

TAPN2HOPE CONFERENCE



Crowne Plaza Springfield
Convention Center

Friday May 15, 2026

Join us for a one-day professional conference designed for those supporting individuals with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This year's event features a Professional Track only, offering interdisciplinary continuing education with sessions focused on practical tools, evidence-based strategies, and real-world applications.

Earn up to **5.25 Continuing Education credits** for a wide range of professionals, including QIDPs, nurses, therapists, counselors, social workers, psychologists, and administrators. **BCBAs and BCaBAs may also earn up to 5.25 CE hours.**

REGISTRATION:

Your registration fee includes breakfast and lunch

\$100

Without CEUs

\$125

With CEUs

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Joy F. Johnson

M.ED., M.S., BCBA, LBA, IBA

is an Autistic behavior analyst, clinical director, and educator with experience in clinical practice, supervision, and higher education. Her work examines ethics, social validity, and culturally responsive approaches within Applied Behavior Analysis, informed by clinical experience and lived experience navigating educational and therapeutic systems.



Detailed Schedule

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breakout session
details.



8:00 - 8:45am - Breakfast/Registration

8:45 - 9:00am - Welcome

9:00 - 10:30am - Keynote Presentation (CE 1.5)

The Cost of Forced Conformity: How "Good Behavior" Training and Forced "Normalcy" Became a Blueprint for Harm—And a Catalyst for Activism,

Keynote Speaker- Joy F. Johnson

10:45 - 12:00pm - Breakout Session 1 (CE 1.25)

Session A

Stay Human While Doing Hard Things

Amie Burke M.S., BCBA

Session B

Bridging Clinical Psychology and Behavior Analysis in Rural Communities to Advance Social Development in Adolescents with Autism,

Lynn Schumacher, M.S., BCBA & Jessica Hinojosa, M.S

12:00 - 1:00pm - Lunch

1:15 - 2:30pm - Breakout Session 2 (CE 1.25)

Session A

Neurodiversity Affirming Clinical Practice,

Kati Shepardson, M.A.

Session B

Tech That Makes a Difference: Practical Tools Improving Autism Services Today,

Meika Valerio, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA

2:30 - 2:45pm- Break

2:45 - 4:00pm-Breakout Session 3 (CE 1.25)

Session A

Recognizing and Addressing Atypical Obsessive-Compulsive Presentations in Autism and Intellectual Disabilities,

Scott Sanders, M.S., BCBA, QMHP

Session B

Expanding AAC Usage across Environments,

Becky Nelson, M.S., BCBA, LBA

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