

# Parents as Partners Conference

Workshop Session: A13

Room: 204C

## Keeping It All Together: A Tool to Support Transitioning Students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from Home to School

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Registering your child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in school can often feel overwhelming and confusing. Presenters will provide a tool that can help parents prepare their children for this transition, as well as organize the information that is important to share with their child's teaching team. Each participant will receive Keeping It All Together, a binder that can be personalized for their child as they move through the school system, building a strong partnership between home and school. Keeping It All Together binder.

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Lydia Tisma is the Central Coordinator for Autism Services. In this role she coordinates a multidisciplinary team of professionals who support students with autism, teaching staff and families. Since 2003, Lydia has been a contract lecturer with Ryerson University, teaching the Assessment for Programming course.

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Sara Yelland is a Special Education Consultant with TDSB Autism Services. She has a background in teaching students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and students with Developmental Disabilities. In her current role, she supports students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder as they transition from Intensive Behaviour Intervention settings to school.

### Lisa Cohen

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Lisa is the Manager of the School Support Program overseeing schools in Toronto. Lisa comes with a diverse background in the developmental sector, working in various roles and capacities. She has a background in Disability Policy and Critical Disability Studies. Lisa has supervised programs in the sector and has also supported individuals with ASD within different roles, including being an academic counsellor and a transition coordinator for students within Ontario universities. Lisa supports the school support team in successfully meeting the goals of the program and the needs of each student and family.