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CASP
The Council of Autism Service Providers

2026 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

SEPTEMBER 9–10

The US Grant
San Diego, CA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:45 AM–9:45 AM
Welcome & Introductions
John Randall, CEO, Amego
Presidential Ballroom

9:45 AM–10:35 AM No CEU
From the Clinic to the C Suite: Critical Lessons Learned Along the Way
Joanne Gerenser, Executive Director, The Eden II Programs / ***Presidential Ballroom***

10:35 AM–10:55 AM
Discussion of "From the Clinic to the C Suite: Critical Lessons Learned Along the Way" with table colleagues / ***Presidential Ballroom***

10:55 AM–11:10 AM
Break / ***Presidential Ballroom Foyer***

11:10 AM–12:00 PM No CEU
Ten Laws You Should Understand as an ABA Business Leader/Executive
Dan Unumb, Attorney & Founder, Autism Legal Resource Center
Presidential Ballroom

12:00 PM–1:00 PM
Lunch (Provided onsite) & Ask the Experts
Rita Gardner–Education/Residential
Eric Larsson–Clinical
Mariel Fernandez–Advocacy
Lorri Unumb–What can CASP do for you?
Rachael Coburn–Accreditation / ***Palm Court***

1:00 PM–1:45 PM No CEU
Building Leaders While Scaling: 10 Leadership Lessons from Growing an Autism Provider from 1 Clinic to 35
Natesh Kumar, CEO, Empower Behavioral Health / ***Presidential Ballroom***

1:45 PM–2:05 PM
Discussion of "Building Leaders While Scaling: 10 Leadership Lessons from Growing an Autism Provider from 1 Clinic to 35" with table colleagues / ***Presidential Ballroom***

2:05 PM–2:55 PM 1 CEU
From Radical Candor to Rumbling: Honing your Soft Skills as a Leader (1 CEU)
Yvonne Bruinsma, Executive Director, In STEPPS / ***Presidential Ballroom***

2:55 PM–3:10 PM
Break / ***Presidential Ballroom Foyer***

3:10 PM–4:00 PM 1 CEU
Finding the Balance Between Clinical Quality and Financial Responsibility
Heather O'Shea, President, Verbal Behavior Associates / ***Presidential Ballroom***

4:00 PM–4:15 PM
Discussion of "Finding the Balance Between Clinical Quality and Financial Responsibility" with table colleagues / ***Presidential Ballroom***

4:15 PM–5:05 PM 1 CEU
What Business Leaders Need to Know about ABA and Managed Healthcare (1 CEU)
Rachel Taylor, Co-Founder & Owner, Center for Applied Behavior Analysis
Presidential Ballroom

5:05 PM–6:30 PM
Reception / ***Presidential Ballroom Foyer***

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM–10:00 AM No CEU
Managing the Business of Behavior Analysis – Understanding and practically applying factors of economic sustainability of an ABA practice
Lani Fritts, CEO, Boost
Presidential Ballroom

10:00 AM–10:20 AM
Discussion of "Managing the Business of Behavior Analysis" with table colleagues
Presidential Ballroom

10:20 AM–10:45 AM
Break / ***Presidential Ballroom Foyer***

10:45 AM–11:35 AM 1 CEU
Leading Through Growth: Mentorship, Adaptability, and Sustainable Leadership
Julie Adcock, Executive Director, Kaleidoscope Behavior Analysis & Therapy, LLC
Presidential Ballroom

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1:00 PM–1:45 PM No CEU
The Leadership Paradox
Steve Muller, CEO, Balance Autism
Presidential Ballroom

1:45 PM–2:05 PM
Discussion of "The Leadership Paradox" with table colleagues / ***Presidential Ballroom***

2:05 PM–2:25 PM
Break / ***Presidential Ballroom Foyer***

2:25 PM–3:20 PM No CEU
The Power of your Network: Building & Maintaining Relationships to Get Things Done
Daniel Openden, President & CEO, Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center
Presidential Ballroom

3:20 PM–3:40 PM
Discussion of "The Power of your Network: Building & Maintaining Relationships to Get Things Done" with table colleagues
Presidential Ballroom

3:40 PM–4:40 PM
Q&A with Panel of CASP Leaders
Amy Legan, Founder, Co-Owner, COO, Aspire Behavior Solutions
Joanne Gerenser, Executive Director, The Eden II Programs
Rachel Taylor, Co-Founder & Owner, Center for Applied Behavior Analysis
Yvonne Bruinsma, Executive Director, In STEPPS
John Randall, CEO, Amego
Dan Unumb, Attorney & Founder, Autism Legal Resource Center
Eric Larsson, Executive Director, Lovaas Institute Midwest
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