

## **Spectrum Speaker Series (ONLINE)**

The Orange County
Asperger's Support Group
(OCASG) 2022 Spectrum
Speaker Series educates
parents and adults
dealing with Asperger's, high



functioning autism, and PDD-NOS. This year we have changed around our locations. Please see below for details

Time: Mondays, at 7pm to 9pm

Location: ONLINE

For Registration Please See the Link Below (These presentation are free of charge to everyone) https://ocaspergers.org/index.php/events/

Questions? Contact OCASG: <a href="mailto:ocasupport@gmail.com">ocasupport@gmail.com</a>

**Optimism vs. Realism - What is the Future?"** with psychologist and noted Autism expert, Dr. Alexander Gantman will ponder what are realistic expectations for individuals on the Spectrum? (Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Understanding the IEP Process** - Elissa Green Kaustinen will explain the Individual Education Plan (IEP) with suggestions on how to get the support your student needs. Elissa Green Kaustinen is the Thompson Policy Institute Families, Agencies and Students Together Director at The Thompson Autism Center @ CHOC. (Monday, February 21st)

Autism and Entertainment – Learn about a career in Entertainment from AFA HUB, Exceptional Minds, and Zavikon staff members. (Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>)

**Autism@Work** - For the third year in a row, OCASG invites leaders in the Autism@Work movement. (Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Autism & Technology** with Doug Meeker from Life Sherpa, Justin Amoyal from Impruvon Health, and Keivan Stassun from Vanderbilt University. (Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>)

**Finding a Home** with Dr. Adam Gottdank, NOCE (Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>)

Medical Insurance and Autism with Neil Steinman Insurance Specialist and Peter Freeburg, Cigna Behavioral Clinical Account Manager. (Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Financial Planning – Now and in the Future** – Learn how to build a financial plan with Financial Advisor and Fiduciary, Kacy Seitz. This workshop will cover legal planning, financial planning, and benefits planning. (Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Meet the Agencies** – Meet two key agencies: Department of Rehabilitation with Trinh Von Erp and Regional Center with Reina Hernandez. Trinh and Reina will provide some insight on these two important agencies – how to qualify and the services available. (Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Certificates and Apprenticeships.** Learn about certificates and apprenticeships to help build expertise for a career. Speaker Chrissy Gascon, Interim Executive Dean, Continuing Education, Santiago Canyon College. (Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>)

**OCASG Annual Planning Session** with Judi Uttal, President of OCASG, will lead the 2023 planning session. Individuals will work on their own 2023 plans. (Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>)