



## You won't want to miss...



### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Eustacia Cutler**

*Author, advocate and mother of Temple Grandin*

Eustacia Cutler received her Bachelor's degree in English from Harvard University and is a singer, actress, writer and mother of 4 children. She has written past television productions such as "The Innocents", "The Disquieted" and "Teachers Guides to Television". She is the author of "Thorn in My Pocket" and the mother of Temple Grandin. Eustacia lives in New York and will be sharing her personal experiences and life lessons with us. It is a privilege to have Eustacia Cutler as our Keynote Speaker for this year's conference!

### **Dr. Winnie Dunn:**

**Sensory Processing in School, Home, and Community:**  
**How to Make the Best of Every Moment**

Dr. Winnie Dunn is Professor and Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy Education at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She is the leading authority and is internationally recognized for her research about how people respond to sensory experiences in their everyday lives. Dr. Dunn has published widely and her work on sensory processing includes development of a set of measures, called the Sensory Profiles, which are used by many disciplines internationally. She lives with her husband Tim in Kansas City, Missouri.



### **Dr. Pat Mirenda:** Video Modeling; What, Why and How Using AAC for Social Interaction

Dr. Mirenda is a Professor in the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education at the University of British Columbia and has been on faculty since 1996. She was named a Fellow of the **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)**, a Fellow of The International Society for **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)**, and the Director of The Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration in Autism at UBC. Dr. Mirenda is an engaging and captivating speaker and we are so pleased to have her present once again at our conference. *The session on Using AAC for Social Interaction is an advanced presentation designed for attendees with a general knowledge of AAC in Autism.*



### **Sue Mitchell:** Promoting Independence: Strategies for Developing Self-Help Skills

Sue Mitchell BScOT(C), brings enthusiasm and over 20 years of experience working as a pediatric Occupational Therapist. She has extensive knowledge and skills in working with children who have sensory processing challenges. She provides practical information and strategies to teachers, assistants and caregivers within both home and school settings. Sue has worked in a variety of settings in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, with children with a wide range of ages and developmental needs. Currently, Sue is the OT Program Coordinator at Children's Autism Services of Edmonton.



**Emily Rubin:** Addressing Social Communication Skills in Children and Adolescents with High Functioning Autism & Asperger's Syndrome  
Introduction to the SCERTS Model: A Comprehensive, Multidisciplinary Educational Curriculum for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

**Emily Rubin, MS, CCC-SLP** is the director of Communication Crossroads, a private practice in Carmel, California. She is a speech-language pathologist specializing in Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, and related social learning disabilities. As an adjunct faculty member and lecturer at Yale University, she has served as a member of their Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic. She recently participated as a member of the **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's** Ad Hoc Committee on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), a committee charged with developing *guidelines related to the role of speech-language pathologists in the diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of ASD*. Emily Rubin is co-author of The SCERTS Model.



**Dr. David Nicholas:** Pervasive Parenting Dilemmas in ASD; Families in complex terrain



Dr. Nicholas is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary; and is cross-appointed to the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Alberta, the Research Institute, and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Dr Nicholas' area of research addresses quality of life, family support, and parenting with a focus on autism. Dr. Nicholas is currently involved in several nationally-funded studies addressing the impact of autism on families both at the point of diagnosis and over the course of child and adult development. He is also involved in a study examining the impact of autism interventions on child and family outcomes. Dr. Nicholas has two children with autism. His session will address: *the challenges and dilemmas faced by families in which a young person has autism, ways that some parents have managed the challenges they face, and steps in moving forward.*

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30 – 8:30	Registration & Coffee	Registration & Hot Breakfast	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30-10:00	Keynote: Eustacia Cutler	Session A-Winnie Dunn: Sensory Session B-Emily Rubin: Social skills	Session A-Dr. Pat Mirenda: Video Modeling Session B-Emily Rubin: Intro to SCERTS
10:00-10:30	BREAK & SNACKS	BREAK & SNACKS	BREAK & SNACKS
10:30-12:00	Keynote: Eustacia Cutler	Session A-Winnie Dunn: Sensory Session B-Emily Rubin: Social skills	Session A-Dr. Pat Mirenda: Video Modeling Session B-Emily Rubin: Intro to SCERTS
12:00-1:00	LUNCH PROVIDED	LUNCH PROVIDED: Special Guest Speaker	LUNCH PROVIDED
1:00-2:30	Parent Panel	Session A-Winnie Dunn: Sensory Session B-Emily Rubin: Social skills	Session A-Dr. Pat Mirenda: AAC for Social Session B-Emily Rubin: Intro to SCERTS
2:30-3:00	BREAK & SNACKS	BREAK & SNACKS	BREAK & SNACKS
3:00-4:30	Session A: David Nicholas Session B: Sue Mitchell	Session A-Winnie Dunn: Sensory Session B-Emily Rubin: Social skills	Session A-Dr. Pat Mirenda: AAC for Social Session B-Emily Rubin: Intro to SCERTS

### ATTENDEE INFORMATION

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ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL:			
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CITY:	PROV:	POSTAL CODE:	
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- Conference registrations are **non-refundable**; however a substitution may be made upon request by January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note that if you do not attend, you are still responsible for payment.
- For **purchase order inquiries**, please contact our office.
- We will be sending out email confirmations of your registration with an **electronic receipt**.
- Students will be required to send a copy of their **student card** to register.
- Fax, mail, phone your registration, or simply fill out and e-mail the PDF available on the website
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- RECHARGE YOUR CREATIVITY AND PASSION
- GAIN A FRESH PERSPECTIVE AND NEW SKILLS TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES
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### **EDMONTON MARRIOTT AT RIVER CREE RESORT**

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Once again we will be holding our conference at the beautiful Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort. The Marriott at River Cree Resort is a 4 ½ star, full service hotel with a lobby lounge and coffee bar, indoor pool, hot tub and fitness centre.

**Attendees must make their own arrangements for accommodations.** A special room rate is available at the Marriott at River Cree Resort at **\$149.00 per night** (plus applicable taxes). Additional details and a web link for booking accommodation will be provided in your *Registration Confirmation Email*.

#### *Survey feedback from last year's conference:*

*"I would just like to say that I found this weekend to be extremely informative and motivational. I feel very privileged that I was able to attend such a fantastic workshop and I am looking forward to being part of next year's conference!!"*

*"It was a wonderful [conference] for me. I enjoyed everything about it. I left there with a renewed energy and enthusiasm for approaching ASD and our sons treatment. Thanks for all the time and hard work put into this conference. I look forward to next year."*

*My favourite part was: "being able to step away from the day the day grind, listen to new ideas, reinforce/remember old ideas, and have the time to truly think about the children I work with."*

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