


MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Directors of DSN Boards and Contracted Providers

From: Constance Holloway, Esq. 
Office Director

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Subject: AutismConnect 2026 Conference

The South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities – Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD) is pleased to announce the return of the largest Autism Conference in South Carolina: AutismConnect. OIDD has partnered with the Carolina Autism and Neurodevelopment (CAN) Research Center at the University of South Carolina and the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) for this spectacular event dedicated to bringing together individuals, families, and professionals in the autism community.

Join us for a day filled with insightful discussions, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities for individuals impacted by autism. Don't miss this chance to learn, share experiences, and build connections at this year's conference!

The AutismConnect 2026 conference is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, located at 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. This event is FREE and registration is now open. To attend this year's event register [here](#) or visit [Eventbrite](#).

This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals, parents/guardians, and professionals to:

- attend 24 unique presentations/breakout sessions and interactive workshops;
- visit 80+ exhibitors and learn about services and supports offered throughout the state;
- discover information on the latest research findings and innovative therapies;
- connect with professionals and families in the autism community; and/or
- earn continuing education credits.

Exhibitor spaces are still available. If you are interested please register [here](#). If you have any questions about AutismConnect 2026, please email autismconnect@ddsn.sc.gov.

Don't miss out on this amazing event! We look forward to a day filled with learning and networking opportunities to assist with providing services and supports for the individuals we serve.

Thank you.