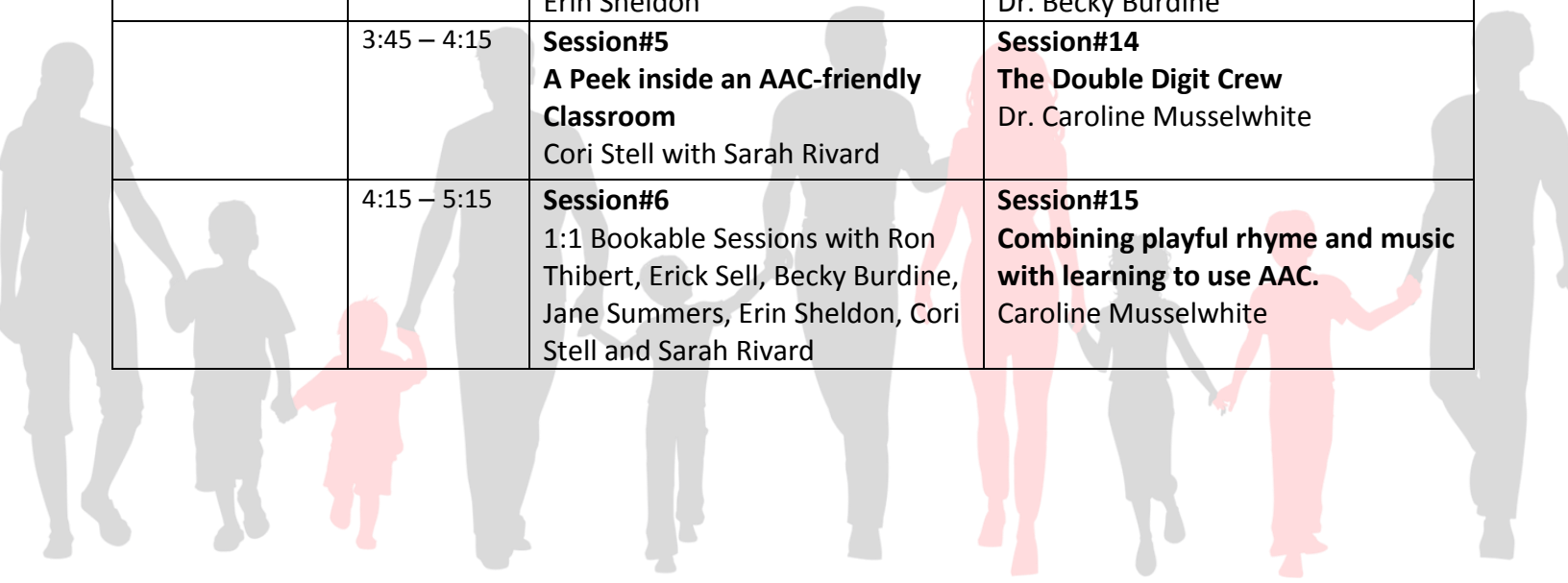




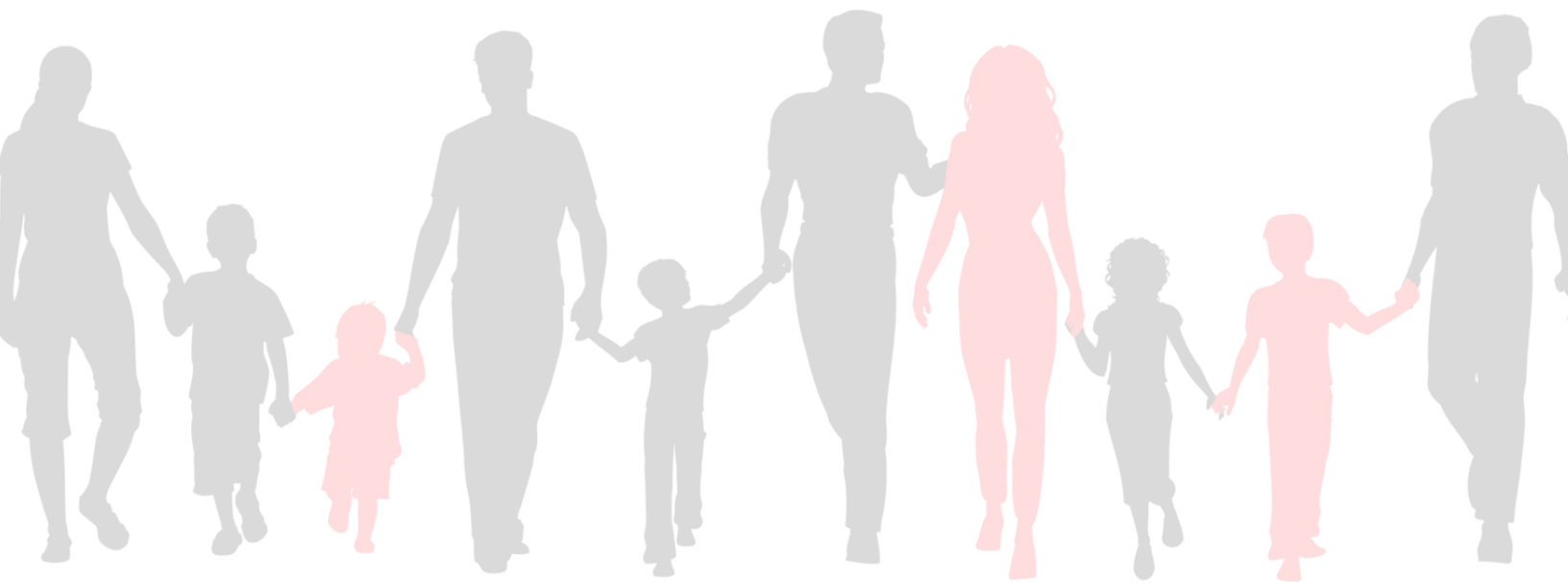
2018 Conference Program

Thursday April 19th 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Welcome reception in Windsor ballroom with complimentary beverages and appetizers.

Date	Time	Meeting room: Windsor A&B	Meeting room: Windsor C
Friday April 20 th	8:00 – 8:45	YOGA	
	9:00 – 10:15 am	Session#1– AS seizures Welcome and Keynote Ron Thibert	
	10:15- 10:30	BREAK	BREAK
	10:30-12:00	Session#2 Sleep, anxiety, behaviour in AS - the whole 9 yards Ron Thibert	Session#10 AAC 201 I have AAC – now what? Erin Sheldon, Cori Stell, Sarah Rivard
	12:00 – 1:00	Session#20 (in Boardroom B) 1:1 bookable session with Brendon Pooran from Pooran Law	Session#11 How To Start AAC Group Dr. Caroline Musselwhite with Tracey Campbell
	1:00 – 2:30	Session#3 AAC 101 - What the bleep is AAC and why is everyone talking about it? Erin Sheldon	Session#12 Update in clinical trials and research Dr. Becky Burdine
	2:30 – 2:45	BREAK	BREAK
	2:45 – 3:45	Session#4 AAC 202 - How to help support AAC use in school. Erin Sheldon	Session #13 First timers and introduction to AS genetics Dr. Becky Burdine
	3:45 – 4:15	Session#5 A Peek inside an AAC-friendly Classroom Cori Stell with Sarah Rivard	Session#14 The Double Digit Crew Dr. Caroline Musselwhite
	4:15 – 5:15	Session#6 1:1 Bookable Sessions with Ron Thibert, Erick Sell, Becky Burdine, Jane Summers, Erin Sheldon, Cori Stell and Sarah Rivard	Session#15 Combining playful rhyme and music with learning to use AAC. Caroline Musselwhite



Saturday April 21st	8:00 – 8:45	YOGA	
	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Session#7 All About the Canadian AS Clinic Dr Erick Sell and Dr. Jane Summers	Session#16 The One and Only One Page Profile Session#21 (in Boardroom B) 1:1 booking with Brendon Pooran from Pooran Law
