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 A Postdoctoral Resident at Florissa with training in clinical and pediatric psychology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.



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 A Behavior Analyst at Momentum Agencies with over 22 years experience working with people of all ages with developmental disabilities and mental disorders.



**Your Presenter Team for the "Autism in a Neurodiverse World" Workshop**

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**Autism in a Neurodiverse World**  
 Discover the many recent changes in the Autism Community with four engaging presentations:

- Autism in a Neurodiverse World: To ∞ and Beyond
- Introduction to Compassionate ABA
- Supporting Autistic Students within the Classroom: Best Practices to Promote Success!
- Support for Autistic Employees

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**Florissa PRESENTS**  
**Autism in a Neurodiverse World**

Friday, April 14, 2023 | 8:15 am - 3:30 pm  
 Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon, Illinois

Learn About Updated Perspectives On Autism and Current Controversies In The Field



# Florissa Presents: Autism in a Neurodiverse World

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Friday, April 14, 2023 | 8:15am to 3:30pm

Registration begins at 7:45 am and the program is located at Sauk Valley Community College, Room 1K04, 173 IL Route 2, Dixon, Illinois 61021

**\$50<sup>00</sup>**  
Educators & Professionals  
Lunch and CE Credits Included

**\$20<sup>00</sup>**  
Consumers & Family Members  
Lunch and CE Credits Included

## 8:15 - 9:45am: Autism in a Neurodiverse World: To ∞ and Beyond

**Brief description:** You may have heard terms like “neurodiversity,” “high-functioning,” “Asperger’s,” “profound autism,” and “allistic” on social media or beyond. Come to this presentation to learn about updated perspectives on autism and current controversies in the field regarding use of language, views on the “spectrum,” and support services for autistic individuals.

### Learning objectives:

1. Participants will be able to describe what is (and is not) considered autism.
2. Participants will be able to identify different ways to conceptualize autism as a spectrum.
3. Participants will be able to articulate different types of language regarding autism.

## 10:00am - 11:30am: Introduction to Compassionate ABA

**Brief description:** This presentation will go over a brief history of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), then discuss the principles of ABA and the interventions ABA uses to work with people on behavior reduction and skill development. We will review some of the past practices and how ABA has evolved over the years regarding its treatment of neurodivergent populations. The presentation will end with consideration of how ABA has evolved in its practice to consider patient assent and address the need for a trauma-informed approach to services.

### Learning objectives:

1. Participants will be able to identify at least one evidence-based behavioral strategy.
2. Participants will be able to describe components of trauma informed care.
3. Participants will be able to apply at least one strategy in their classroom.

## 11:30am - 12:15pm: Lunch Break -- Lunch Provided

## 12:15 - 1:45pm: Supporting Autistic Students Within the Classroom: Best Practices to Promote Success!

**Brief description:** In the educational setting, our multi-disciplinary teams are essential in creating solid programs in which our Autistic students can thrive. Learn best-practice approaches and strategies to support your student’s academic and social success, from Pre-K to High School.

### Learning objectives:

1. Participants will be able to recognize potential barriers to learning for autistic individuals.
2. Participants will learn current, best-practice strategies to support academic and social development at any age.
3. Participants will be able to articulate the value of a multi-disciplinary team during problem-solving meetings and while implementing IEP goals and tracking progress.

## 2:00 - 3:30pm: Support for Autistic Employees

**Brief description:** Learn about neurodiversity within work settings and the benefits to employers. Characteristics of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and how they exhibit at work will be reviewed with consideration of the perspectives of autistic employees. Specific strategies for employers, including hiring, management, and structure of the environment, will be presented. This presentation can help you prepare students with autism for the transition to young adulthood and beyond.

### Learning objectives:

1. Participants will be able to name core characteristics of ASD and how they may present in the workplace.
2. Participants will be able to list strengths of employees with autism.
3. Participants will be able to identify several accommodations that can support autistic employees’ success at work.

**April 14th training includes 6.0 hours of CE Credits:**  
6 continuing education hours (CEs) provided by IDHS for the following licensed professionals: LCPC, LPC, LCSW, LSW, Clinical Psychologist, Nursing Home Administrator, Occupational Therapist and OTA, Physical therapist and PTA, RN, LPN and APN and QIDP. 6 hours of Professional Development for Educators provided by the ROE.



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Registration deadline is March 25th. Registrations after the deadline will be \$65 for professionals and \$35 for consumers and families.

Any questions you may have, direct to Danielle Lawson at 815-288-1905 or florissageneral@kreiderservices.org.

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