



March 23 & 24, 2023

Conference Fact Sheet

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Conference Title: The Autism Innovations and Global Impact Conference: RE-creating RECREATION as a Supplemental Intervention for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Dates: March 23 & 24, 2023 with the optional Roots & Ruts Off-Road 5K Run/Walk on March 25, 2023

Conference Website: <https://bit.ly/Rec-Conference-2023>

Venue: The Els Center of Excellence (R) Campus, 18370 Limestone Creek Road, Jupiter, Florida 33458

About: The conference will focus on demonstrating how RECREATION can be used as a platform for other therapeutic interventions. Leaders in recreation programs and services, dedicated to improving the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum, will be featured. The conference will provide tools and best practices for organizations, providers, and practitioners interested in initiating or expanding recreation services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disorders.

Topics covered will include recreation activities and experiences in the areas of:

Arts | Leisure | Healthy Living | Well-being | Sports | Fitness





Why Attend: Participation in recreation activities is critically important for people with ASD and other developmental disorders. These various activities and experiences produce emotions of achievement, and enjoyment and promote inclusion, self-confidence, and increased quality of life.

Who Should Attend:

Therapists Across Disciplines/Families/Clients/Self Advocates

ARTS | LEISURE

Art Therapists

Art Teachers

Dance Therapists

Educators - Regular and Special Education

Music Therapists

HEALTHY LIVING | WELL-BEING

Mental Health LCSD LEC

Nutritionists

Yoga Instructors

SPORTS | FITNESS

Occupational Therapists

Personal Trainers

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Physical Therapists

Recreational Therapists

Special Educators in Sports Fields

Sports Experts



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Event Pages on Facebook and LinkedIn:

Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/932071727753898>

LinkedIn Event:

<https://www.linkedin.com/events/theautisminnovationsandglobalim6998008938201759744/comments/>

Els for Autism Foundation social channels:

Instagram: @els_for_autism

Twitter: @ElsForAutism

Facebook: @elsforautism

LinkedIn: @els-for-autism





Cost:

Regular Rate | February 1-March 14, 2023 | \$425

Late Registration | March 15-March 22, 2023 | \$475

Speakers - Keynotes, Presentations, and Panelists in alphabetical order:

Andrew Blitman, Professional Artist, and Published Author

Dani Bowman, Founder, and CEO, DaniMation Entertainment

Doreen Cammarata, MS, Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), Els for Autism Foundation

Eric Chessen, Founder, Autism Fitness

Greg Connors, Recreation Services Coordinator, Els for Autism Foundation

Rachel Costello, C-IAYT, ERYT500, RCYT, RPYT, YACEP, Executive Director, Yo Re Mi, Certified Yoga Therapist

Joshua Deer, Certified Golf Instructor

Dr. Shannon Dieringer, Department Chair of the Department of Special Education and Professor of Special Education, Ball State University

Merrick Egber, Communications Specialist, Els for Autism Foundation

Graziella Gadia, Teacher of Arts, Eyecontact, and Arts & Hearts

Dr. Erin Brooker Lozott, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP, Program Director, Els for Autism Foundation

Erica Lyles, MT-BC, Director, Whole Vibes

Jason Miletsky, B.S. CPT, Founder, and President, Exceptional Fitness Foundation

Maricarmen Saleta, LGIT, WSIT, AAC, BA Psychology

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(Continued):

Dr. Jack Scott, Executive Director, Florida Atlantic University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)

Dr. Stephen Shore, Professor, Adelphi University

Dr. Marlene Sotelo, BCBA-D, MT-BC, Executive Director, Els for Autism Foundation

Tiago Toledo, Applied Behavior Analysis, Neuromotricity, and Psychomotricity Graduate, BPhEd, Adapted PE Teacher

Jen Van Horn, DT, MS HS, Holistic Nutritionist, Jen Van Horn Health

Dr. Amy Wagenfeld, OTR/L, SCEM, EDAC, FAOTA, Principal of Amy Wagenfeld Design, Affiliate Associate Professor, University of Washington

James A. Williams, Advisory Board Member, Els for Autism Foundation

Active Demonstrations:

Exceptional Fitness Foundation - Jason Miletsky, B.S. CPT, Founder, and President

First Tee of the Palm Beaches and Joshua Deer - Emily Valentine

High 5 Basketball - Gary Cohen

The Miracle League of Palm Beach County - Jeff & Julia Kadel

Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center - Equine Assisted Learning, Ruth Menor, Founder & Chief Programs Officer





CE/CEUs Offered:

Els for Autism Foundation is recognized by the **Athletics and Fitness Association of America (AFAA)** as an Approved Continuing Education Provider for 7 AFAA CEUs. AFAA CEUs are dependent on session selection.

CEU credits for the conference listed on this transcript (provided to the Els for Autism Foundation) are approved by NCTRC for the **American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA)** = 9 CEUs

Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) has approved 3 CE hours of general continuing education credits.

Florida Physical Therapy Association (FPTA) = 6 CEs

Florida Council of Dietetics and Nutrition = 6 CEs

This course has been sanctioned by the **Florida Occupational Therapy Association (FOTA)** for 9 contact hours. Sanctioning of this course does not imply endorsement of specific content, products or clinical procedures by FOTA.

