

AUTISM & NEURODEVELOPMENT

SYMPOSIUM 2025



SUPPORTING neurodiverse PERSONS THROUGHOUT THE LIFESPAN

Saturday 5th April



9 AM - 4 PM



John Gray High School



CMEs available



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EVENT SPEAKERS

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DR STENETTE DAVIS
*Consultant Psychiatrist
Health Services Authority*



DESIRÉE POWERY-TATUM
*President
Autism Cayman*



DR STEPHANIE EDWARDS
*Educational Psychologist
Department of Education Services*



RAYNE HARDING
*Head Boy
John Gray High School*



VICTORIA CARVALHO
*Deputy Head Girl
John Gray High School*



KAMERON KNIGHT
*Student
John Gray High School*



RACHAEL GAUNT
*Occupational Therapist
The Lighthouse School*



DENIECE WILLIAMS
*Deputy Principle
The Lighthouse School*



DELROY WATSON
*Inclusion Facilitator
Inclusion Cayman*



GEORGI-ANN MORGAN
*Music Therapist
Department of Education Services*



SLOANE PHARR
*Behaviour Analyst
The Wellness Centre*



LATONYA GARNES
*Behaviour Support Service Manager
CI Behavioural Support Services*

EVENT SCHEDULE

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8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcome, opening remarks and speaker introductions John Gray High School Leadership Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rayne Harding - Head Boy, Welcome and National Song• Kameron Knight - Remarks on being autistic• Victoria Carvalho - Deputy Head Girl, Short remarks
9:10 am	Creating awareness, understanding, and acceptance to bring about lasting change Desirée Powery-Tatum , Event Emcee, President, Autism Cayman
9:30am	I woke up like this - How Autism Shapes Behaviour Dr Stenette Davis , Consultant Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioural Health HSA / Alex's Place
10:10 am	Video 1 Teacher interview comparing curriculums
10:20 am	Unboxing Learning Deniece Williams , Deputy Principal, The Lighthouse School Rachael Gaunt , Occupational Therapist, The Lighthouse School
11:00 am	Coffee Break - <i>Sponsored by The Speech Studio</i>
11:20 am	Video 2 Parent interviews
11:35 am	How Music Therapy Helps with Regulation Georgi-Ann Morgan , Music Therapist, Department of Education Services

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12:15 pm

Lunch - *Sponsored by Kirk Market*

1:00 pm

Video 3 Student interview - How do feel when you are told no?

1:10 pm

She's on the Spectrum Too: Rethinking Autism in Girls

Dr Stephanie Edwards, Educational Psychologist,
Department of Education Services

1:50 pm

Video 4 Student interviews

2:00 pm

Coffee Break - *Sponsored by The Speech Studio*

2:20 pm

School is done, what now?

Sloane Pharr, Behaviour Analyst, The Wellness Centre

3:00 pm

Natural Pathways to Employment.

Delroy Watson, Inclusion Facilitator, Inclusion Cayman

3:40 pm

Closing Remarks

Latonya Garnes, Behaviour Support Service Manager,
Cayman Islands Support Services

4:00 pm

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Dr Catherine Day, Consultant Clinical Psychologist

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P R O P E R T I E S

LUNCH



COFFEE BREAK



ABOUT US



DESIRÉE POWERY-TATUM

President, Autism Cayman



Autism Cayman is a non-profit, organization that was incorporated in February of 2024 but for me the journey started 10 years ago, when my son, at 3 years old started to lose language, in its place started loud vocalizations, engaged in repetitive behaviors which all pointed to signs of autism. Every autistic person has their own unique story but as I share more with others about my sons journey, it becomes clearer that we are not alone in this community.

Having these conversations is how Autism Cayman was formed. We are a group of autistic parents who believe that sharing our stories, advocating for our children and taking action for the wider community in a structured way will help to make lasting changes within the Cayman Islands.

Autism Cayman is dedicated to promoting autism acceptance and providing community-based support, information and advocacy to autistic persons and their families.

Our mission is driven by a deep understanding of the barriers faced by the autistic community - barriers that range from financial strain to social isolation, lack of understanding, and inadequate support systems. As an autism mom, I know only too well the challenges faced by parents and caregivers of autistic or neurodiverse persons.

We strive to work in collaboration with our Autism Representative Council - which includes autistic members - Autism Cayman is committed to representing those who need it most. We want to listen to autistic persons and families, to grow the conversations around autism in Cayman, understand the needs and act on how to support those needs. This cannot be done in isolation but will take support and advocacy from our allies and partners.

As a Caymanian, I have a deep understanding of the kindness that runs deep within our culture and so I also have seen and understand that true change must happen through working together as a community, sharing of information, education, resources and the need for community based initiatives, so that no autistic child or person in our country is left behind and can reach their full potential.

Our vision is to be the catalyst for a neurodiversity-embracing Cayman Islands, where autism is not just understood, but celebrated, and integrated into every part of our society. This initiative is a long-term project. We are dedicated to creating lasting change for autistic and neurodiverse persons who are in desperate need of ongoing support. Our goal is to create a sustainable, far-reaching impact that benefits the autistic community in the Cayman Islands for many years to come. We believe our mission will have lasting, have meaningful impact and change lives for the better.

I am very excited to see the impact that Autism Cayman will have. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

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Autism Cayman is a non-profit, non-governmental organization, incorporated on 29 February 2024 under s. 80 of the Companies Act (2023 Revision) with registration #408296 NP-694. We are dedicated to promoting autism acceptance and providing community-based support, information and advocacy to autistic persons and their families.

Autism Cayman aims to transform the Cayman Islands into a beacon of autism acceptance. We will do this through community-based support, information, education, and resources while advocating for the rights and full potential of all individuals on the autism spectrum.

To learn more about our mission and to support us with our aims please contact us.



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