



# 32nd Annual Conference Saturday, October 17, 2009

*A conference for parents & professionals*

### Speakers:

**Dr. Timothy J. Wahlberg, Ph.D.**  
*Autism and Anxiety*

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**Christine Ekis, MBA, OTR/L**  
*Sensory Issues in Autism*

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**Christopher M. Kennedy Esq.**  
*Legislative Issues in Autism*

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**Anju Usman, M.D.**

**Defeat Autism Now! Doctor**

*The Gut, Brain, and Immune Connection in ASD*

8:00am-5:00pm

Forest View Educational Center

2121 South Goebbert Road

Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

Register online @ [www.autismillinois.org](http://www.autismillinois.org)

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The Autism Society of Illinois

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Autism Society of Illinois

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Saturday, October 17th, 2009

#### Location of workshop

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*Registration is limited-take advantage of the earlybird rate!*

*No refunds after October 1st, 2009*

Individual Rate Early Bird

\$65.00

Individual Regular Rate

\$75.00

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Professional Regular Rate

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# Agenda

## About the Speakers

- 7:30- 8:15am—Registration/Exhibits
- 8:15- 8:30am—ASI Welcome
- 8:30-10:15am—Dr. Tim Wahlberg Ph.D.
- \*Autism and Anxiety
- 10:15-10:45am—Break/ Exhibits
- 10:45-12:00pm—Christine Ekis, MBA, ORT/L
- \*Sensory Issues in Autism
- 12:00-1:00pm— Lunch/Exhibits
- 12:30pm-1:00pm—ASI Annual Membership Meeting
- 1:00-2:30—Chris Kennedy Esq. \*Legislative Issues and Autism
- 2:30-3:00pm—Break/Exhibits
- 3:00-4:45pm—Dr. Anju Usman, M.D. Defeat Autism Now! Doctor
- \*The Gut, Brain, and Immune Connection in ASD
- 4:45-5:00pm—Closing remarks/Adjourn

### *Timothy J. Wahlberg, Ph.D*

Dr. Tim Wahlberg is a licensed clinical psychologist and a certified school psychologist. He earned his Ph.D. at Northern Illinois University. Dr. Wahlberg has experience in a school and university setting, psychiatric facility, and a community health centers well as private practice. Dr. Wahlberg has published extensively on the subjects of autism and neurological impairments, and is involved in several ongoing research projects of related topics. He has spoken at local and national levels on autism and neurodevelopmental delay and has conducted a number of trainings seminars in these areas. Dr. Wahlberg is a member of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Wahlberg is currently the clinical director of the Prairie Clinic in Geneva, Illinois.

### *Christine Ekis, MBA, OTRL*

Christa is the Executive Director of Charlie's Gift. She has been a Occupational Therapist for 18 years and has specialized in working with children diagnosed with Autism and Sensory Processing Disorders. She has held various positions, most recently as Owner/President of KidzTherapy4Success, P.C.

### *Chris Kennedy, Esq.*

Chris is a founding partner in the law firm of Kennedy, Pierson & Strachan LLP in Lake Forest. In his 15 years of practice, Chris has served as a prosecutor, as plaintiff's and defense counsel in many civil trials, as a commercial litigator, and a appellate counsel arguing before state and federal appellate courts. Chris has led efforts establishing statewide programs and laws to assist persons with disabilities and their families, including ILL CHBS, police training in autism, -

Chris Kennedy cont.

The autism reporting act, and much more.

### *Dr. Anju Usman, M.D.*

Dr. Usman is a Board Certified Family Practice physician, the Director of True Health Medical Center in Naperville, IL, and a Defeat Autism Now! Doctor. She received her medical degree from Indiana University and completed residency at Cook County Hospital. Dr. Usman's mission is to help children with chronic disorders such as asthma, allergies, juvenile diabetes, mood disorders and autism spectrum disorders to lead productive healthy lives.

### *Audience*

This workshop is target to parents, therapists, educators, and other professionals working with individual who are on the autism spectrum or who have social, emotional, learning or sensory challenges.

- *Learners Outcomes*

*At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will be able to:*

- Better understand how a child with autism might think and learn so you can communicate and relate to the child's perspective of the world.
- Cite recent research on autism spectrum disorder and biomedical treatments based on these investigations.
- Discuss traditional and non-traditional treatment options and their outcomes.
- Locate community resources that are available for individuals and their families.

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