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THE FIFTH ANNUAL AUTISM PUBLIC HEALTH LECTURE

Building a Career: Emerging Considerations for a Nurturing 'Ecosystem' in Employment and Autism

Tuesday, March 28, 2017
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Continental Breakfast provided 8:30 am – 9:00 AM

Behrakis Grand Hall
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Philadelphia, PA 19104

The employment rate among adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) remains low. Employment support services are increasingly linked to the potential for favorable job outcomes, yet relatively little is known about employment support practices and outcomes. This presentation offers perspectives emerging from a Canadian study examining ASD employment support resources. These, and other, findings recommend an ecosystem model in which intersecting elements of individual job readiness and support are linked with broader community support access, family engagement and employer/co-worker capacity building. Dr. Nicholas will elaborate on this approach and its application in practice adding recommendations for community-based application, policy development and research advancement.

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