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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT: LOVE COFFEE

We are highlighting Love Coffee, a coffee shop based in Columbia, Missouri. Love Coffee began in 2017 with a vision of local businessman and philanthropist Chuck Crews-to include individuals with disabilities in an engaging, welcoming work environment-a coffee shop. During his years coaching Special Olympics Chuck became aware of the difficulties some athletes had in finding employment.

Co-founder and Program Director, Jane Williams, pointed out, "people with disabilities have always had double-digit unemployment rates. Finding a job is often their number one issue."

Love Coffee opened in 2020 and now creates a welcoming environment for community engagement, delicious food and drink items, and many opportunities for inclusion and meaningful employment.

You can learn more about Love Coffee and support them [here](#).



LISTEN TO THE SPECTRUM PANEL FROM THE 2022 SYMPOSIUM

You can listen to the Spectrum Panel from the 2022 Symposium any time. Gain insight and greater understanding by listening to this panel of autistic adults who share their perspectives and what it really meant to listen to, support, and authentically engage autistic people.

This panel features Stephen Shore, Ed. D, Haley Moss, J.D., Paul Kotler.

You can watch the Spectrum Panel on demand [here](#).



SPOTLIGHT ON ECHO AUTISM COMMUNITIES: PSYCHOLOGY

This month, we are highlighting ECHO Autism Communities: Psychology program. This program aims to bring knowledge of best practice care to psychologists and mental health professionals.

What is ECHO Autism: Psychology?

ECHO Autism: Psychology is a virtual learning program intended to increase local access to high quality, more complex, ASD diagnostic evaluations. Participants of this program gain knowledge, self-efficacy, and skill in autism best practices for evaluation of symptoms and how to provide high quality care to individuals with autism across the life span.

Participation in this program is suited for psychologists, physician diagnosticians, and other clinicians who offer comprehensive diagnostic autism evaluations for people suspected of having Autism Spectrum Disorder and others who want to learn and share best practices.

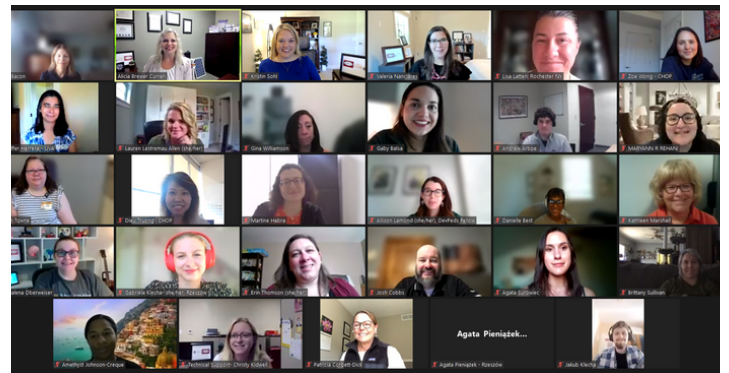
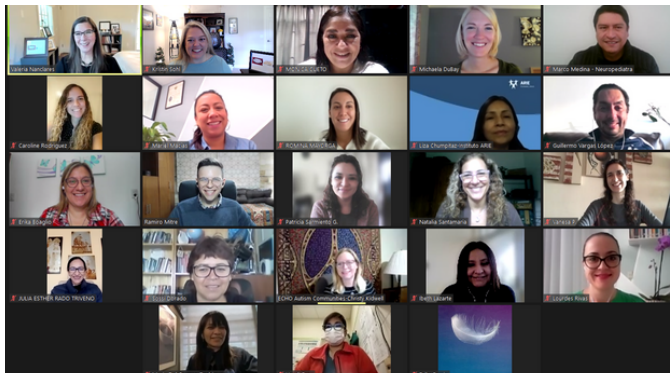
This program is spearheaded by an interdisciplinary panel of leading experts in the autism field. The hub team consists of a clinical psychologist and certified ADOS-2 Trainer, Pediatrician, Social Worker, Family Advocate and Autistic Self-Advocate and Coach.

Participants can expect to learn best practices and expand their knowledge of and ability to deliver gold-standard autism diagnostic evaluations. Participants will also be able to discuss cases with experts, get real-time guidance, and ask questions.

ECHO Autism Communities is excited to announce this opportunity for psychologists, physician diagnosticians, and other clinicians to join the program this fall! To join ECHO Autism: Psychology, click [here](#).



ECHO AUTISM COMMUNITIES IMMERSION-PARTNER LAUNCH CLASS OF AUGUST 2022



We had an incredible turnout for both of our August 2022 ECHO Autism Communities Immersion-Partner Launch Trainings! Look below at these organizations who are changing the world!

- Anderson Center for Autism
- Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
- Autism Speaks
- University of Missouri
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- MetroHealth Medical Center
- University of Rochester Medical Center
- Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital and University of Alberta
- University of Virginia Children's Hospital
- Waisman Center at University of Wisconsin-Madison
- McGill University Health Center Research Center
- University of Rzeszów of Poland
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- San Joaquin Valley Neurodevelopmental Collaborative
- SERENDIPIA - Bolivia
- Autismo Puebla A.C.Mexico
- Instituto para el Desarrollo Infantil- ARIE - Peru
- Echo Autismo RD - Dominican Republic
- Fundación Neurodiversidad - Argentina

We are grateful to Autism Speaks for their sponsorship of the ECHO Autism Communities Global Superhub.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the ECHO Autism Programs across the globe!

ECHO AUTISM COMMUNITIES GLOBAL PARTNERS

Check out these ECHO Autism Communities Global Partners who are launching their own ECHO Autism programs:

Anderson Center for Autism

- Launch Date: 9/26/22
- End Date: Fall 2023 with plans to continue
- Days/Times: Third Thursday from 12:00 – 1:30 pm ET
- Focus: Increase the capacity of school personnel in autism best practices to support autistic individuals
- Target Audience: school districts, private schools, special education programs

Costa Rica – Capacitaciones Autismo Internacional (CAI)

- Launch Date: 9/7/22
- End Date: 12/7/22
- Day/Time: first Wednesday
- Focus: Early detection and Intervention of ASD based on best practices.
- Target Audience: Any health professional, therapist, or educator

Dominican Republic – Centro Tera

- Launch Date: 9/29/22
- End Date: 12/22/22
- Day/Time: Last Thursday of the month; 6:30 – 8:00 pm AST
- Focus: Early Detection in the Classroom
- Target Audience: Elementary school teachers, Teacher Assistants, School Psychologists

