

Calendar of Events

December 10, 2025

Strategies to Improve Access to Preventative Dental Care for Adults With IDD (AAIDD) 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST

In this webinar speakers will discuss findings from their most recent article, Preliminary Results of an Interdisciplinary Behavioral Program to Improve Access to Preventative Dental Care for Adults With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and work on preventative care in Tennessee and Michigan done by a Professor Emeritus from the University of the Pacific's Dugoni School of Dentistry.

Presenters include:

Allen Wong, DDS, EdD, DABSCD - University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

John Berens, MD, FAAP, FACP - Baylor College of Medicine

David Fray, DDS, MBA - The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry

Loukia Tsami, MA - University of Houston, Clear Lake

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Part 1: Virtual Autism Training Opportunity for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) and Front Line Supervisors (FLS) 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM EST

This training is an approved alternative to the SPeCTRUM offered on MyODP. To receive a training certificate, attendees must attend both Part 1 and Part 2 virtual sessions. Over the years the prevalence of autism has increased, Pennsylvania's service delivery system for individuals with autism has expanded, and best practices to provide quality support have emerged. To support the individual needs of each person with autism across the lifespan, an understanding of core characteristics must be established. It is also important to learn how the individual's presentation of autism may change across settings and situations. This training will provide attendees with an in-depth presentation on core characteristics of autism and the impact of the characteristics on daily life, routines, and activities. A review of common terms and basic principles used to change behavior, teach new skills, and develop practical applications of best practices will be included. An opportunity for discussion and engagement will occur throughout the training in the virtual setting. Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), Front Line Supervisors (FLS), and Program Managers supporting individuals with autism in residential and other home and community-based settings. Professionals supporting individuals in the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW), Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP), the Consolidated, Person/Family- Directed Support (P/FDS), and Community Living waivers are encouraged to attend.

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December 11, 2025

PA Tech Accelerator - Putting the AT in Recreational Therapy (Session 1)

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Join us for a presentation with Inglis team members who will highlight how low and high tech assistive technology is transforming recreation and daily living for people with disabilities.

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December 11, 2025

PA Tech Accelerator - Putting the AT in Recreational Therapy (Session 2)

09:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST

Join us for a presentation with Inglis team members who will highlight how low and high tech assistive technology is transforming recreation and daily living for people with disabilities.

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December 11, 2025

TPA Supports Coordination PBC Roundtable

Virtual Event (Zoom)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

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Part 2: Virtual Autism Training Opportunity for DSPs and FLSs

09:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST

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December 17, 2025

Bridging the Gap From Classroom to Community: Transition Resources Related to Communication

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM EST

ODP has shared a new resource, "Bridging the Gap from Classroom to Community: Transition Resources Related to Communication." In ODP, 61% of people aged from one to 21 years of age who do not communicate with spoken words have a system for communication. However, for adults aged 22 and older, only 27-30% have a system in place. This training will provide tips on how to ensure access to effective communication during transition out of school.

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December 18, 2025

Tara Wants a Boyfriend: Strategies for Supporting Choice, Independence, and Safe Relationships

01:00 PM - 01:45 PM EST

Presented by Dr. Craig Escudé and his guest, Johnathon Crumley

People with IDD want the same things that everyone else does in life.

In this webinar, person-centered training expert, Johnathon Crumley will talk with Dr. Escudé about balancing the right amount of support while fostering independence for people with IDD.

Attendees will learn tips on how to balance safe choice, independence and support for people with IDD.

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December 22, 2025

Performance Based Contracting Quarterly Provider Forum-Residential

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

This forum is held to support provider preparedness. The Office of Development Programs (ODP) will review the quarterly forums and discuss data presented to the Information Sharing and Advisory Committee (ISAC) Provider Performance Review Subcommittee. ODP will also review the emerging themes or trends developing with the implementation of performance-based contracting.

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January 13, 2026

New Tools to Support Inclusive Research (AAIDD)

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

In this webinar, attendees will learn about a new resource to support inclusive research - a book to be published by AAIDD—Conducting Inclusive Research: Tools and Practical Strategies and the webinar will highlight engagement strategies included in the book to engage people with intellectual disability as full members of the research team.

Presenters:

Ariel Schwartz, PhD - University of New Hampshire

Katherine McDonald, PhD - Syracuse University

Brendan Durkin - Co-researcher

Shawna Dedonado - Co-researcher

Elijah Thomas - Co-researcher

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January 27, 2026

Treating Substance Use Disorder in People with IDD: A Strained System of Care (AAIDD)

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

In this webinar speakers will share findings from a mixed-methods assessment of system capacity for substance use services for people with IDD in California's regional center system from the article Treating Substance Use Disorder in Individuals With Intellectual Disability: A Regional System Capacity Assessment. and discuss the breakdowns in service delivery and what is needed to make changes.

Presenters:

Lori Ann Eldridge, PhD (East Carolina University)

Kristin Hamre, PhD, MSW, MPH (Indiana University)

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January 30, 2026

TPA Membership Meeting (Jan.2026)

Virtual Event

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

February 27, 2026

TPA Membership Meeting (Feb.2026)

Virtual Event

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

March 27, 2026

TPA Membership Meeting (Mar.2026)

Virtual Event

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

April 24, 2026

TPA Membership Meeting (Apr.2026)

Virtual Event

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST

May 22, 2026	TPA Membership Meeting (May.2026) Virtual Event 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
June 26, 2026	TPA Membership Meeting (Jun.2026) Virtual Event 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
July 31, 2026	TPACON 2026 (Jul.2026) RLA Learning and Conference Center 850 Cranberry Woods Dr. Cranberry Twp. , PA 16066 08:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST
August 28, 2026	TPA Membership Meeting (Aug.2026) 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
September 25, 2026	TPA Membership Meeting (Sep.2026) Virtual Event 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
October 30, 2026	TPA Membership Meeting (Oct.2026) Virtual Event 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
November 20, 2026	TPA Membership Meeting (Nov.2026) Virtual Event 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST