



Building an Autism Friendly Practice Conference **September 20, 2024**

This conference is designed for healthcare professionals (staff, clinicians, trainees, students, administrators, etc.) from any discipline or practice setting, seeking to create or strengthen their organization's ability to serve patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

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| 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM | The Autism Friendly Initiative at Boston Medical Center
<i>Alexander Friedman, MPH</i> |
| 9:45 AM – 10:30 AM | Panel: Patient Self-Advocates Share Their Healthcare Experiences
<i>Facilitated by: Elizabeth Ferriero, CEIS</i>
<i>BMC AFI Teens Educating, Advocating, and Consulting in Healthcare (TEACH) Board</i> |
| 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM | Communication Strategies for Non-Verbal & Minimally-Verbal Patients
<i>Katherine Shields</i> |
| 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM | Autism Friendly Healthcare: How to Get There
<i>Alexander Friedman, MPH</i> |
| 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM | Lunch |
| 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM | Behavioral Escalations & Emergencies: Quick Tips
<i>Jacqueline McKendry, MS BCBA LABA</i>
<i>Sara Bastin, M.Ed BCBA LABA</i> |
| 1:15 PM – 2:00 PM | Panel: Autism Friendly Healthcare in Practice
<i>Facilitated by: Shari Krauss, MA MPH</i>
<i>Selected Members of BMC AFI Steering Committee</i> |
| 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM | Break |
| 2:15 PM – 2:45 PM | Helping Your Autistic Patients Become Self-Advocates
<i>Andrew Arboe, Autistic Self-Advocate & Speaker</i> |
| 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM | Discussion & Lessons Learned
<i>Alexander Friedman, MPH</i> |
| 2:00 PM | Close |