



American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
Wisconsin Chapter

# 2022 *Virtual* CONFERENCE

## March 17th & 18th

### MOVING FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING

A Focus on Healing, Health, and Neurodiversity With Autistic and Neurodivergent Minds



*Featuring Dr. Jacquelyn Fede  
& Dr. Amy Laurent*  
From Autism Level UP

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to offer continuing education credits to eligible attendees!



## SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE\*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH

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| 11:00am-12:30pm | <b>AAIDD-WI Annual Meeting</b><br>(Open to all AAIDD members -<br>RSVP to <a href="mailto:aaiddwi@gmail.com">aaiddwi@gmail.com</a> ) |
| 1:00pm          | <b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>   |
| 1:15pm-4:00pm   | <b>Keynote Session</b>   |
| 4:00pm-5:00pm   | <b>Poster Symposium</b>  |

### FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH

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| 9:00am-12:00pm  | <b>Keynote Session</b>                                 |
| 12:00pm-12:30pm | <b>Award Ceremony</b>                                  |
| 12:30pm-1:30pm  | <b>Special Session 1</b>                               |
| 1:30pm-2:30pm   | <b>Special Session 2</b>                               |
| 2:30pm-3:30pm   | <b>Special Session 3</b>                               |
| 3:30pm-3:45pm   | <b>Closing Remarks &amp;<br/>Conference Conclusion</b> |

(\*CST Time Zone)



**All attendees will have access to recorded sessions for 1 month following the conference!**

## MEET THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### AMY LAURENT

Amy Laurent, PhD, OTR/L specializes in the education of autistic individuals. Her work involves creating learning environments designed to facilitate children's active engagement at home, in schools, and throughout their communities. She is a co-author of the SCERTS Model and frequently lectures around the globe. She is passionate about neurodiversity and helping others to honor and understand the implications of "different ways of being" in relation to navigating the physical and social world.



### JÂCQÛELYN FEDE

JÂcquêlynn Fede, PhD is a super fun, Autistic Self Advocate, developmental psychologist and program evaluator. Her research interests include immigration policy, autism, and community engagement. She uses her experience to mentor other autistics and to help educate others about autism through lecturing, blogging and consulting on evaluation projects. A full scholarship Division I athlete in college, Dr. Fede continues to meet her sensory needs by seeking extreme physical activity. She also enjoys the use of creativity and art for expression.



### AUTISM LEVEL UP

Amy and JÂcquêlynn have joined forces to form Autism Level UP! Their philosophy is that through education, accessible resources, practical strategies and a commitment to consistently incorporating the experiences and perspectives of autistic people, they can support the leveling up of society when it comes to autism and neurodiversity.

Check out more about them and Autism Level UP at <https://autismlevelup.com/>.



## KEYNOTE SESSIONS

Thursday, March 17th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

### **Challenging Behavior Management: Supporting Regulation**

**Presented by Dr. Jâcquelyn Fede & Dr. Amy Laurent, Autism Level UP**

Reframe how we understand challenging behaviors by examining how emotional / energy regulation ability influence an individual's capacity to navigate their day, particularly when difficulties are encountered. Factors influencing and means of supporting emotional regulation will be explored from both a first-person autistic perspective, as well as developmental perspective.

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Friday, March 18th from 9:00am to 12:00pm

### **Leveling UP! Comprehensive Supports for Regulation**

**Presented by Dr. Jâcquelyn Fede & Dr. Amy Laurent, Autism Level UP**

This session will introduce a comprehensive suite of emotional regulation supports developed by Autism Level UP! Modifications for the supports will be discussed for individuals at a variety of developmental levels (e.g., individuals who are not yet communicating using words, those who are emerging language learners, and those who are conversational).

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**Special Session will be pre-recorded and can be accessed for one (1) month following the conference. To earn CE credits, attendees must be present for the session when it is aired during the conference.**

## SPECIAL SESSIONS

Friday, March 18th from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

### **Humanizing Healing**

**Presented by Dr. Angela Marx, Place of Mind**

Discover what it means to be neurodevelopmentally trauma-informed and healing-centered by focusing on, "What happened to you?" and, "What's right with you?"

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Friday, March 18th from 1:30pm to 2:30pm

### **Dating, Sex, & Neurodivergence: How to Support & Empower Healthy Relationships**

**Presented by Ellen Merker, LPC, Heart Consulting**

Many neurodivergent folk have limited opportunities for dating and sexual exploration and limited education on safe sex, healthy relationships, and asserting their needs. This can lead to unhealthy and even abusive relationships. Learn about the exploration of dating and sexuality through a neurodivergent-affirmative lens, so that we can move their supports from controlling and "protective" to supportive and empowering.

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Friday, March 18th from 2:30pm to 3:30pm

### **"You Are Welcome Here"**

**Presented by Common Threads**

With the increase in recognizing the importance and benefits of inclusion many communities, schools, churches, and businesses have embraced the movement and are excited to share "all are welcome" on their websites, social media, building signage, or within their mission statements. This is a positive and powerful statement, yet we pause to ask, "Are those who identify as Neurodivergent included, thought of, and also welcomed?" Please join Common Threads as they

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## *Reasons to Attend*

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Develop key skills that will help you in your day-to-day work. Gain vital knowledge of best practices in the field of supporting individuals with IDD.

### GLOBAL ACCESS:

Discover new partnerships and resources offered by AAIDD at an international, national and state level.

### NETWORKING:

Establish and expand your network of leaders, peers and service providers both at a local and state level.

### ADVOCACY:

Translate the knowledge obtained throughout the conference into advocacy efforts to improve the quality of life for individuals with IDD.

### VALUE:

AAIDD-WI has a strong reputation both statewide and nationally for delivering essential and applicable topics and bringing high caliber experts to present at this conference at an incredibly reasonable cost to conference attendees.

### INSPIRATION:

Leave the conference feeling a renewed sense of excitement for your work in the field of supporting those with IDD. Through your application of concepts learned, inspire your peers, leaders and service providers as an agent of change.

## CONFERENCE FEES

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| AAIDD Member.....     | FREE |
| Non-AAIDD Member..... | \$50 |
| Student.....          | \$25 |

## REGISTRATION

### REGISTER ONLINE

<http://www.aaidwi.org/>

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
March 1st, 2022

## CANCELLATIONS

All registration cancellations must be received in writing. Email your cancellation notice to AAIDD-WI at [aaidwi@gmail.com](mailto:aaidwi@gmail.com).

- Cancellations received up to 10 business days or more prior to the conference will be refunded the full conference fee.
- Cancellations 4-9 business days prior to the conference will be refunded 50% of the full conference fee.
- Cancellations 1-3 business days prior to the conference, and no-shows, are subject to payment for the full amount.

### REGISTRATION SUBSTITUTION

If a registrant is unable to attend the conference for any reason they may substitute, by arrangement with AAIDD-WI, someone else from the same organization.

### CANCELLATION BY AAIDD-WI

AAIDD-WI reserves the right to cancel any training course due to insufficient enrollment or unforeseeable circumstances. Notice will be provided with the option to reschedule for a future conference date or to receive a full refund of registration fees.