012
<b>Social Discovery &amp; Discovering Social Strategies Thinking about Teaching &amp; Teaching Thinking</b>	Carol Gray & Michelle Garcia Winner	Vancouver	August 16 & 17, 2012
<b>Teaching Individuals with ASD about Sexuality</b>	Joy Becker	Fort St. John	September 22, 2012
<b>Transforming Parent Child Interaction with Positive Behavior Support</b>	Dr. Joe Lucyshyn	Cranbrook	October 5 & 6, 2012
<b>PEERS® Provider Certification - 4 Day Advanced Training for Professionals</b>	Dr. Elizabeth Laugeson	Vancouver	October 17-20, 2012
<b>Focus on Education Conference</b>	Various presenters	Vancouver	October 19 & 20, 2012
<b>Teaching Individuals with ASD about Sexuality</b>	Joy Becker	Chilliwack	November 3, 2012
<b>Preventing Challenging Behaviors – Prevent-Teach-Reinforce</b>	Dr. Glen Dunlap	Vancouver	November 30 & December 1, 2012
<b>Introduction to the Assessment of Functional Living Skills (the AFLS)</b>	Dr. James Partington	Vancouver	February 8, 2013
<b>Social Thinking Meets RTI and PBS</b>	Gretchen Schmidt-Mertes	Sidney	February 15, 2013
<b>Getting Ready for the Real World - How Schools and Families Can Prepare Adolescents with Autism for the Social Challenges of Adulthood</b>	Dr. Peter Gerhardt	Vancouver	March 8, 2013
<b>ACT's 9th Annual Focus on Research 2013: Building Capacity Across the Rockies</b>	Various presenters	Vancouver	April 19 & 20, 2013
<b>Teaching Social Thinking through Stories and Play for Preschool and Early Elementary School</b>	Kari Palmer & Ryan Hendrix	Vancouver	May 11, 2013
<b>Ready, Set, Coach: Supporting Kids with Autism in Community Recreation Activities</b>	Dr. Stephanie Jull	Nanaimo	June 1, 2013
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	August 12, 2013
<b>Social Thinking and Transition Planning for the Adult World and</b>	Dr. Pamela Crooke	Kelowna	September 27, 2013

<b>Real Life</b>			
<b>Teaching Individuals with ASD about Sexuality: An introduction for School Teams and Parents</b>	Joy Becker	Kelowna	September 28, 2013
<b>Transforming Parent-Child Interactions with PBS</b>	Dr. Joe Lucyshyn	Kamloops	October 4 & 5, 2013
<b>Introduction to "Positive Behaviour Support" For Children with ASD and Other Developmental Disabilities (in Cantonese)</b>	Dianna Yip	Vancouver	October 4, 2013
<b>Teaching Individuals with ASD about Sexuality: An introduction for School Teams and Parents</b>	Joy Becker	Terrace	October 19, 2013
<b>Functional Analysis &amp; Treatment of Severe Behavior Disorders Methods for Clinicians and Educators</b>	Dr. Brian Iwata	Vancouver	October 25 & 26, 2013
<b>Technology for Your Toolbox: Boardmaker and iPad</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Chilliwack	November 2, 2013
<b>Sibshop Training – Building Community Support for Siblings of Children with Special Needs</b>	Don Meyer	Vancouver	November 15 & 16, 2013
<b>Navigating Puberty &amp; Adolescence</b>	Joy Becker	Vancouver	January 31, 2014
<b>Zooming In - Social Communicators in the Classroom, Playground and Home</b>	Michelle Garcia Winner and Dr. Pamela Crooke	Richmond	February 13 & 14, 2014
<b>Navigating Puberty &amp; Adolescence</b>	Joy Becker	Sidney	February 21, 2014
<b>Toilet Training - It's Never Too Late!</b>	Dr. Pat Mirenda	Vancouver	February 28, 2014
<b>Ready, Set, Coach: Supporting Kids with Autism in Community Recreation Activities</b>	Dr. Stephanie Jull	Vancouver	March 1, 2014
