



*Families Of Children with
Autism Spectrum Disorder United and Supported*

Held Virtually through WebEx 2021-2022 School Year

FOCUS will be held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and end by 7:30 p.m.

The Lewisville ISD Special Education Department presents a series of five topics dedicated to assisting families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). FOCUS Night is open to families with children who receive Special Education services under the category of Autism and who reside within Lewisville ISD. These programs are designed to educate and support families of children with ASD. All programs are free of charge.

Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y64nuxu5> by 4:00 p.m. the Tuesday prior to each Thursday program. You may also call our secretary, Vera Salim, at the Purnell Support Center at (469) 948-8536 to register. Please indicate if you have a need for an interpreter at the presentation and efforts will be made to obtain an interpreter.

After registering, participants will be e-mailed a link the day before to attend the live virtual presentation through WebEX . Presentation participants will also be provided a link for a social skill activity caregivers can watch with their children at a time convenient for the family.

Facilitators:

Morgan Sowell, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist, LSSP

Jennifer DePetro, Ph.D., BCBA
Licensed Psychologist, LSSP

Anacary Ramirez, Psychology Intern
Laura Alba, Psychology Intern

Cynthia Lang, Psychology Intern
Jasmine Hammer, Psychology Intern

Autism Presentation Series

This program is a lecture series for parents of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The presentations are intended to increase understanding of various issues related to ASDs, to provide information regarding various interventions, and to empower parents to be the best parent for their child.

FALL 2021 Presentations will be Virtual
SPRING 2022 Presentations may possibly resume In-Person.

- October 28th** ***Resiliency in the Time of COVID***
Presenters: LISD Special Education Counselor
Jennifer Russell, Ruth Dubner, and Krista Rice
- December 2nd** ***Behavior 101***
Presenters: LISD Behavioral Interventionist
Christine Walker, Lisa Cranfill, and Susan Lappin
- February 24th** ***Making Sense of Sensory at Home and School***
Presenters: LISD Occupational Therapy
- March 31st** ***Introduction to Neurodiversity***
Presenters: LISD Speech Pathologist
Andi Putt
- April 28th** ***Autism and Navigating the World of Dating***
Presenter: Cristin Dooley, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y64nuxu5>



FOCUS will be provided virtually, and opportunity for questions and discussion will be built into the presentation. ***In consideration of all participants, please save child specific questions until after the conclusion of the program when you can speak privately with the presenter(s).*** In addition, we appreciate your understanding that this is not a venue for individual complaints or child-specific feedback. For those situations, please contact Carin Shearer, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA, Director of Special Education, or Dr. Kathy Talbert, Executive Director of Special Education, at (469) 713-5203.

**** If you have any questions or concerns regarding FOCUS Night, please contact Dr. Morgan Sowell at (469) 948-8615 or Dr. Jennifer DePetro at (469) 948-8553.**