

# Inaugural Hub for Autism & Neurodiversity (HANd) Conference



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### *The Transformative Power of Autistic Self-Knowledge and Self-Advocacy: Speaking Your Truth*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**

#### **FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Catherine Faherty, Author, TEACCH® Certified Advanced Consultant, and Authorized Social Stories™ Instructor and Jade McWilliams, Artist, Activist, and Autistic Advocate

**TIME:** 9am-4pm

**LOCATION:** Alliance Bible Fellowship, Boone, NC

**LUNCH:** PROVIDED

**FEES:** \$20 for professionals (certificates for attendance provided)

\$10 for students, families, and individuals with a disability

**For more information please visit:** <https://ihhs.appstate.edu/hand>

This seminar:

- Covers the essentials of how to foster authentic self-knowledge and self-advocacy
- Presents practical and accessible strategies to teach these strategies
- Discusses how to help those on the spectrum confidently “speak their truth” with a strong foundation of:
  - personal awareness,
  - accessible communication,
  - authentic choice
  - mutual respect

Further, the consequences of not growing up with autism-friendly ways of communicating and asking for help will be discussed in an honest, straightforward, and compassionate manner.

***Trigger warning: emotional, cognitive, physical, and sexual abuse will be mentioned***

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