<b>Diagnosing and Treating Young Children with ASD</b>	Dr. Amy M. Wetherby	Vancouver	April 4 & 5, 2014
<b>Teaching Social Thinking through Stories and Play - Early Learners</b>	Kari Palmer and Ryan Hendrix	Kelowna	April 26, 2014
<b>Solving Sleep Problems in Children with ASD</b>	Dr. Beth Ann Malow	Vancouver	June 20, 2014
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	August 11-15, 2014
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	August 18-22, 2014
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Victoria	August 25-29, 2014
<b>Social Thinking Providers Conference</b>	Michelle Garcia Winner, Dr. Pamela Crooke, Dr.	Richmond	September 17 & 18 2014

	Joanne Gerenser, Sarah Ward & 10 B.C. presentations		
<b>Ready, Set, Coach: Supporting Kids with Autism in Community Recreation Activities</b>	Dr. Stephanie Jull	Kamloops	October 4, 2014
<b>Focus on Best Practices: Autism Resources for Families and Community Professionals</b>	Deborah Pugh	Prince George	October 8, 2014
<b>Promoting Speech and Language in Individuals Across the Autism Spectrum</b>	Dr. Joanne Gerenser	Vancouver	October 24 & 25, 2014
<b>Best Practices in Early Intervention: Helping Families "Build the Team" - An Update</b>	Dr. Karen Bopp	Vancouver	November 21, 2014
<b>The Individualized Education Plan (IEP) &amp; The Importance of the Home-School Partnership</b>	Parbinder Bains, Preetinder Narang, and Rina Dulku	Surrey	November 27, 2014
<b>PEERS for Parents: The Science of Making Friends</b>	Dr. Elizabeth Laugeson	Vancouver	December 5 & 6, 2014
<b>Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About the Role of Occupational Therapy in Autism Intervention</b>	Sheija Abraham, Brian Lai and Jane Remocker	Vancouver	January 31, 2015
<b>Teaching Social Thinking® through Stories and Play</b>	Kari Palmer and Ryan Hendrix	Sidney	February 20, 2015
<b>Implementing Social Thinking® Concepts and Vocabulary into the School and Home Day: A Day to Develop Team Creativity</b>	Kari Palmer and Ryan Hendrix	Sidney	February 21, 2015
<b>ESSENCE: What research is telling us about the need for inter-disciplinary collaboration to meet the needs of children with a ran</b>	Dr. Christopher Gillberg	Vancouver	March 31, 2015
<b>Update on ACT's Resources &amp; Panel Discussion on Advocacy</b>	Deborah Pugh and ACT staff	Vancouver	April 18, 2015
<b>The ASD-Friendly Classroom (It's a Student-Friendly Classroom!)</b>	Allison Adams	Kelowna	April 24, 2015
<b>Faster than a Speeding Bullet: iPads in Autism Intervention</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Kelowna	April 25, 2015
<b>Identifying and Treating Co-occurring Mental Health Challenges in Children with ASD</b>	Dr. Vikram Dua	Vancouver	May 29, 2015
<b>Positive Behaviour Support: What Parents Need to Know!</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Prince George	June 6, 2015
<b>Early Intervention with Very Young Children</b>	Dr. Laurie Vismara	Vancouver	July 10 & 11, 2015

<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	July 20 – 24, 2015
<b>Structured Method in Language Education (SMILE)</b>	Enid Wolf Schein and Rhonda Bachmann	Vancouver	July 29 & 30, 2015
<b>Strategies for Working with Young Children with Autism</b>	Dr. Richard Stock	Vancouver	July 31, 2015
<b>PEERS Certified School-Based Provider Training</b>	Dr. Elizabeth Laugeson	Vancouver	August 13-15, 2015
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	August 17-21, 2015
