

Autism Career Pathways

Thursday, April 2nd
2020
3:00pm to 7:00p.m.

Redwood City Library
1044 Middlefield Rd.
Redwood City, CA
94063





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AUTISM GOES TO WORK!


Turning Disabilities Into Possibilities!

A career expo designed to connect talented, differently-abled job candidates with forward-thinking, small-to-medium businesses in the mid peninsula region

HEAR from local businesses who are already benefiting from hiring workers with autism
TALK to entrepreneurs who are creating their own opportunities
SEE beautiful artworks, useful products and delicious foods produced by local entrepreneurs
MEET aspiring job candidates who are eager to help your company prosper
LEARN how to manage a special needs work force and how your organization can benefit from hiring these talented individuals

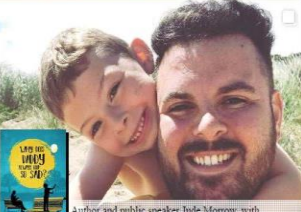


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Presents Guest Speaker
Jude Morrow
At the 'Autism Goes to Work'
Neuro-diverse Career Expo




Author and public speaker Jude Morrow, with his son, Edison.

"I've as long as I remember. I've always been different. The difference now is that I'm... brave and here no difference. And I want everyone like me to be the same. I want to take my autism out of shame. I want to be someone my son Edison could be proud of. By writing 'Why Your Child Always Look So Sad?' I hope one day I can be."
- Jude Morrow

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Matteo Musso

and his sidekick - Mom




Autism Career Pathways presents: 2020 Austim Goes to Work! Job Expo

Maisie Soetantyo M. Ed. will present the Autism Goes to Work! Expo taking place at the Redwood City Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City on Thursday April 2, 2020, from 3:00pm – 7:00pm.

This Expo will feature International and Local Authors, Artists, Entertainers and Entrepreneurs such as the internationally acclaimed best selling author Jude Morrow. New York Manga Artist and street wear designer Alice Yuen. Local SAG-Aftra Actor and founder of the Geek Club Jonathan Cormur. Internationally performing band The Dream Achievers along with Author Matteo Musso, The Happy Hand Toys company, and many others.

This event is Free of Charge and open to the public.

Dr. Stephen Shore once said, "If you've met one person with Autism, you've met ONE person with Autism".

It was this sentiment that served as the catalyst for developing the 'Autism Goes To Work' career expo; to show the world that Autistic adults are uniquely talented and qualified to be a part of the work force. We, the members of the Autistic support community need to engage one another to develop new solutions to the problem of neuro-diverse under employment.

As a first step in that direction, we have created the 'Autism Goes to Work' career fair to showcase just some of the art, products, music, talents and services currently being produced by Autistic adults. AGTW provides an opportunity for parents to feel positive about their neuro-diverse child's future, and a chance for business owners to learn the benefits of hiring from this very focused, loyal and capable talent pool.

Statistically the Bay Area has an unrealized resource which can be very valuable to local business. It is only in recent history that Silicon Valley companies have started to become more active in looking at the special skillset only Autistic employees can provide.

Local employers often have equal opportunity hiring policies in place, yet the uptake from the ASD pool is lagging. Why? Ms Soetantyo has identified the problem as this:

"There is no resource in place for businesses to access which is a 'how to' for screening, hiring and supporting Neurodiverse employees. It's not a lack of facilitation, but the hesitance is coming from not knowing how to hire successfully and in sustainable ways. We can prepare our Neurodiverse young adults all we want, but there are not enough open doors for them. I would say the world is NOT ready to appreciate and embrace Autistics."

Ms. Soetantyo is currently developing an Autism employability project for Differently-Abled adults. The Autism Career Pathways project is piloting:

- * An activity-based Career Screening Tool and video resumes.
- * Supporting Growth Mindset Curricula for caregivers and small business mentors.
- * Online and onsite training.

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