	10:30- 10:45 break		
	10:45 am – 12:00pm	Session#8 Lift each other up – supporting families living with AS. Mental health stamina. Lynn Schaan	Session#17 Hands-on Make and Take Customizable ALDs Cori Stell, Sarah Rivard, Kelly Meissner
	12:00 – 1:00	Session#9	Lunch
	1:00 – 2:00	Session#9 continued 1:1 bookable sessions with speakers Jane Summers, Erick Sell, Ron Thibert, Becky Burdine	Session#18 Bring your own device and learn how to use Pictello Cori Stell with Sarah Rivard and Kelly Meissner
	2:00 – 3:00		Session#19 I Got This! Conference wrap up Lynn Schaan and parents





Session Numbers, Titles, and Descriptions

Session#1 – Welcome and Keynote Seizures in AS

Ron Thibert

Dr. Thibert will give his amazing talk on an overview of seizures in AS and current medical interventions.

Session#2 - Sleep, anxiety, behaviour in AS - the whole 9 yards

Ron Thibert

Dr. Thibert is a pediatric neurologist who cares about the whole health of each patient. In this session, he will share information on sleep, anxiety and behaviour for people living with Angleman syndrome.

Session#3 AAC 101 - What the bleep is AAC and why is everyone talking about it?

Erin Sheldon

This session is perfect for those who are interested in AAC and want to know where to start and how that works. Erin will get attendees comfortable with the concepts of symbols, vocabulary and modelling.

Session#4 - AAC 202 How to help support AAC use in school – descriptive teaching

Erin Sheldon

How can we better support AAC learners in general education classrooms? With great teaching and appropriate supports! In this session, Erin Sheldon discusses the rationale and implementation of an important educational/clinical strategy, descriptive teaching, that can be used in a variety of settings.

