

# 2025 CASP Conference AGENDA

## SUNDAY, MAY 4

**12:00 PM – 5:00 PM:** Registration Open  
*Italian Foyer (Mezzanine Level)*

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM:** Staff Retention Workshop  
(pre-registration required):

**Part A:** Your Gen Z Workforce: A Sociological Perspective on Creating Environments Where Your Youngest Employees Will Thrive – Sabrina Rando

**Part B:** Improving Staff Retention Through the First 90 Days – Heather McGee

*Elizabethan B (2nd Floor)*

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM:** Risk Management Workshop  
(pre-registration required):

**Part A:** Anti-Abuse Policies in ABA Organizations – Alexandra Tomei, Andi Brennan, Weston Rieland, and Kimberly Urwiler

**Part B:** Strengthening Cybersecurity for ABA Providers: Practical Email Safeguards and Simple IT Architecture Solutions – Lani Fritts, Martin Cox, and Rohit Verma

**Part C:** Prepare, Respond, Recover: Addressing Risk Management and Widespread Disaster Plans – Kristen Koba-Burdtt, Dallas Star, and Maria Solis

*Elizabethan C (2nd Floor)*

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM:** Organization Systems & Clinical Quality Workshop (pre-registration required):

**Part A:** Building Scalable Clinical Systems: Enhancing Practitioner Growth and Patient Outcomes in ABA Services – Ivy Chong, Hanna Rue, and Emily Callahan

**Part B:** How Do We Manage? Improving Clinical Quality While Addressing Operational, Fiscal, and Staff Development Barriers – Mark Palmieri

*Elizabethan D (2nd Floor)*

**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM:** ACQ Accreditation Workshop for Healthcare Organizations (pre-registration required) – Erick Dubuque, Thea Davis, and Eileen Mendes  
*Elizabethan A (2nd Floor)*

**5:30 PM – 8:30 PM:** Welcome Reception  
*Golden Gate/Mission Bay (32nd Floor)*  
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## MONDAY, MAY 5

**7:00 AM – 5:00 PM:** Registration Open  
*Italian Foyer (Mezzanine Level)*

**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM:** Breakfast  
*Elizabethan & California Rooms (2nd Floor)*  
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**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM:** Attendee Check-In & Exhibits  
*Italian & Colonial Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**9:00 AM – 10:15 AM:** Welcome Remarks & Generative AI and Health: Maximizing Positive Impacts – Megan Jones Bell

Generative AI holds immense potential to address global health challenges, including neurodevelopmental disorders, but its successful implementation hinges on responsible development and deployment. This presentation explores how Generative AI can improve healthcare, and specifically the field of autism care, by enhancing education, assessment, intervention, and access. Key areas include providing accurate information, improving diagnostic accuracy, delivering personalized interventions, and scaling training for providers. We will also discuss Google's initiatives in this space. Ensuring safe, secure, and trustworthy AI models is paramount. We will emphasize the importance of fine-tuning models for specific use cases, protecting user data, and building appropriate trust. Finally, we will address the critical need to ensure consistent model performance for all groups. The goal is to ensure that AI's transformative potential in health benefits everyone, everywhere.

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*Grand Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**10:15 AM – 10:30 AM:** Break  
*Italian & Colonial Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**10:30 AM – 11:30 AM:** Breakout Sessions  
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**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM:** Roundtable Lunch & Exhibits  
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**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Breakout Sessions**



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**2:30 PM – 2:45 PM: Break**

*Italian & Colonial Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**2:45 PM – 3:45 PM: Breakout Sessions**



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**3:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Break**

*Italian & Colonial Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: CASP Updates**

- The CASP White Paper: Examining the Impact of Treatment Intensity for Young Autistic Children – Jane S. Howard and Linda LeBlanc
- The CASP Documentation SIG Templates – Heather O'Shea and Rebecca Womack
- The Power of Benchmarking: Why It Matters for Trade Associations – Natesh Kumar, Joanne Genser, Rebecca Giammatii, Julie Adcock, and Lani Fritts
- Coming Soon: The CASP/APBA Assessment Guidelines – Chanti Waters, Allyson Moore, and Jane S. Howard
- CASP Responds to the Community: The Disaster Response Guide – Kristen Koba-Burd
- CASP Mission Awards

*Grand Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**6:00 PM – 6:45 PM: Screening of *Lights, Camera, Friendship on the Spectrum* and Q&A with Director Joey Travolta**

*Grand Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Foodie & Friends**

*Offsite*

**TUESDAY, MAY 6**

**7:00 AM – 7:30 AM: Morning Workout**

*Union Square (2nd Floor)*

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**7:30 AM – 4:00 PM: Registration Open**

*Italian Foyer (Mezzanine Level)*

**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Breakfast**

*Elizabethan & California Rooms (2nd Floor)*

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**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Attendee Check-In & Exhibits**

*Italian & Colonial Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Diagnostic Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Best Practice Elements and Appropriate Use of Standardized Instruments – Somer Bishop**

This presentation will review the historical context surrounding the development of standardized diagnostic instruments for use in assessment of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) as well as the ways in which these tools are currently applied in research and clinical practice. We will discuss recent research on psychometrics of standardized instruments and how individual and contextual factors may affect diagnostic validity. We will discuss best-practice guidelines for diagnostic assessment of ASD, including issues related to appropriate and inappropriate application of commonly used diagnostic instruments.

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**10:15 AM – 11:15 AM: Breakout Sessions**



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**11:15 AM – 11:30 AM: Break**

*Italian & Colonial Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Breakout Sessions**



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**12:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Lunch (on your own) & Exhibits**

*Italian & Colonial Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM: Breakout Sessions**



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**3:30 PM – 3:45 PM: Break**

*Italian & Colonial Ballroom (Mezzanine)*

**3:45 PM – 4:45 PM: Antitrust Law: Do's and Don'ts in the ABA Industry – Richard Powers**

This presentation will be on antitrust law do's and don'ts, providing an overview of permissible and impermissible conduct and guidance on navigating potential antitrust concerns. He will cover common questions such as "when is it ok to speak with a competitor" and provide recent case examples to highlight risk areas.

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