

2024 Autism Fathers Conference

Presented by The Center for Autism Research at CHOP

Saturday, April 6 at 10am | Doors open at 9am

ASPIRA Education Campus: 6301 N 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19126

The 2024 Autism Fathers Conference is an engaging safe space where all fathers of children with autism are welcome to recognize, acknowledge and empower one another. Join us as we exchange personal stories, expert insights, support resources and more!

SPEAKERS

Stephen Shore



KEYNOTE

Dr. Stephen Shore, diagnosed with "Atypical Development and strong autistic tendencies," defied early institutionalization recommendations. Overcoming challenges, he now teaches at Adelphi University and NYU Steinhardt School, focusing on supporting autistic individuals. An educator, consultant, and author, his work spans education, relationships, employment, and self-advocacy. Dr. Shore serves on multiple autism-related boards, promoting fulfilling lives for neurodivergent individuals.

Mike Hannon



Dr. Michael Hannon, a Black counselor, professor, and author, advocates for the wellbeing of Black fathers and father figures, especially those of autistic individuals. His expertise has garnered national attention, and he's authored books on Black fatherhood and mental health. As an educator and counselor, he works to support families and communities. Dr. Hannon's commitment to advocacy extends through his nonprofit work and community engagement.

Jamiel Owens



Jamiel Owens, a father and advocate for his autistic son, Shayne, shares his journey as a disabled individual and a parent. With a background in law enforcement and civil service, he serves as the Family Relations Coordinator at the Center for Autism Research at CHOP. Jamiel challenges misconceptions about masculinity in the Autism community and encourages compassion, empathy, and acceptance, particularly among Black and Brown families.

Amy Nieves



Amy Nieves (she/her), Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) in Philadelphia, leads efforts for disability inclusion. With a background in fine arts and human relations, she's a doctoral research student focusing on disabled leadership in government. Amy's advocacy includes accessible data mapping and sensory inclusion initiatives. She champions equity and inclusion as fundamental rights for all.

Derek Green



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