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I’ve lived on the autism spectrum for 60 years. I started life with doctors telling my parents to place me into a mental institution. In the 1960’s doctors were convinced, my autism made it impossible for me to live and work independently. I will be sharing the three strategies that made me a success. My path to autism success I enjoy today was not quick, easy or direct.

I lived on SSI, SSDI, in Section 8 Housing for 14 years before I deal with all my autism and disability caused challenges. I eventually went to community college for computer science. I turned my college experience into a Summer US Gov’t internship that led to my current position where today I make a 6 figure salary. I share all this with you so you know I’ve lived the full autism experience. Today I have many friends when growing up I had one. Today I live in a luxury condominium I own and paid for with the proceeds of my job that I held successfully for almost 20 years.

**Wolf F. Dunaway**  
Self Advocate  
"The Autistic Werewolf"

**Breakout 2**  
**Preparing Autistic Individuals to Survive and Thrive in Adulthood!** (For all audiences)

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**Lunch with Wolf !**

Grab your lunch and join Wolf for a casual Q&A session during the lunch break!  
Location TBA