<b>Social Thinking and Mental Health Framework</b>	Nancy Clements, MA & Dr. Nancy Cotton	Vancouver	September 17 & 18, 2015
<b>Advocacy Tools for Parents of Children with Special Needs</b>	Deborah Pugh	Kamloops	October 2, 2015
<b>Positive Behavior Support: What Parents Need to Know!</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Kamloops	October 3, 2015
<b>The Individualised Education Plan (IEP) (Punjabi)</b>	Raminder Kaur	Surrey	October 13, 2015
<b>Thriving in Youth with ASD</b>	Dr. Jonathan Weiss	Vancouver	October 23, 2015
<b>Positive Behavior Support: What Parents Need to Know!</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Vancouver	November 7, 2015
<b>Advocacy Tools for Parents - Surrey</b>	Deborah Pugh	Surrey	November 17, 2015
<b>Essentials of Advocacy - Advocacy Tools for Parents of Children with Special Needs</b>	Deborah Pugh	Vancouver	November 20, 2015
<b>Taking Control of the Future</b>	Blair Dwyer & Layli Antinuk	Vancouver	November 21, 2015
<b>One Parent's Journey in Autism</b>	Sunita Braich	Surrey	December 1, 2015
<b>iPads in Autism Intervention</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Vancouver	December 5, 2015
<b>Positive Behavior Support: What Parents Need to Know!</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Sidney	February 20, 2016
<b>ACT'S 12th Annual Focus on Research Conference - Autism &amp; Family Quality of Life- Developing Culturally Responsive Research and Intervention Programming</b>	Dr. Richard Grinker & 12 presentations	Vancouver	April 15 & 16, 2016
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	July 11-15, 2016
<b>Social Thinking Assessment and Core Strategies and Social Thinking Master Class</b>	Michelle Garcia Winner and Dr. Pamela Crooke	Vancouver	August 4 & 5 2016

<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	August 15-19, 2016
<b>Cutting Edge Strategies for Executive Function Skills</b>	Sarah Ward	Richmond	September 15 & 16, 2016
<b>Integrating ABA Methods in Schools: Supporting School-Aged Children</b>	Dr. Richard Stock	Vancouver	October 21 & 22, 2016
<b>Faster than a Speeding Bullet: iPads in Autism Intervention</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Vancouver	November 26, 2016
<b>Evaluating Intervention Programs and Peer Mediated Pivotal Response Treatment for Children with ASD</b>	Dr. Isabel Smith and Dr. Ainsley Boudreau	Vancouver	January 14, 2017
<b>ACT's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Focus on Research Conference – Mental Health: Looking Beyond Autism</b>	Dr. Christopher Gillberg & 10 Presentations	Vancouver & Web Streaming	April 28 & 29, 2017
<b>Applications of CBT to Address Emotional Functioning in Youth with ASD</b>	Dr. Jonathon Weiss	Vancouver & Web Streaming	July 24 & 25, 2017
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	July 31-August 1, 2017
<b>Cutting Edge Strategies to Improve Executive Function Skills</b>	Sarah Ward	Sidney	August 10 & 11, 2017
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	August 14-18, 2017
<b>Integrating ABA Methods in Schools: Supporting School-Aged Children</b>	Dr. Richard Stock	Vancouver & Web Streaming	August 24 & 25, 2017
<b>Picturing Success: Visual Support Strategies for Individuals with ASD</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Vancouver & Web Streaming	October 20 & 21, 2017
<b>Two Social Thinking® Days for Young Children</b>	Kari Zweber Palmer and Ryan Hendrix	Vancouver & Web Streaming	November 16 & 17, 2017
