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Milestones 14th Annual Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference June 16-17, 2016 *Conference Offers Two Days of Evidence-Based Workshops to Local Autism Community*

CLEVELAND – The 14th Annual Milestones Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference takes place on Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Landerhaven (6111 Landerhaven Drive, Mayfield Heights). Registration is available at milestones.org; rates increase on 6/11. Scholarships are also available.

Milestones invites family members, educators, administrators, therapists, clinicians, and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to attend this must-attend event to learn evidence-based strategies for all ages, stages, and ability levels. Complimentary lunch and parking are provided for all attendees.

"The Milestones Conference puts me on the fast track to effectiveness as speakers and participants alike share insights that would have taken me years to figure out on my own," Margaret Oliver, teacher and past attendee.

Highlights for 2016 include:

- Straight from the Source Workshop Series – a series of conference panels that give a unique perspective of living with autism and features moms, dads, siblings, and individuals with ASD.
- 9 exciting tracks: Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB); Behavioral Health; Communication & Technology; Individuals with ASD; Medical; Occupational Therapy; Parent, Family & Caregiver; School Team; Teen & Adult Services
- Continuing education for 10 disciplines, including Step Up to Quality and Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC)
- 75 evidence-based workshops
- 40+ exhibitors
- Parent Guidance
- Networking

"The Conference is a chance to connect, like an academic reunion, where I learn fresh ideas to collaborate with others in Northeast Ohio and beyond," said Tracy Masterson, PhD, Conference Co-Chair.

This year's national keynotes include James Ball, EdD, BCBA-D, and Jennifer McIlwee Myers, Aspie at Large. Ball, Autism Society executive chair, has provided educational, employment, and residential services to children and adults who are affected with autism for more than 25 years. Myers provides personal insight and understanding to individuals like her with sensory processing disorders and ASD.

Special speakers include Fred Nance, regional managing partner, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLC; and Lee Fisher, interim dean of Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and senior advisor, CEOs for Cities.

Sponsors include the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Cleveland Clinic Children's, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, MetroHealth, Monarch Center for Autism, Robert W. Baird and Company, Westminster Technologies, Cleveland State University College of Education and Human Services, and others.

For more information about the 14th Annual Milestones Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference, please visit milestones.org.

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About Milestones Autism Resources

Founded in 2003, Milestones Autism Resources improves the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum throughout Northeast Ohio by educating, coaching, and connecting the autism community with evidence-based information. Milestones is the first call for help at each transition of an individual's life. Milestones envisions a community in which individuals on the autism spectrum reach their full potential as contributing members of society, recognized for their strengths and supported in their challenges. Each year, Milestones serves more than 2,400 parents, professionals, and individuals of all ages and abilities through an annual conference, trainings, and coaching services. The website, milestones.org, connects 58,000 unique visitors to more than 1,000 autism resources.