Els for Autism Foundation is recognized by the **National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM)** as an Approved Continuing Education Provider for 7 NASM CEUs. NASM CEUs are dependent on session selection.

The School District of Palm Beach County attendees can earn 12 Florida Educator Inservice Points.





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Eastern Standard Time	RE-CREATING RECREATION Conference Schedule Day One March 23, 2023 <i>(times subject to change)</i> Course Education Level: Intermediate	Location
7:15-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast & Networking	Pavilion
8:15-8:30 a.m.	Welcome - Co- Hosts - <i>Dr. Marlene Sotelo and Dr. Erin Brooker Lozott</i>	Auditorium
8:30-9:30 a.m.	KEYNOTE: HEALTHY LIVING WELL-BEING Title: Yoga and Autism: Incorporating Movement and Mindfulness as Complementary Therapy Speaker: <i>Rachel Costello</i>	Auditorium
9:30-10:30 a.m.	PANEL: HEALTHY LIVING WELL-BEING Title: The Benefits of Recreation on the Physical & Emotional Health & Well-being of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder Moderator: <i>Dr. Erin Brooker Lozott</i> Panel Participants: <i>Doreen Cammarata, Merrick Egber, Dr. Stephen Shore, and Jen Van Horn</i>	Auditorium
10:30-11:00 a.m.	Break	Bio Break Grab Snacks
11:00-12 noon	KEYNOTE: HEALTHY LIVING WELL-BEING Title: Being your best self: A mindful approach to physical activity, sleep, and overall health Speaker: <i>Dr. Shannon Dieringer</i>	Auditorium
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch & Networking music provided by James Williams	Pavilion
1:30-2:30 p.m.	KEYNOTE: ARTS LEISURE Title: Dani's 13 years of entrepreneur experience Speaker: <i>Dani Bowman</i>	Auditorium
2:30-3:30 p.m.	PANEL: ARTS LEISURE Title: Art, Music, Leisure, & Nature-Based Activities: The positive impact on learning, living, health, & well-being Moderator: <i>Dr. Amy Wagenfeld</i> Panel Participants: <i>Andrew Blitman, Graziella Gadia, Erica Lyles, and James A. Williams</i>	Auditorium
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break	Bio Break Grab Snacks
3:45-4:45 p.m.	PRESENTATION: ARTS LEISURE Title: Using Music to Promote Skill Acquisition using the Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis Speaker: <i>Dr. Marlene Sotelo</i>	Auditorium
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Wrap-up Day One	Auditorium
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Networking Reception Music by Alex Perez	Pavilion and Sensory Arts Garden

Eastern Standard Time	RE-CREATING RECREATION Conference Schedule Day Two March 24, 2023 <i>(times subject to change)</i> Course Education Level: Intermediate	Location
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Networking	Pavilioin
8:00-8:15 a.m.	Welcome - Co- Hosts - <i>Dr. Marlene Sotelo and Dr. Erin Brooker Lozott</i>	Auditorium
8:15-9:15 a.m.	KEYNOTE: SPORTS FITNESS Title: Making Recreation More Therapeutic with the Strategic Use of Evidence-based Practices Speaker: <i>Greg Connors</i>	Auditorium
9:15-10:15 a.m.	CO-PRESENTATION: SPORTS FITNESS Title: Drowning and elopement risks for children with autism: Strategies for reducing risk Speakers: <i>Dr. Jack Scott and Maricarmen Saleta</i>	Auditorium
10:15-10:30 p.m.	Break	Bio Break Grab Snacks
10:30-11:45 a.m.	ACTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS: SPORTS FITNESS Baseball (The Miracle League of Palm Beach County) Basketball (High-5 Basketball) Equine Assisted Learning (Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center) Fitness (Jason Miletsky) Golf (First Tee of the Palm Beaches and Joshua Deer)	Locations Across the Campus
11:45-1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Networking	Pavilion
1:00-2:15 p.m.	ACTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS: SPORTS FITNESS Baseball (The Miracle League of Palm Beach County) Basketball (High-5 Basketball) Equine Assisted Learning (Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center) Fitness (Jason Miletsky) Golf (First Tee of the Palm Beaches and Joshua Deer)	Locations Across the Campus
2:15-3:15 p.m.	PRESENTATION: SPORTS FITNESS Title: Sports & Autism Spectrum Disorder Speaker: <i>Tiago Toledo</i>	Auditorium
3:15-3:30 p.m.	Break	Bio Break Grab Snacks
3:30-4:30 p.m.	PANEL: SPORTS FITNESS Title: Panel Title: Form and Function: Using Evidence-based Practices to Increase Therapeutic Benefits across Athletic Disciplines Moderator: <i>Greg Connors</i> Panel Participants: <i>Eric Chessen, Joshua Deer, Jason Miletsky, Maricarmen Saleta, and Tiago Toledo</i>	Auditorium
4:30-4:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Auditorium
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Break	Auditorium
5:00-6:46 p.m.	Optional - Movie - Flip Turn (1 hour and 46 minutes)	Auditorium