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NEURODIVERSITY IN ACTION

SPEAKER: BARRY M. PRIZANT, PH.D., CCC-SLP

April 10, 2025 | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Eastern Time

ZOOM - INTERACTIVE WEBINAR

PACIFIC	MOUNTAIN	CENTRAL	EASTERN
Start Time: 7 am	Start Time: 8 am	Start Time: 9 am	Start Time: 10 am

This Webinar will replay as a recording on Saturday, April 12th beginning at 10 am Eastern Time. This is not a recording that can be downloaded and replayed at your own pace. All registered attendees will receive a link to the live webinar and a link to the recording replay on Saturday. Full attendance will be taken during the replay and will still qualify you for a certificate of attendance and other professional development opportunities listed. "Live" Q&A feature with speaker will not be available, however you will have the ability to use "chat" feature to interact with other participants. Same registration process for both the live and the recording replay.

How can educators and therapists best support individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families? Our growing understanding of neurodiversity can provide guidance and direction. All human beings have uneven developmental profiles due to neurodevelopmental differences. However, for people with autism and more pronounced neurodevelopmental differences, strengths and challenges may be more pronounced, especially in areas related to social communication and emotional regulation.

Using meaningful examples, this presentation will discuss and give examples of productive and supportive ways to identify and capitalize on strengths, enhance social communication competence and confidence, support emotional regulation, build trust and empower individuals with autism and related neurodevelopmental disabilities. This approach is in stark contrast to "deficit-checklist" approaches designed to "fix" individuals.

Presenter will use lecture, case studies, Q&A, etc. throughout the duration of the course (some video examples may be used).

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

1. Participants will be able to define neurodiversity.
2. Participants will be able to describe a strength-based approach to education and support.
3. Participants will be able to apply their deeper understanding of the "WHY" of "behaviors" that may appear different, and in some cases, considered to be "challenging", especially those involving social communication.
4. Participants will be able to apply implications for support in the context of the family and in educational and community settings.
5. Participants will be able to identify and apply the essential components of a neurodiversity perspective, including the importance of supporting a person's "enthusiasms" and self-awareness, in addition to building self-esteem and positive relationships.



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND? The intended audience includes educators and therapists working with children and adults in Early Intervention, preschool, school and community settings, parents, social workers, psychologists and administrators. This conference is open to anyone who wishes to attend. No prerequisites are required.

COURSE OUTLINE

AM

1. Historical foundations
2. Definitions of neurodiversity and boundaries
3. Passions and Enthusiasms

PM

4. Guidelines for putting neurodiversity into action
5. Benefits of a neurodiversity, abilities-based approach
6. Future considerations



BARRY M. PRIZANT, PH.D., CCC-SLP

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Barry M. Prizant, PhD, CCC-SLP is recognized as among the world's leading authorities on autism and neurodiversity, and as an innovator of respectful, person- and family-centered approaches for autistic individuals and those with other neurodevelopmental conditions. He currently is the Director of Childhood Communication Services, a private practice, an Adjunct Professor of Communicative Disorders at the University of Rhode Island, and has fifty years of experience as a scholar, researcher, and international consultant. He has served as an Associate Professor of Psychiatry in the Brown University Medical School and has held a tenured Professor appointments at Emerson College, Boston. Barry has published five books, more than 140 articles and chapters, and is a co-author of *The SCERTS Model: A Comprehensive Educational Approach*, now being implemented in more than a dozen countries. Barry has been a two-time featured presenter (2013, 2017) at the United Nations World Autism Awareness Day in New York City, and has given close to 1000 presentations in major universities across the US and in more than 25 countries. Barry's recent book, *Uniquely Human: A Different Way of Seeing Autism* (Simon & Schuster, 2022 expanded edition) has been the best-selling book on autism since 2015, with the audio book version narrated by Barry. It is now published in 24 languages, and was ranked by Book Authority as #1 of the "100 best books on autism of all time". Barry also co-produces and hosts a podcast, *Uniquely Human: The Podcast* (www.uniquelyhuman.com) with his friend, Dave Finch, an autistic audio engineer and New York Times best-selling author.

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Relevant financial relationships

*Dr. Prizant receives an honorarium for his presentation with AEP Connections. He also receives royalties for the books: *Uniquely Human: A Different Way of Seeing Autism* (Simon & Schuster) and *The SCERTS Model Manuals* (Brookes Publishers)*

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