

AUTISME MONTRÉAL

NEWSLETTER

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OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2018-2019

On June 9, our members gathered for a brunch at our annual meeting and to elect the Board of Directors for next year.

Four administrators have accepted to renew their mandate and were elected:

- Marie-Claire Gascon, user member
- Carmen Lahaie, user member
- Carol-Ann Hunter McLean, user member
- Sylvie Mouna, user member

Three new administrators were elected:

- Marjorie Aimé, user member
- Margaret O'Byrne, support member
- Geneviève Perras, support member

We wish to sincerely thank the three outgoing administrators for their commitment and the time they have devoted to the Board of Directors of Autisme Montréal:

- Carole Dodeman
- Fabiola Pascal
- Robert Searle Jr.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

GUEST SPEAKER

LINDA HODGDON

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Speech-Language Pathologist, Consultant for Autism and Related Learning Challenges

Discovering the Possibilities with Visual Strategies for Autism Meeting the Communication, Behavior & Social Skill Challenges in Autism

Many individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are visual learners! This observation has tremendous implications. Capitalizing on their strengths, the use of visual strategies alters many behavioral, social, communication, and educational challenges.

The conference will present numerous systems and strategies that can significantly improve communication, social interaction, behavior and participation in life opportunities. This program will define the need, discuss training, and demonstrate many practical ideas for a range of ages and skill levels at home, in school and out in the community.

Participant Objectives:

- Identify significant factors in learning and functioning style that affect communication.
- Informally assess an individual's communication strengths and challenges.
- Recognize situations where communication breakdowns can affect understanding, behavior and participation in social opportunities.
- Use the Guide for Assessing Behavior Situations to identify causes of behavior problems.
- Develop visual tools to support communication, behavior & social skills
- Identify uses for a range of low tech to high tech tools such as iPads, Apps and video for meeting communication & learning needs.

Friday October 12th 2018 at 9:00 AM

Parents, individuals with autism spectrum disorder, students \$ 30

Professionals \$ 70

For more information or registration: <https://autisme-montreal.com/en/our-services/conference-et-atelier/>

HOLIDAY RESPITES

The Holiday Season will soon be here and it is important to plan it well! A total of 23 participants will attend the camp, with a shadow/participant ratio of 1 to 1. Please note that for each camp, the cost includes lodging, food, activities and supervision.

Christmas camp - 1

Place: La Maisonnette

Dates : December 21 to 23rd 2018

Number of places: 7

Cost: \$ 375

Christmas camp - 2

Place: La Maisonnette

Dates : December 27 to 29, 2018

Number of places: : 8

Cost: \$ 375

Christmas camp - 3

Place : La Maisonnette

Dates : January 3rd to 5, 2019

Number of places: : 8

Cost: \$ 375

To take part in one or the other camps, you must register by phone on **OCTOBER 17TH, starting at 7:30 a.m.**, and mention clearly the stay that you want at 514-524-6114, ext. 3182. Please note that the principle of "first come, first served" will be applied.

<http://autisme-montreal.com/en/our-services/christmas-camps/>

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

You are interested in politics. You would like to get involved, share your ideas and promote autism. The political committee of Autisme Montréal would like to hear from you!

Please contact us at
514-524-6114, ext. 3101 or
nboulet@autisme-montreal.com

NOVELTIES AT THE DOCUMENTATION CENTER

Développer les compétences et mieux comprendre l'enfant ayant un TSA par le jeu, from Dr. Nathalie Poirier

The purpose of this book is to help and support parents and caregivers involved in the development of children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). It is based on several intervention programs related to the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) model. This book proposes practical activities done with games or objects that children are familiar with.

Outil d'Évaluation des Structures du Temps pour les personnes présentant un trouble du spectre de l'autisme, from Johanne Mainville, Sonia Di Lillo, Nathalie Poirier and Nathalie Plante

This book is an evaluation tool that can help caregivers and professionals working with individuals with ASD to determine the best schedule for their specific needs and implement it in their living environment so as to promote their autonomy.

Activity Schedules for Children with Autism, from Lynn E. McClannahan and Patricia J. Krantz

The activity schedule is a teaching tool offering a set of pictures and/or words to help children or adults with ASD to successfully engage in tasks or leisure activities with minimal assistance or no assistance at all. This teaching tool was developed to promote autonomy in individuals with ASD.

Enjoy your reading!

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