

## ECHO Ontario Autism Psychology Course Schedule 2023-2024

**Please note that each ECHO Ontario Autism Psychology Clinic will be 1.5-hours long (3:30PM – 5:00PM) and will include a didactic presentation (20-30 minutes), 1 participant-generated case presentation (10 minutes), and expert and group discussion and feedback (40 minutes)**

Date	Topic
October 4, 2023	<p><b>Autism in School Aged Children</b>  <b>Presenter: Dr. Jessica Brian-Psychologist</b>  <i>This presentation will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How ASD presents in the classroom</li> <li>• Core symptoms of autism &amp; the DSM-5 criteria for an ASD diagnosis</li> </ul>
October 18, 2023	<p><b>ASD Diagnostic Assessment and Formulation</b>  <b>Presenter: Dr. Jessica Brian-Psychologist</b>  <i>This presentation will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key components of ASD diagnostic assessment</li> <li>• Making sense of all the information</li> <li>• Review of ASD Guidance Document and Checklist</li> </ul>
November 1, 2023	<p><b>Autism Acceptance</b>  <b>Presenters: Maddy Dever-Autistic Advocate and Dr. Melanie Penner-Developmental Paediatrician</b>  <i>This presentation will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of the language you use when you speak about autism and behaviour.</li> <li>• Developing sensitivity to the emotions of families and individuals.</li> <li>• How to help build acceptance in the classroom or in groups.</li> <li>• The risks of non-acceptance.</li> </ul>
November 15, 2023	<p><b>Psychoeducational Assessment in Autism</b>  <b>Presenter: Dr. Jessica Brian-Psychologist</b>  <i>This presentation will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Re)conceptualizing standardized assessment in ASD.</li> <li>• How to weigh the need for standardized procedures.</li> </ul>
November 29, 2023	<p><b>ABA and Behaviour Strategies in the Classroom</b>  <b>Presenter: Erica Laframboise-BCBA</b>  <i>This presentation will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key components of ABA interventions</li> <li>• Critical classroom readiness skills</li> <li>• Application of ABA strategies</li> </ul>
December 11, 2023	<p><b>Is it Sensory?</b>  <b>Presenter: Moira Pena-OT</b>  <i>This presentation will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 8 sensory systems</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How sensory processing challenges may present in school age children</li> <li>• Recognizing the difference between sensory processing challenges and other co-occurring conditions</li> </ul>
<p>January 10, 2024</p>	<p><b>ADHD and ASD</b>  <b>Presenter: Dr. Iskra Peltekova-Developmental Paediatrician</b>  <i>This presentation will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening, assessment, and diagnosis of ADHD in a child with ASD</li> <li>• A review of interventions (behaviour &amp; medications)</li> </ul>
<p>January 24, 2024</p>	<p><b>Anxiety and ASD</b>  <b>Presenter: Dr. Abbie Solish-Psychologist</b>  <i>This presentation will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of anxiety in children and youth with ASD</li> <li>• Group CBT for children with ASD</li> </ul>
<p>February 7, 2024</p>	<p><b>Language and ASD</b>  <b>Presenter: Ian Roth-SLP</b>  <i>This presentation will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determining receptive and expressive language skills</li> <li>• Strategies to help children understand you</li> <li>• Maximising a child’s communication skills</li> </ul>