



September 24th, 2018
Denver City Center Hilton
1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado 80202

You will hear from noted International, and Local voices that are coming together to share new best practices in Education including how Colorado is addressing the growing need for career-based curriculum that includes certifications, and apprenticeships to help students more seamlessly transition from school to employment.

8:15 -8:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks Overview of the day and challenge to find at least one new resource or insight that can help you better serve individuals with ASD.	Steven Allen CDLE DVR
8:30 – 9:30	Opening Session – “The Autistic Brain” What is Autism and How it is affecting the world; especially workforce – where are opportunities? Some simple solutions to start with including teaching individuals work habits and what work is beginning with parents, early work experiences, outreach and training	Temple Grandin Ph.D. Colorado State University
9:45 – 10:30	K-12 Education Session-Panel Discussion This panel will share what is happening in Colorado to better identify autism earlier in life so a comprehensive plan can be developed to increase the individual’s chance for success. Panels will discuss how they are directly supporting students with ASD including in career exploration and investigation.	Beth Cole Early Intervention Colorado – Early Childhood Jen Wilger Temple Grandin School Cora Nash Douglas County Schools, Consultant to the Colorado Department of Education
10:45-11:45	Pre and Post-Secondary Panel Discussion Colorado is one of the leading states on Alternative Career development which includes Career and Tech Ed (CTE) Certifications, Credentials, internships, and apprenticeships. The panel will also include information on supports like the “Governors Coaching Corps” and other services that are available that can lead to employment?	Michael Muszynski CDLE Manager Work Based Learning Katherine Keegan Skillful Manager Ray Johnson IBM Corporate Citizenship Manager
12:00 – 1:00	Box Lunches & Skills Assessment and job seeking Panel and Demos Panel Discussion – The value of candidate assessments and coaching for soft and job skills linked with a Placement	Steve Keisman Identifior



**Hacking Autism with Temple Grandin and Mind Shift:
The Intersection of Education, Healthcare, and Employment**



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	Marketplace Employer Matching Tool. How can counselors, therapy providers, Job Coaches etc. use these tools to improve long term success in Middle Skill jobs	Michael Simpson <i>Pairin</i> Steve Bradley <i>Source Direction</i>
1:15 – 2:00	<i>Healthcare and Vocational Supports – Panel Discussion</i> The panel will discuss work supports such as the Medicaid Buy-In Programs for Persons with Disabilities; CCB and waiver eligibility and how these work supports serve individuals with disabilities. As well as how employers can benefit by lower overall cost in benefits for the employee	Adam Tucker <i>CO HCPF</i> <i>Health First Colorado</i> Patricia Henke <i>CDLE DVR</i>
2:00 – 2:45	<i>Health supports: Counseling and Guidance "Thinking About the Future NOW: New and evolving ways to work individuals from middle school onward"</i> New and evolving methods (and tools) to work with individuals with ASD (even remotely). Developing a comprehensive plan that continues beyond Middle School and High School into career development and exploration to employment.	Tara Roehl MS, CCC-SLP <i>SpeechyKeen</i> <i>Speech-Language Pathologist</i> <i>& Founder: Hacking Autism</i>
3:00 to 3:45	<i>EEOC Employer Panel with Mindshift</i> Patricia McMahon will share ways companies can staying on the right side of discrimination rules related to individuals with disabilities including Federal Contractors. Ways companies can work proactively to improve their affirmative action plans. Tony and Brad will share their experiences with recruiting specifically for and actually employing individuals with autism.	Patricia McMahon <i>Outreach and Education</i> <i>Coordinator EEOC/OFCCP</i> Tony Thomann <i>Executive Director, Mindshift</i> Brad Anderson <i>Found & CEO, Fruition</i>
3:45 – 4:00	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	Steven Allen <i>CDLE DVR</i>