Session#5- A Sneak Peek an AAC-friendly classroom

Cori Stell with Sarah Rivard

Whether you've had AAC in place for some time or are just getting started with your first Aided Language Displays, this brief session will share ideas for how to support the AAC user in your life. Get an inside look at what a couple classrooms have done to foster a culture that respects all kinds of communication and got the whole class speaking AAC!

Session#6

1:1 Bookable Sessions with Ron Thibert, Erick Sell, Becky Burdine, Jane Summers, Erin Sheldon, Cori Stell and Sarah Rivard

Session#7 – All about the AS Canadian Clinic

Dr Erick Sell and Dr. Jane Summers

Join this session to hear about the Canadian AS Clinic and how you can be a part!

Session#8

Lift each other up – supporting families living with AS. Mental health stamina

Lynn Schaan

This is an important session for families. Lynn Schaan joins us to speak the truth about being a parent including the importance of self-care, mental stigma and balancing family life. Lynn's words will make you laugh, cry and look at life differently.

Session#9

1:1 Bookable Sessions with speakers

Session#10 - AAC 201 - I have AAC – now what?

Erin Sheldon, Cori Stell, Sarah Rivard

This session is great for those who are helping their child or loved one access some form of AAC, whether it be simple one-page Aided Language Displays (ALDs), a light-tech communication book, or a high -tech device. You'll enjoy hearing real-life stories, (the good, the bad, and the ugly) and see amazing examples of living with AAC and modeling,. You'll also have the opportunity to practice talking with ALDs!

Session#11 – How To Start a Local AAC Group

Dr. Caroline Musselwhite and Tracey Campbell via Skype

The issues with our teens and young adults are so complicated. It's really helpful to think about how to find local allies and join with other local AAC-using families. Dr. Musselwhite will guide parents through how to start an AAC group that is easy, age appropriate, and fun!!

Session#12 - Updates in clinical trials and research

Dr. Becky Burdine

As a molecular biologist and AS mom, Dr. Burdine has her finger on the pulse for current research and clinical trial information. Not only does she run a super cool research lab at Princeton, but Dr. Burdine is also a consultant with Ovid Therapeutics. Join this session to hear an update on the progress research is making for Angelman syndrome.

Session#13 - First timers and introduction to AS genetics

Dr. Becky Burdine

Whether AS is new for you or you are a seasoned veteran, Dr. Burdine will provide a comprehensive overview of the genetics involved with Angelman syndrome.

Session#14 – The Double-Digit Crew - Activities for Tweens and Beyond!

Dr. Caroline Musselwhite

For families of kids in their double-digits: where to find books, how to engage in activities, curriculums to advocate for or even considering getting for Home use. Caroline has extensive experience with AAC adoption and literacy supports with tweens, teens, and adults.

Session#15 - Combining Playful Rhyme and Music with Learning to Use AAC

Dr. Caroline Musselwhite

Fun rhyming activities and music can engage students and support their literacy and language learning. These activities range from rhyming books to songboards to fun chants and raps. Age-respectful rapping make many of these activities appropriate across age groups!

Session#16 – The One and Only One Page Profile!

Erin Sheldon, Cori Stell and Sarah Rivard

The biggest challenge facing most of our sons and daughters is being understood and supported in a personalized way that honours what is most important to, and for, them. The One Page Profile is a tool to help others understand your son or daughter as an individual. Person-centered planning empowers people with disabilities by putting them at the center of conversations and decisions to define the direction for their own lives. The One-Page Profile is a person-centered tool that captures the most important information about an individual on one sheet of paper - through a process that aims to strengthen relationships & document effective supports. It's an amazing tool for EVERYONE, not just people living with disabilities. Join this session to learn about the process to create a one page profile.

Session#17

Hands-on Make and Take Customizable ALDs

Cori Stell, Sarah Rivard, Kelly Meissner

This session is the ultimate make and take – the one you've been waiting for! Many families start their AAC journey using Aided Language Displays (ALDs) -- and many with robust AAC systems in place continue to use ALDs as a communication support. Template ALDs will be provided, and participants will have support to customize them to bring home for their own regular use. Enjoy some time to chat with fellow parents while building effective communication displays for your child or loved one.

Session#18 - Bring your own device and learn how to use Pictello

Cori Stell with Sarah Rivard and Kelly Meissner

Pictello is a book-making app that many parents and school teams have found to be a powerful and fun addition to their toolbox. Be sure to bring your iPad with the Pictello app already loaded! We'll share ideas about when and why you might use this app to support communication and learning. And then we'll dig in to show you our favorite tricks, including how to use the Tar Heel Reader to Pictello converter, to make using this app even easier. Everyone will leave having made (at least) one Pictello book!

Session#19 – I Got This!

Mediated by Lynn Schaan, this is a parent driven informal discussion on what steps we do for self-care.

Session#20 – Bookable 1:1 session (location – board room)

Bookable session with Brendon Pooran from Pooran Law.

Session#21 – Bookable 1:1 session (location – board room)

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