

Victorian Autism Conference

VAC 2010

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th August
Rydges Bell City Hotel Preston.

Call for papers/presenters

Autism Victoria will be holding a conference on the 5th and 6th of August 2010 at Rydges Bell City Hotel, Preston, Melbourne. This 2 day event is targeted at families, individuals and professionals with an interest in autism spectrum disorders and intends to cover a number of topics right across the lifespan.

The aim of the conference is to provide practical strategies and information on Autism Spectrum Disorders to enhance the quality of life of families and individuals affected by ASD. With Keynote speakers such as Wendy Lawson and Dr Richard Eisenmajer this conference promises to be an exciting event.

Our members were surveyed and as a result a number of topics were acknowledged as areas of interest. To ensure we deliver a conference which meets the expectations of our members we are only calling for papers which provide practical strategies and information on the following topics:

Early Childhood	Primary age	Adolescents	Adults
Coping with a diagnosis	Transitions	Puberty and sexuality	Adults: Why get diagnosed?
Making an informed choice on treatments	Funding available for school years	Success in the High School years	Relationships and Marriage
Communication	Family School and environment	Girls and ASD	Accommodation options
Funding	Accessing respite/ the importance of looking after yourself	Behaviour management strategies	Employment and Adult training
Diet	Sibling issues	Anxiety management	Managing Challenging Behaviour
Toileting	Working effectively with schools	Stress and Humour	Law and ASD
Siblings issues	Diet	Transitions to high School/ Leaving school Futures for young adults	Wills and Bequests
Keeping the relationship alive	Managing Bullying	Siblings issues	Quality of life

If you would like to be considered as a presenter please forward a proposal, **via email** comprising of a **300 word abstract** outlining key points and strategies given with contact details to Nicole Comerford at:

Email: nicole.comerford@autismvictoria.org.au

PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 26TH FEBRUARY 2010

Please also indicate if you seek:

- Speaker fees
- Accommodation
- Travel costs

Any other comments _____

Shortlisted candidates may be interviewed by the Victorian Autism Conference committee during March. Candidates will be notified of outcome by the end of March.

Autism Victoria thanks you for your interest in being part of what promises to be a wonderful event.