

Success with Autism: Developing Different Minds, Talents and Thinking

Facilitator(s):	Temple Grandin
Date:	November 20, 2023
Time:	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Cost:	
Location:	Edmonton (Fantasyland Hotel) 17700 - 87 Avenue
Session Code:	24-IE-457

Target Audience

Educators, Parents, Community Agencies (Children/Classroom age K-12)

About this Learning Opportunity

9:00 am	- 10:00 am	Keynote - The Way I See It
10:30 am	- 12:00 pm	Workshop - More Tips and Tricks
12:00 pm	- 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	- 2:00 pm	Keynote - Developing Talents
2:15 pm	- 3:45 pm	Workshop - Helping Different Kinds of Minds Solve Problems

The Way I See It

Dr. Temple Grandin gets down to the REAL issues of autism, the ones parents, teachers, and individuals on the spectrum face every day. Temple offers helpful do's and don'ts, practical strategies, and try-it-now tips, all based on her "insider" perspective and a great deal of research.

More Tips and Tricks Working with Children with Autism

Dr. Temple Grandin presents additional insights, perspectives and research that provides a foundation for practical strategies, and try-it-now tips that build your capacity, efforts and approaches in successfully supporting those with Autism.

Developing Talents

Temple Grandin draws from her own experience with autism spectrum disorders and her professional career. She speaks on how to nurture and turn talents and special interests into paid work, jobs that are particularly suited to individuals on the autism spectrum, and much more. She provides First-hand accounts of job experiences and advice from individuals representing a broad range of careers particularly suited for high-functioning individuals on the autism spectrum.

About the Facilitator(s)

Temple Grandin

Working with Children with Autism

Temple Grandin is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University and she has been a pioneer in improving the handling and welfare of farm animals. She was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Temple's achievements are remarkable because she was an autistic child. At age two she had no speech and all the signs of severe autism. Many hours of speech therapy, and intensive teaching enabled Temple to learn speech. As a teenager, life was hard with constant teasing. Inspired by her high school science teacher and her aunt on her ranch in Arizona motivated Temple to study and pursue a career as a scientist and livestock equipment designer.

Dr. Temple Grandin obtained her B.A. at Franklin Pierce College in 1970. In 1974 she was employed as Livestock Editor for the Arizona Farmer Ranchman and also worked for Corral Industries on equipment design. In 1975 she earned her M.S. in Animal Science at Arizona State University for her work on the behavior of cattle in different squeeze chutes. Dr. Grandin was awarded her Ph.D in Animal Science from the University of Illinois in 1989 and is currently a Professor at Colorado State University.

Dr. Grandin has received numerous awards including the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Livestock Conservation Institute, named a Distinguished Alumni at Franklin Pierce College and received an honorary doctorate from McGill University, University of Illinois, Texas A&M, Carnegie Mellon University, and Duke University. She has also won prestigious industry awards including the Richard L. Knowlton Award from Meat Marketing and Technology Magazine and the Industry Advancement Award from the American Meat Institute and the Beef Top 40

Helping Different Kinds of Minds Solve Problems

There are three basic ways that people think differently when solving problems. They are photo realistic, visual thinking like me, pattern mathematical, which is the way most engineers think and word verbal thinking. When projects are being designed, people with different ways of thinking have complementary skills.

industry leaders and the Lifetime Achievement Award from The National Cattlemen's Beef Association. In 2011, Temple was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. In 2015 she was given the Distinguished Service Award by the American Farm Bureau Federation and Meritorious Award from the OIE. HBO has premiered a movie inspired by Temple's early life and career with the livestock industry. The movie received seven Emmy awards, a Golden Globe, and a Peabody Award. In 2016, Temple was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Grandin is a past member of the board of directors of the Autism Society of America. As a popular inspirational speaker, she lectures to parents and teachers throughout the U.S. on her experiences with autism. Articles and interviews have appeared in the New York Times, People, Time, National Public Radio, 20/20, The View, and the BBC. She was also honored in Time Magazines 2010 "The 100 Most Influential People in the World." Dr. Grandin now resides in Fort Collins, Colorado.

This session is being offered on a cost recovery basis.