Are you the parent or guardian of a child with special needs?

Do you ever find yourself overwhelmed caring for your child with disabilities?

Could you use strategies on how to cope?

How about tips on advocating for your special child?

Would it help to learn from the successes and failures of other parents?

# THEN THIS

Special Workshop & Panel Discussion is right for you!

# "Behind the Scenes: A Parent's Perspective"

Wed, April 19th 2017 | Time: 6-9PM | Venue: Bda College (Hallett Hall H100) | Cost: \$30

MODERATOR: Mr. Qian Dickinson HOTT 107.5 Radio Personality & Co-Host of Medical Radio





As we celebrate April as Autism
Awareness Month, Tomorrow's Voices
- Bermuda Autism Early Intervention is
pleased to bring you this unique
training seminar relevant to not just
parents of children with Autism but to
all parents and caregivers of children
with special needs.

With Autism or any special need, many of us all too often underestimate the commitment required by families to help their children become the best they can be. Parents play an essential role in their care and development, and work every day to overcome challenges such as communication problems, sensory issues, temper tantrums, daily family life, services, and often the immense pressure placed on them from society. We hope that you can join us for this panel discussion where parents graciously share their personal experiences about raising and caring for a child with special needs across functioning levels and ages.

TO REGISTER EMAIL info@tomorrowsvoices.bm or call 297-4342 (ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER FOR WORKSHOP)

Participants will receive Professional Development Certificates

## **Featuring International Guest Speaker**



Mrs. Lorri Shealy Unumb Vice President, State Government Affairs, Autism Speaks

Lorri Shealy Unumb is a lawyer, professor, mother of three boys, and a nationally renowned autism advocate. Following her firstborn son's diagnosis with autism, Lorri began working in autism advocacy as a volunteer, writing ground-breaking autism insurance legislation for South Carolina ("Ryan's Law")

that passed in 2007 and served as the catalyst for the national movement toward autism insurance reform.

## **Featuring Local Parents**



### **Dr. Wendy Young**

Wendy is a University Lecturer, therapist, social worker and mother of two: 18 year old Evie on the Autism Spectrum, and 15 year old Ben, Neurotypical. Dr. Young continues to be amazed by the numbers of mums, including herself, who have struggled to meet the special needs of their kids.



#### **Manielle Fox**

Manielle, mother of three, of which her youngest son, (Aaron) was diagnosed at age 2 on the Autism Spectrum. Manielle will be sharing her families experiences during the diagnosis and how ABA therapy has helped Aaron since attending Tomorrow's Voices in September 2016.

#### Neil MacGuinness

Neil, father of two children, will be sharing his perspective on raising a son with specific needs in Bermuda. He will be describing their experience of the journey between diagnosis and treatment, and all of the stages in between. Understanding what a crucial role fathers play in supporting and advocating for their children, he is interested in providing insight into the challenges and triumphs they have faced, as well as their vision and hopes for the future.

Networking, Refreshments & Info Booths: 6PM | Workshop Starts: 6:30PM | Intermission: 7:45PM TEACHERS. PARENTS & HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THIS WILL BE A FANTASTIC EVENT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS

