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Rudy Simone, *Asperger's on the Job*, Rudy Simone is a singer-songwriter, freelance journalist; she has published books on autism and spirituality and is a lecturer and researcher in the field of Asperger's Syndrome. **Current practice: *Speaker for Future Horizons, singer-songwriter, comedian, jazz singer, and author.***

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Dr. Lucy Jane Miller, *No Longer A SECRET*, earned her degree in Occupational Therapy, M.S. from Boston University (Neurology Specialty) (1974), Intensive two-year traineeship affiliated with the Psychoanalytical Institute of Boston with Joanne Finemann, M.D. and Judith Singer, Ph.D. (1976-1978), Ph.D. in Early Childhood Special Education from University of Denver (1986), and Certificates of Completion from University of Michigan (1999), AOTA and Mayo School (2002). **Current practice: *Director, Sensory Therapies and Research Center (STAR Center) at Greenwood Village, CO and Associate Clinical Professor, Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine and Pediatrics at University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, CO.***

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Stephen M. Shore, *Beyond the Wall: Personal experiences with autism and Asperger's Syndrome*, earned his degree in Accounting and Information Systems, B.A. from University of Massachusetts at Amherst (1986); Music Education, B.A. from University of Massachusetts at Amherst (1986); continued Music Education, M.A. from Boston University (1992); Special Education, Ed.D., from Boston University (2008). **Current practice: Assistant Professor, Special Education at School University, Adelphi University, NY.**

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Eustacia Cutler, *Thorn in My Pocket*, earned her degree in English, B.A. from Harvard University; One of Eustacia's children, Temple Grandin, has high functioning autism. Eustacia is affiliated with the Dramatics Guild, Actors Equity Association, The League of Professional Theatre Women/NY, and the New York Coalition of Professional Women in the Arts and Media. **Current practice: Eustacia continues to write and speak on autism and share her personal experiences with her daughter's autism.**

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Paula Aquilla, BSc, OT, *Building Bridges Through Sensory Integration* - co-author, *Sensory Strategies DVD*, *Sensory Strategies to Improve Communications DVD* - an Occupational Therapist who has worked with adults and children in clinical, educational, home and community-based settings. She founded the Yes I Can! Integrated Nursery School, Yes I Can! Summer Camp and the I Love My Baby Program in Toronto and was the director for six years. Paula was also the founding executive director of Giant Steps in Toronto, an innovative program of intensive therapies, academics, and support services for children with autism spectrum disorders.

**Current Practice:** *Speaker and author for Future Horizons,*

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**Raun D. Melmed** is a developmental and behavioral pediatrician and Director of the Melmed Center in Scottsdale, AZ. He is also co-founder and Medical Director of the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center, and Adjunct Senior Researcher at the Translational Genomics Institute in Phoenix. Dr. Melmed has established physician-training programs for the early identification of infants and toddlers with autism and other developmental and behavioral concerns. He is currently investigating the genetics and phenotypes of autism, as well as the use of novel therapeutic agents in the treatment of ADHD and autism. **Current practice:** *Research Principal Investigator for Forest Pharmaceuticals, Research P.I. for Seaside, Research P.I. for Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Research P.I. for Roche, Research P.I. for Curemark, Teacher and Speaker for Noven Therapeutic, Consulting for BMS.*

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**Maria Wheeler** - *A Treasure Chest of Behavioral Solutions* and *Toilet Training for Individuals with Autism or Other Developmental Issues*. Maria has spent more than 20 years in the fields of psychology and special education with an emphasis on neurobehavioral disorders, applied behavior analysis and specific learning disabilities.

**Current practice:** *Speaker for Future Horizons and she provides on-site educators of students with autism and other behavior and learning disorders. She also provides on-site coaching for in-home trainers and tutors, parent training, and professional development training.*

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**Lois Jean Brady, CCC-SLP** **Lois** has over two decades of experience working as a Speech Language Pathologist specializing in autism spectrum disorders. Educational accomplishments include a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology, Certificate in Assistive Technology, Certificate in Computer Based Intervention and completion of an Animal Assisted Therapy Program. As an author, Lois relies on her solid base of knowledge built from her hands-on experience and research. Her books include the award winning *Apps for Autism* and the *Speech in Action* book series. In addition, Lois designed and wrote an educational course and book on Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT.)

