



**JAN 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**ROGERS PLACE**

**MICHAEL JOHN CARLEY**  
**Employment Luncheon**

Wednesday, 12-1:30 PM January 24<sup>th</sup>

Curve Restaurant, ROGERS PLACE

\* \$75 per person Lunch Included



Michael John Carley received his B.A. from Hampshire College, and his M.F.A. from Columbia University. As the Founder, and first Executive Director of GRASP, the largest organization comprised of adults on the autism spectrum, he spoke at 100 conferences, hospitals, universities, and health care organizations. He has written 2 books, *Asperger's From the Inside Out: A Supportive and Practical Guide for Anyone with Asperger's Syndrome*, and *Unemployed on the Autism Spectrum*. Along with his (then) 4-year old son, he was diagnosed with AS in November of 2000. He lives with his wife, Kathryn Herzog, and 2 sons in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he is now a School Consultant.

**Employment Luncheon: A Company Was Walking Down the Street,  
and it Thought, "Let's Look Into Hiring People on the Autism  
Spectrum!"...**

Individuals with non-apparent disabilities are a growing segment of the workforce. With their strong intellectual capabilities and a supportive educational environment, more and more are earning college and post-graduate degrees, and we hear about many new initiatives designed for spectrum adults. Yet unemployment and retention rates for these individuals are significantly worse than those of the general population, and don't seem to be getting any better...even when most D&I numbers could use the boost. Additionally, certain regions actually present more challenges herein because of the cultures they may have. What's going on?

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