

# NIA VIRTUAL AUTISM SERIES

## A 5-PART PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES EXPLORING NEURODIVERGENT-AFFIRMING APPROACHES TO AUTISM

Five virtual speakers throughout the 2022-23 school year for PTs, OTs SLPs and Educators to become better prepared to educate and treat autistic students from a neurodivergent-affirming perspective. This series features a diverse group of expert speakers, introduces key topics relevant to multiple disciplines, and provides critical strategies to optimize learning for Autistic students.

## INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT

**NIA MEMBER \$150**

**NON-MEMBER \$450**

- **17+ HOURS OF CE CREDIT**
- **Bonus speaker resources on attendee hub**
- **LIVE virtual-viewing and 90-days to view recording on attendee hub**
- **All CEs & CERTIFICATES PROVIDED BY NIA**

## ADMINISTRATOR ALL-ACCESS PASS

**NIA MEMBER \$999**

**NON-MEMBER \$2,500**

- **PD for your entire team**
- **Receive recorded content 7 days after the LIVE session**
- **Share with groups for SIP/Institute Days**
- **Access to 17+ hours training**
- **Appropriate for educators, paras, and therapists**
- **CEs & CERTIFICATES FURNISHED BY DISRICT. CEs NOT PROVIDED BY NIA**



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**October 12, 2022**  
**(3 hours)**

**The Neurology of Autism to  
Create a Psychologically  
Safe Environment for  
Autistic Students**  
**Brenda Smith Myles, PhD**

*Learn about the autistic brain and how it impacts learning, consider using EBP to optimize learning and create a feeling of safety, and learn how to teach essential skills to autistic learners at all levels.*

**November 2 (part 1)**  
**(3 hours)**

**Journey to Self-Generated  
Language**  
**Marge Blanc M.A., CCC-SLP**

*Learn about Gestalt Language Processing (e.g. “scripting” and “echolalia”) as an alternative way to acquire language and how to implement strategies and supports for further language development.*

**November 9 (part 2)**  
**(3 hours)**

**December 7, 2022**  
**(3 hours)**

**What’s Energy Got to Do  
With It? Supporting  
Regulation in Authentic and  
Validating Ways**  
**Jacquelyn Fede, PhD and  
Amy Laurent PhD, OTR/L**

*Learn about the regulation supports and modifications developed by Autism Level UP! and allow participants to apply the tools and strategies presented for autistic people they teach or with whom they work, live and/or play.*

**March 15, 2023**  
**(3 hours)**

**Getting a Jump on Motor  
Skills: Launching Into  
Autism from a Movement  
Perspective**  
**Madonna Nash OTR/L**

*Understand critical periods of motor development from infancy through early childhood and receive practical solutions to enhance gross, fine motor and play development in Autistic infants and children.*

**April 19, 2023**  
**(2.5 hours)**

**Now It’s Your Turn:  
Incorporating Knowledge of  
Autistic Culture Into  
Therapeutic Practice**  
**Rachel Dorsey, M.S., CCC-SLP**

*Learn from an Autistic Speech-Language Pathologist as she discusses key aspects of Autistic culture and communication to inform building better rapport, targeting self-advocacy and regulation, and fostering meaningful social connections for Autistic clients.*

**\*\*RECORDINGS AVAILABLE APPROX 7 DAYS AFTER LIVE PRESENTATION DATE**