**Current practice:** **Speaker for Future Horizons**

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**Current practice: Speaker for Future Horizons**

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**Alexis Wineman** - Crowned Miss Montana in 2012, Alexis was diagnosed with PDD-NOS, an autism spectrum disorder at the age of 11. Miss Wineman struggled with some of the aspects that come with an autism diagnosis and with the support of her family her confidence began to grow which helped her improve her speech and cope with other challenges. She found her ‘voice’ through the experience in participating in the Miss America pageant and has since become a sought after speaker dedicated to building acceptance and awareness about autism.

**Current practice: Speaker for Future Horizons and others**

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JoEllen Cumpata, M.A., CCC-SLP co-author of **QUEST Program I and II – Social Skills Curriculum for Elementary and Middle School Student with Autism**. JoEllen has been an ASHA certified speech language pathologist for 37 years working in school, hospital and university settings. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Michigan State University. JoEllen and her co-author, Susan Fell, a school social worker, have developed this curriculum to teach pragmatic language and social skills in an intensive, sequential manner. In addition, the curriculum focuses on improving reading, speaking, and written language through instruction in specific social skills.

**Current practice: School Speech Language Pathologist, Grosse Pointe Public School District, MI**

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Susan Fell, LMSW, co-author of **QUEST Program I and II – Social Skills Curriculum for Elementary and Middle School Students with Autism**. Susan has 16 years experience as a school social worker. Susan and her co-author JoEllen Cumpata have developed this structured curriculum to provide students with intensive, sequential social skills instruction. Susan is a licensed master's level social worker in the state of Michigan. She earned her MSW from Arizona State University and her School Social Work certification from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI.

**Current practice: School Social Worker, Grosse Pointe Public School District, MI.**

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Cara Koscinski has her Master's degree in Occupational Therapy and she currently provides occupational therapy services, advocacy, and consultations as the Pocket Occupational Therapist. She specializes in autism, sensory processing disorders, behavior and social skills training. Cara has appeared on CBS on Anderson Cooper Live and has been published in Autism Asperger's Digest, Autism Spectrum Quarterly, APFED, Something Special Magazine and NewsLine among others. Author of *The Pocket Occupational Therapist for Families of Children with Special Needs* and *The Special Needs School Survival Guide*.

**Current practice: Occupational Therapist, Owner – The Pocket Occupational Therapist**

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*Nonfinancial:* Parent of two sons who have autism.

**Alyson Beytien** is a popular speaker, trainer, and mother of 3 sons with autism. She does training and consulting throughout the U.S. and Canada. Alyson is a Board Certified Behavior Analysis (BCBA) and has a Masters degree in Autism Spectrum Disorders from the University of Kansas. Alyson is a Behavior Analyst for Hills and Dales in Dubuque, IA where she is involved in diagnosis, assessment, intervention and training. She is the author of "Autism Everyday" which received the 2012 Literary Work of the Year from the Autism Society of America.

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**Carol Gray, M.A.** is a Consultant to Children, Adolescents, and Adults with Autism, providing support via workshops and presentations, information, referral, resources, and direct services for individuals with autism, their families, and professionals who work on their behalf. Carol is best known for the development of Social Stories™, a well-respected evidence-based practice used worldwide with people with autism of all ages. She is an internationally sought-after keynote and seminar speaker, and has completed over 1,100 presentations.

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Anita Lesko was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at age fifty. A 1988 graduate of Columbia University in New York City with a master of science degree in nurse anesthesia, Anita has nearly three decades as a certified nurse anesthesiologist, specializing in anesthesia for neurosurgery.

Having been honored by the United Nations as a guest speaker for National Autism Day in 2017, Anita is an advocate for people with Asperger's Syndrome. She started a support group for people of all ages with Asperger's and their families and friends, which meets monthly. She is the Founder of the Flying High with Autism Foundation, as well as founder and CEO of Born With Asperger's—an educational and helpful site not only for people with Asperger's, but their families, employers, fellow employees, educators, neighbors, and anyone who might know someone with Asperger's.

Her books include: *Asperger's Syndrome: When Life Hands you Lemons, Make Lemonade*, *The Blue Angel*, co-author of *Been There, Don't Try That, Try This! The Aspie Mentor Guide to Life on Earth*, a featured chapter in Dr. Temple Grandin's book *Different . . . Not Less*, and Lesko's latest book, *The Complete Guide to Autism and Healthcare: Advice for Medical Professionals and Those on the Autism Spectrum*.

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