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	January 22 – 26, 2018
<b>Helping Teens Prepare for the REAL Adult World</b>	Dr. Pamela Crooke	Sidney	February 23, 2018
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	March 5-9, 2018
<b>Faster Than a Speeding Bullet: iPads in Autism Intervention</b>	Dr. Brenda Fossett	Vancouver	March 10, 2018
<b>ACT's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Focus on Research Conference –Girls &amp; Women with Autism</b>	Dr. William Mandy, Dr. Rene Jamison, Dr. Jessica Oeth Schuttler & 3 Panel Presentations	Vancouver & Web Streaming	April 5 & 6, 2018

<b>Cutting Edge Strategies to Improve Executive Function Skills</b>	Sarah Ward	Surrey & Web Streaming	May 3 & 4, 2018
<b>Social Stories with Carol Gray</b>	Carol Gray	Nanaimo	July 19 & 20, 2018
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	July 30 - August 3, 2018
<b>Social Thinking Conference</b>	Michelle Garcia Winner & Dr. Pamela Crooke	Vancouver	August 16 & 17, 2018
<b>Non-Aversive Strategies to Assist Individuals with Autism and Challenging Behavior</b>	Dr. Andrew McDonnell	Vancouver & Web Streaming	August 24, 2018
<b>Managing the Anxious Symptoms of Children and Adolescents with ASD</b>	Dr. Judy Reaven	Vancouver	September 27 & 28, 2018
<b>Setting the Stage for Success: Positive Behaviour Support in School, Home and Community</b>	Dr. Lynn Kern Koegel, Dr. Ilene Schwartz & 10 Presentations	Vancouver & Web Streaming	October 19 & 20, 2018
<b>POPARD's Introduction to ASD</b>	Dr. Kenneth Cole	Vancouver	October 29 – November 2, 2018
<b>INVESTing in Girls and Women with ASD</b>	Dori Zener	Vancouver & Web Streaming	November 2, 2018



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Title	Presenters	Year Released
<b>Transitioning from High School to Work: Preparing Students with Autism for Adulthood</b>	Vicki Lundine, M.Ed. & Catherine Smith, M.Ed.	2010
<b>Education, Integration, Inclusion</b>	Suzanne Jacobsen, Ed.D., BCBA Clinical Director, ABA Learning Centre	2012
<b>A Review of Emerging Considerations for Vocational Support in ASD</b>	David Nicholas, Ph.D., University of Calgary	2014
<b>Building Capacity</b>	Brenda Fossett, Ph.D., BCBA-D	2014
<b>Culturally Responsive PBS with Families of Diverse Cultural and Linguistic Backgrounds</b>	Christy Cheremshynski, MA, RCC, BCBA & Joseph Lucyshyn, Ph.D., BCBA-D, University of British Columbia	2014
<b>Emergency Services, Hospitalizations and Mental Health Care for Adolescents and Adults with ASD</b>	Jonathan Weiss, Ph.D., C.Psych., Chair in ASD Treatment and Care Research, York University	2014
<b>Quality of Life Among Families Living with ASD</b>	Grace Iarocci, Ph.D., R.Psych & Emily Gardiner, M.A., Simon Fraser University	2014
<b>Understanding the Decision Making Process of Parents Who Choose Complementary and Alternative Medicine for Their Children with ASD</b>	Tara Hodgson, RN, MSN, B.C. Institute of Technology	2014
<b>Best Practices in Early Intervention: An Update</b>	Karen D. Bopp, Ph.D., RSLP; Senior Behaviour Consultant /Autism Policy, MCFD and Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Educational Counselling Psychology and Special Education, Faculty of Education, UBC	2015
<b>Navigating Puberty, Adolescence and Beyond</b>	Joy Becker, RN, BSN	2015
<b>Ready Set Coach</b>	Stephanie Jull, PhD, BCBA-D	2015
<b>Toilet Training for Everyone</b>	Pat Mirenda, Ph.D., BCBA-D; Dept. of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education, UBC & Katie Rinald, M.A., BCBA; Coast ABA	2015

<b>Identifying and Treating Co-occurring Mental Health Challenges in Children with ASD</b>	Vikram Dua, M.D., FRCPC	2016
<b>Introduction to Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) – in Punjabi</b>	Raminder Kaur	2016
<b>Looking Beyond Autism: Recognizing Mental Health Disorders in Children and Youth with ASD</b>	Deborah Pugh, Dr. Karen Bopp, Dr. Anthony Bailey, Dr. Richard Stock, Dr. Balbinder Gill & Dr. Grace Iarocci	2016
<b>Looking Beyond Autism: Treating Anxiety, Depression, and OCD in Children and Youth with ASD</b>	Deborah Pugh, Dr. Melanie McConnell, Dr. David Worling, Dr. Anthony Bailey, Dr. Georgina Robinson and Dr. David Batstone	2016
<b>One Parent’s Journey in Autism (in Punjabi)</b>	Sunita Braich, M.Ed	2016
<b>Positive Behavior Support: What Parents Need to Know!</b>	Brenda Fossett, Ph.D., BCBA-D	2016
<b>Solving Sleep Problems in Children with ASD</b>	Beth Ann Malow, M.D., Professor of Neurology and Director of Vanderbilt University’s Sleep Division	2016
<b>Taking Control of the Future</b>	Blair Dwyer & Layli Antinuk, Dwyer Tax Law, Victoria	2016
<b>Thriving in Youth with ASD</b>	Jonathan Weiss, PhD, CIHR Chair in ASD Treatment and Care Research; Associate Professor, York University	2016
<b>Bilingualism and Language Development in Children with Autism</b>	Dr. Pat Mirenda	2017
<b>Panel Discussion: Supporting Marginalized Families from the Trenches – Perspectives of Parent-Professionals</b>	Dr. Roy Richard Grinker, Deborah Pugh, Dr. Bosang Lee, Sunita Braich, Sawson Salih & Betty-Ann Garreck	2017
<b>Parent Support for Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Communities – a Global Perspective</b>	Dr. Mayada Elsabbagh	2017
<b>The Essentials of Advocacy: A Parent’s Guide to Advocating for their Child with Special Needs</b>	Deborah Pugh	2017
<b>The Invention and Reinvention of Autism: Researching ASD Across Cultures</b>	Dr. Roy Richard Grinker	2017

<b>Autism Prevalence Among Youth in Canada</b>	Dr. Anthony Bailey	2018
<b>ESSENCE* – Early Recognition of ASD and Associated Disorders Can Lead to Better Outcomes</b>	Dr. Christopher Gillberg	2018
<b>Addressing Mental Health in Autism: Should We Treat the Person with ASD, the Family, or the Community?</b>	Dr. Jonathan Weiss	2018
<b>Girls and Women with Eating Disorders</b>	Dr. Christopher Gillberg	2018
<b>Practical Strategies for Supporting Mental Wellness of Women and Girls</b>	Dori Zener	2018
<b>The Role of Medication in the management of ASD</b>	Dr. Anthony Bailey	2018
<b>Mental Health in Post-Secondary Education</b>	Dr. Rashmeen Nirmal	2018
<b>Panel Discussion: Perspectives of Adults with ASD</b>	Panelists Kenneth Binnie, Allixe Galloway, Erin Harmuth and Dr. David Worling Moderated by Dr. Anthony Bailey	2018
<b>Applications of CBT</b>	Dr. Jonathan Weiss	2018
<b>Anxiety and Social Competence</b>	Dr. Grace Iarocci	2018
<b>Implementing Modified CBT</b>	Krista Johnston	2018
<b>Treating Selective Mutism</b>	Dr. Ainsley Boudreau	2018
<b>Autism and Forensic Healthcare</b>	Rae Morris	2018
<b>Panel discussion: Adapting Existing Therapies for Individuals with ASD</b>	Panelists Dr. Christopher Gillberg, Dr. Rashmeen Nirmal, Dori Zener and Krista Johnston Moderated by Dr. Jonathan Weiss	2018