Session Topics to Include:

- Employment for Autistic Adults in a Neurodiverse Workplace
- Practicing Self-Determination in a Virtual Reality Social Skills Simulator
- Social Narratives
- Strengthening Parent-Teacher Relationships
- Functional Communication Training
- Fostering Acceptance and Self-care
- Peer-Mentor Programs
- Physical Activity and Autism
- Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS®)
- North State Trajectory: A Comprehensive Strength-Based Program to Transition Youth on the Autism Spectrum
- Financial Planning For Families with Special Needs Children
- Preparing Students with Autism for Post-secondary Transition
- Morse Communication to Lessen Stress in Youth and Adults with ASD
- The Future of Autistic Employment

Plenary Session Speaker

Alex Plank

Alex Plank is the 33 year old autistic person behind WrongPlanet.net, the incredibly popular site for individuals with Asperger’s Syndrome and Autism. Both Alex and Wrong Planet have been featured by CNN, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, and Good Morning America. Wrong Planet has more than 100,000 registered members and its discussion forums contain millions of messages.

Alex graduated from George Mason University with a degree in Film and Video Studies. Alex’s areas of interest and expertise include public speaking, the Internet, writing, directing, and filmmaking. Alex lives in Beverly Hills, California. Alex is also a consultant and actor on FX’s hit series The Bridge.

Keynote Speaker

Jack Robison

Jack Robison always knew he was different but he wasn’t diagnosed with autism until he’d been raided by the ATF over a small misunderstanding about his special interest in explosives. A few years later that story became the basis for the book Raising Cubby, but Jack’s interests shifted from organic chemistry to software engineering. In 2011 reporter Amy Harmon made his romantic life front page news in The New York Times with her story and ebook Navigating Love and Autism.

Today Jack is thriving as a software developer, cryptocurrency wizard, and cofounder of the censorship-resistant distributed media platform LBRY. He speaks on autism, neurodiversity, and the intersection of neurological diversity, creativity, and technology, employment, and research on autism and co-occurring mental health conditions. She will be speaking about mental health and employment for autistic individuals.

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
- One Day: $125
- Chico State Students: $50

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

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