

Autism SIG Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2017 (12:00pm – 1:30pm)

Theme: *Diagnosis and Evaluation in Underserved Populations*

Summary: Various members of the network have discussed ASD Diagnosis and Evaluation for underserved populations. With this in mind, the Autism SIG meeting at the AUCD conference will look at this issue from three different perspectives.

Agenda

12:00pm – 12:10pm Welcome and Meeting Overview

12:10pm – 12:55pm Breakout Discussions (participants will choose one)

Adults: In many cases, a diagnosis does not occur until an individual is an adolescent or even an adult. What are the benefits for the individual and the obstacles to being diagnosed when a person has missed the window for early intervention? How can we best support someone during that process? What information and/or resources are available for individuals in this demographic?

Rural Areas: Many of our states have large rural areas. Diagnostic clinics are generally in more populated and urban areas. What creative strategies/programs/models have you developed to reach less populated and rural areas of your states? What specific barriers exist for rural populations in the process of diagnosis and evaluation?

Culturally and Linguistically Underrepresented Populations: How do programs accommodate racial, ethnic, and other minority populations? What are the issues and best approaches?

Guidance for all groups:

- 1) Look at AUCD's Diversity and Inclusion Toolkit (<http://www.implementdiversity.tools/>) and identify at least one strategy that you have used or could use to address the diverse needs of your state or region.
- 2) If you have any resources, strategies, websites, etc. that are relevant for this topic, please come prepared to talk about them; we will collect and share with the entire network.

12:55pm – 1:05pm Report Out from Breakout Discussions

1:05pm – 1:25pm Brainstorm: Collective SIG Activities

1:25pm – 1:30pm Announcements and Conclusion

Tuesday, November 14 (2:00pm – 3:00pm ET)

Customized Employment: Opening Doors for People on the Autism Spectrum
Details and free registration at <http://bit.ly/2y29a48>

Wednesday, November 15 (1:00pm – 2:00pm ET)

Intersections Between Infant / Early Childhood Mental Health and Autism
Details and free registration at <http://bit.ly/2z4x43R>



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