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Breakouts 1 & 2

Where Do I Begin?

Things to Think about After the Diagnosis

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This presentation will enable the learner to recognize the characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and learn some strategies to promote successful interaction with children with ASD. The audience will also learn about Pathfinders for Autism and other local resources as a way of finding information and resources that will help along the journey of parenting a child with Autism.

**Levels:** Basic, Intermediate, Advanced

**Topics:** Newly Diagnosed, Early Childhood, Childhood

**Audiences:** Educators, Families/Parents/Caregiver, Related Service Providers, Social Workers,

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