

## *A Region 6 Autism Connection Event*

Founded in the late 1990s, Autism Connection was formed to improve services for students with autism in the Region 6 area and increase communication between all stakeholders including school districts, regional center, parents and nonpublic agencies. Region 6 includes the counties of Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne.

## *Target Audience*

Everyone whose lives are touched by autism

## *CEUs*

CEUs may be offered for select breakout sessions for BCBA & Speech Therapists only. Information will be available at the forum in the lobby.

## *Location*

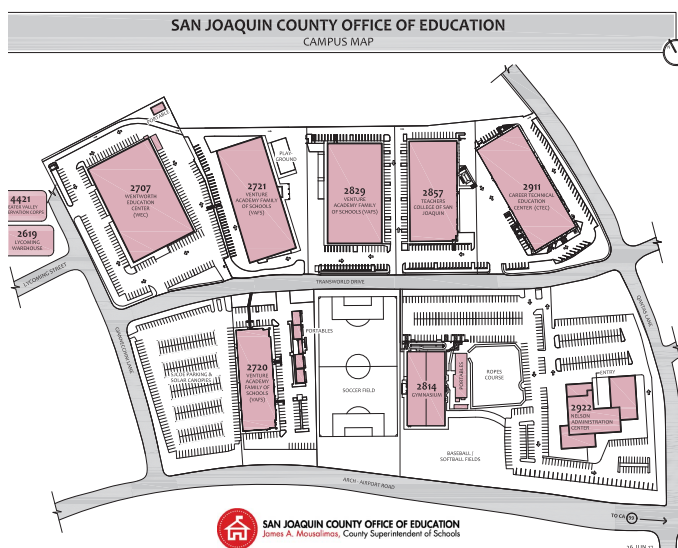
San Joaquin County Office of Education  
Wentworth Education Center  
2707 Transworld Drive • Stockton, CA

Burwood Auditorium

From South: Take Hwy 99 North to Stockton. Exit at Arch Road just past French Camp Road exit. Turn left onto Arch-Airport Rd. and go under the freeway. Turn right at the next light onto Qantas. Turn left at the 4-way stop sign onto Transworld Dr. The Wentworth Education Center is the last building (2-story brick) on the right hand side.

From North: Take Hwy 99 South to Stockton. Exit at Arch Rd. Turn right onto Arch-Airport Rd. Turn right at the next light onto Qantas. Turn left at the 4-way stop sign onto Transworld Dr. The Wentworth Education Center is the last building (2-story brick) on the right hand side.

***Additional parking is available across the street in the solar parking lot.***



Region 6 Autism Connection  
proudly Presents

*17th Annual*

# AUTISM

*Collaborative  
Forum*

**Keynote Speaker:**

***Ann Cirimele***

***The Road Less Traveled:  
Understanding the Emotions Experienced by  
Parents Raising Children with Special Needs***

**Tuesday  
April 10, 2018**

**8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**  
(Sign-in: 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.)

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## Presenter Information

Ann's son, Matthew, was three weeks old when she saw the first red flag that there might be something amiss with his development. Several years and several doctors later Matthew was diagnosed with autism and intellectual disability. Over the next three decades, Ann has been an advocate not only for Matthew but for all children with special needs and their families. Early on she provided support to local families through volunteer work with local organizations and non-profits. Then for 20 years, 18 of them as Executive Director, Ann worked with parents at the Family Resource Network. She provided support, information, resources and referrals to families raising children with special needs in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties. She conducted workshops on advocacy, special education, the Lanterman Act, sibling support and other topics. Ann has brought the parent perspective to local, regional and state collaboratives. But her most important role is that of empowering parents and helping them realize that their knowledge of their child provides vital information as they work collaboratively with professionals.

## Workshop Description

### *The Road Less Traveled:*

### *Understanding the Emotions Experienced by Parents Raising Children with Special Needs*

Sharing her own experiences as the mother of a son with special needs as well as her experiences as a professional, Ann Cirimele will present information on the array of emotions parents experience not only when their child is diagnosed as having a special need but also as their child develops. As time goes by, diagnoses change (or don't), children age, society's views change (or don't), and all those things affect parental emotions as they handle the day to day challenges of raising a child with special needs. Ann's presentation addresses the good, the not so good, and even a few of the lighter moments of parenting, and most especially provides information that leads to better understanding between parents and professionals.

**Registration Information**  
(includes coffee/pastries, lunch & access to online handouts)

Fee - \$20.00

**Limited \$10 Parent sponsorships may be available through Family Resource Network. Please contact FRN at (209) 472-3674 for more information.**

**Registration Deadline:**  
**Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018**

**Handouts:** All handouts will be electronic and available April 3rd. Please download/print materials before arriving.

**For more information on handouts, see the SJCOE.org homepage**

**Hard copies of handouts available upon request at (209) 468-4907**

### Agenda

7:45 a.m.....Sign-in/Coffee  
8:30 a.m.....Welcome/Award  
8:45 a.m.....Keynote - Ann Cirimele

*Break 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.*

10:45 a.m.....Breakout #1

*Lunch 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.*

1:00 p.m.....Breakout #2

2:15 p.m.....Breakout #3/Evaluations

Breakout sessions to include discussion and application of Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) respective to the following topics:

- Behavior as Communication
- Anxiety, Autism & Comorbid Diagnoses
- Full Inclusion
- Social Skills

And more!!!

## REGISTRATION FORM

### **Autism Collaborative Forum** **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

Sign-in: 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.

Forum 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**Fee:**  \$20.00     \$10.00 (with parent sponsorship)  
(If paying \$10, indicate parent sponsorship # \_\_\_\_\_)

(Fee includes morning coffee/pastries, lunch & access to electronic handouts)

**Check here if requesting a vegetarian lunch**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

District/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is required. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **Seating is limited.** Lunch is not guaranteed unless registration is received by April 3, 2018.

- **No refunds or credit will be given to participants. Substitutes are welcome.**
- *To confirm your registration and payment has been received or if special accommodations or a Spanish interpreter are necessary, please contact Pam Abdollahzadeh at (209) 468-9283 at least two (2) weeks prior to this event.*

### **Payment Method Accepted:**

**\*\*NO PURCHASE ORDERS ACCEPTED\*\***

- \_\_\_ **Check (payable to SJCOE)**
- \_\_\_ **Credit Card \$20 Link is: <http://tinyurl.com/y79dzcq2>**
- \_\_\_ **District Journal (San Joaquin Districts ONLY - see your District Business Office personnel to process journal)**

### Remit Form & Payment to:

San Joaquin County Office of Education  
SELPA Dept. Attn. Pam Abdollahzadeh  
P.O. Box 213030  
Stockton, CA 95213-9030

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