

# Create Address Replenish Educate

A One Day Conference on Special Needs hosted by **Champlain**  
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This one-day conference, at Champlain College Saint-Lambert, will be an opportunity to **Create** new networks, **Address** important issues in the field, **Replenish** yourself with insight and knowledge, and **Educate** each other on innovative strategies and approaches when working with clients with special needs.

This year we have three tracks to choose from: **Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Spectrum**. We also have an **inspiring keynote speaker** you do **NOT** want to miss!!

## Who Should Attend

The C.A.R.E conference will bring together educators, behavior specialists, special education teachers, instructors in special care counselling, managers & clinical supervisors. This conference is aimed for people who work with and CARE for – clients with special needs.



### The Power of Believing 8:45 am

Steven Atme is a young man who was diagnosed with autism at the age of four. He faced many difficulties growing up; speaking, understanding and following directions. Today, Steven is a motivational speaker, composes, plays, and teaches piano.

### Keynotes Description

Steven Atme knows firsthand what it means to live with Autism. He will be sharing valuable life lessons with us. His goal is to highlight that people with disabilities do have strengths, though at times, they may not be evident. It's the educators' responsibility to find and work with their strengths. This simple but significant change makes a critical difference in the life of a person with disabilities. So much more becomes possible.

Select one of our

## Morning Workshops

from 10h30 to 12h30

### Workshop A

#### Understanding ASD: What We Know and What We Don't

Animated by: Marla Cable - Coordinator Resource and Training Center, Giant Steps School

In this workshop we will explore the differences in the autistic brain and how it affects learning and core difficulties such as communication, social skills and sensory integration. This workshop is intended for participants who would like to gain a basic understanding of autism. For participants interested in gaining more depth there is an afternoon session that builds on the morning workshop.

### Workshop B

#### Psychotherapy is Great, but Not a Magical Cure!

Animated by: Kees Maas, PhD Psychologist Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (CIUSSS-OI) and Private Practice

This presentation will explore the main reasons why clients in a child welfare agency are referred for psychotherapy. In addition, it will examine the importance of tailoring psychotherapy so it fits well in the global intervention process, including psycho-educational supports to the child and family. Clinical vignettes will illustrate therapies with youth suffering from depression, anxiety, low impulse control. Special attention is given to the handling of suicidal and non-suicidal self-injury behaviors as well as to trauma related interventions.

### Workshop C

#### Connecting the Dots

Animated by: Lori Rubin, English Montreal School Board, Behaviour Management Specialist

Most of us have lives filled with many "dots" (family commitments, job or school-related tasks, recreational activities, etc...). The challenge is knowing how to "connect" all the dots in a coherent and meaningful way so we are in a position to help clients connect their dots. In this interactive workshop, Lori will use evidence-based research and share strategies and techniques participants may not have previously considered to educate and engage clients with special needs.

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## Afternoon Workshops

from 1h30 to 3h30

### Workshop D

#### Supporting a Student with Autism in the Classroom : Tips and Strategies

Animated by: Marla Cable - Coordinator Resource and Training Center, Giant Steps School

This interactive workshop will include case studies and group work to explore challenges and solutions in supporting clients in the autism spectrum. We will explore what works and identify the challenges in integration. Participants must have prior knowledge about autism and come with examples from their work experiences. Strategies for behavior management will also be addressed.

### Workshop E

#### Ghosts in the Nursery: Understanding and Treating Children and Families with Mental Health Issues.

Animated by: Donna Casa-Martin, BS in Ed Psychologist - Private practice Chair Person of the McGill Infant Mental Health Committee

This workshop will address mental health issues frequently presented in young children and their families. Theoretical ideas from leaders in Infant Mental Health will be briefly discussed along with treatment methods such as The Incredible Years Program, Watch, Wait, and Wonder, a psychotherapy approach and The Circle of Security program. The importance of enhancing the child and parents relationship will be elaborated. Video and role plays will be included.

### Workshop F

#### Selecting Assistive Technology: Different Learning Challenges Require Different Solutions

Animated by: Jillian Budd, M.A. Project Manager at Adaptech Research Network

Assistive technology has the potential to change a student's learning experience. As educators it is important to know not only what assistive technologies are available but which tool best meets the learning challenges a student faces. In this interactive workshop, participants will gain an understanding about different assistive technologies through software demonstrations and practice, case studies and group discussions.

## Registration & Costs

Online – [www.qae-aeq.com](http://www.qae-aeq.com)

On-site/day of conference

**Includes break, lunch, and workshop materials**

Early rate, prior to April 21 : \$50

Regular : \$65

On-site : \$75

Student : \$25

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