Conference Information

General Information
Thursday, April 9th - Friday, April 10th
Breakfast/Registration - 7:30 AM
Conference - 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
IMM Building, Beth Robertson Auditorium
1825 Pressler St.
Houston, TX 77030
Complimentary parking available in UTHealth Central Tower:
7000 Fannin St.
Houston, TX 77030

Hotel Information
SpringHill Suites Houston Medical Center/NRG Park
1401 Old Spanish Trail
Houston, TX 77054

This meeting is intended to educate parents, early childhood care providers, and professionals on the needs of children and adolescents with ASD/NDs as they transition between services throughout the school years and into early adulthood. Speakers will focus on managing transitions and advocacy within school settings, medical transitions, disability law, and the postsecondary educational opportunities for individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities.

Method of Instruction and Evaluation
The method of instruction and evaluation for this conference includes lectures, slides, case presentations, panel discussions, and question and answer sessions. A course evaluation will be returned.

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• Parents and professionals will learn about the federal rules and regulations governing services provided within the public sector.
• Parents and professionals will better understand issues within disability law, managing the medical needs of children with neurodevelopmental disabilities, and issues related to helping adolescents with neurodevelopmental disabilities transition into adulthood.
• Participants will learn about a variety of services provided to adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities within a case study format.

Policy of Disclosure
It is the policy of the University of Texas Medical School and the School of Nursing at Houston that the sponsors and faculty disclose real or apparent conflicts of interest relating to the topics of educational activity. Detailed disclosures will be printed in the on-site materials.

Special Assistance
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, The University of Texas Medical School at Houston will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at this conference. Please submit a written description of needs to the UTMB Office of Continuing Education at least 30 days prior to the start of the conference.

Funding
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3rd Annual LoneStar LEND Conference
The Changing Face of Autism: Developing a Roadmap for Diagnosis, Treatment & Advocacy
April 9-10, 2015
The University of Texas at Houston
Institute of Molecular Medicine
1825 Pressler St.
Houston, TX 77030

*Conference will be simultaneously translated to Spanish & Vietnamese
Target Audiences

The program will be of interest to:
- Parents
- Physicians
- Residents
- Psychologists
- Medical Students
- LCSWs
- Childcare Providers
- Nurses
- OT/PTs
- Fellows
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Educators

Continuing Education Credits

Credit Hours Available

Physicians - 12.75 hrs (AMA PRA Category 1)
Nurses - 12.75 hrs
Social Workers - 13.5 hrs
Childcare Providers - 13.5 hrs

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A refund (minus a 25% administrative fee) will be provided to registrants who cancel their registration in writing at least a week prior to the start date of the conference. No refunds will be provided for cancellations after April 1, 2015.

The University of Texas Houston Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Texas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Thursday, April 9th

- 8:50 am - Welcome/Opening Remarks
- 8:45 am - Parent Perspective
  Libby Hall, Parent Advocate and Author
- 9:30 am - Managing Transitions in Public Educational Settings
  Carol Booth, PhD, LSS
- 10:30 am - Break
- 10:45 am - Helping Parents to Access and Understand the Advocacy Process
  Louis Geigerman, Professional Advocate
- 11:45 am - Lunch
- 12:45 pm - Special Education 101
  Karen Snead, PhD
- 2:45 pm - Break
- 5:00 pm - State Planning Grant and SYS: Hope for the Future?
  Dr. Pauline A. Filipik
- 6:00 pm - Question and Answer
- 7:00 pm - Adjourn

Friday, April 10th

- 8:30 am - Welcome/Opening Remarks
- 8:45 am - Managing Medical Transitions
  Steve Sukies, MD
- 9:45 am - Specific Issues for Adolescents and Adults with High Functioning ASD
  Katherine Loveland, PhD
- 10:45 am - Break
- 11 am - Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities for Individuals with ASD
  Michele Bauman-Joseph, M.Ed
- 12 pm - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Disability Law and Parents Need to Know When the System is Struggling
  Jessica Robert, J.D.
- 2:00 pm - Focused Panel Discussion about Services for Adults
  Gulf Coast MHMR, Texana MHMR, Tri-County MHMR, Brookwood, Avondale
- 3:15 pm - Break
- 4:15 pm - Case Study
  Lynn Malseed, MD and MHMR Colleagues
- 4:45 pm - Wrap Up
- 5:00 pm - Adjourn