

SECOND ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTISM SYMPOSIUM SEPT. 28 & 29, 2018 • CHICO STATE

Plenary Session Speaker

Dr. Leonard Abbeduto, Ph.D.

Director, UC Davis MIND Institute



Dr. Leonard Abbeduto, Director of the UC Davis MIND Institute, will present “Technology as a Tool for Bringing Services and Research to Individuals with Autism and Developmental Disabilities, Families, and Communities.” This talk

will focus on the need to bring evidence-based therapeutic practices to scale and in a way that ensures equitable access to all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, language spoken, or geography. Examples of the use of technology to meet this need and details from Dr. Abbeduto’s research on the use of video conferencing technology to deliver parent-implemented language interventions into the homes of children and adolescents with developmental disabilities will be shared.

Keynote Speaker

Dena Gassner, LCSW

Center for Understanding



Dena Gassner is an advocate, writer, and national presenter to schools, families, and agencies throughout the country, and operates a private systems navigation practice—a one of a kind program—in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ms. Gassner embodies a

commitment to encouraging healthier living for those with Asperger’s Syndrome, empowering persons to leave shame and inadequacy behind for a life embracing autistic authenticity. More importantly, Ms. Gassner lives a life of transparency, embracing her identity as a person with an autism spectrum condition. She blends her message of empowerment with her personal journey and her professionalism to provide a well-rounded experience to all of her audiences.

Session Topics

Presenters from the UC Davis MIND Institute will speak on:

• Video Modeling • Early Detection of Autism and ADHD • Fragile X at the Forefront of Targeted Treatments for Neurodevelopmental Disorders • and More!

CAPTAIN trainers will present on evidence-based practices, including:

• Evidence-Based Practices for Academics and Behavior Management in the General Education Environment • Use of Evidence-Based Practices in an Adult Day Program Setting • Developmental Milestones and Red Flags • Visual Supports • Improving Self-Regulation Using Evidenced-Based Practices • Essential Communication Skills for Student Success • School Advocacy for Parents and Other Advocates • Teaching a Multi-step or Complex Skill Through Task Analysis and Chaining • Building Friendships with Individuals with ASD • and More!

Schedule

Friday:

- ▶ **Concurrent Sessions 8AM–NOON**
- ▶ **General Sessions ~ UC Davis MIND Institute 1:15–4:30PM**
- ▶ **Plenary Session ~ Dr. Leonard Abbeduto 4:45–5:45PM**
- ▶ **Reception 5:45–6:30PM**
- ▶ **Optional Dinner & Discussion Groups 6:30PM**

Saturday:

- ▶ **Keynote Address ~ Dena Gassner 8:30–10AM**
- ▶ **Concurrent Sessions 10:15AM–4:15PM**

Professional Development

Sessions for professionals on evidence-based practices will be delivered by CAPTAIN trainers. CAPTAIN, the **California Autism Professional Training and Information Network**, is a multiagency network developed to support the understanding and use of Evidence-Based Practices for individuals affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder across the state. Learn more at CAPTAIN.CA.GOV

Registration

- ▶ Two Days: \$195
- ▶ Chico State Students: \$ 50

Groups of 11+ can receive a 15% discount on two-day registrations

Register by phone, 530-898-6105, or online at ncas.csuchico.edu