



The Division of Developmental Disabilities will host Lunch and Learn Sessions monthly on the third Wednesday, beginning April 16, 2025.

This first session will focus on Autism Spectrum Disorder and feature information from the *In a Different Toolkit: For Autism Understanding*.

- Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Topic: Autism Spectrum Disorder: Understanding the Fundamentals of the Diagnosis
- Presenters:
 - Dr. Kelly Donohue, Ph.D, ABPP L - Licensed Psychologist, Medical Records Reviewer, Division of Developmental Disabilities
 - Mary DeCarlo, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA - Licensed Behavior Analyst, Program Administrator-Behavior Support and Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Today, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 36 children meet the clinical criteria for an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis. However, the diagnosis is so new that the man known unofficially as “autism’s first child” appears in a documentary called *In A Different Key*. The film tells the story of how he came to be called “Case 1” in the first medical article that fully described autism as a diagnosis.

After this session, participants will be able to identify three areas of impairment associated with autism spectrum disorder, summarize the core characteristics of autism, and understand the differences in support needs for individuals with autism.

Register for this Lunch & Learn:

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