

# The Bottom Line of Disabilities

*A symposium on innovative ways to address social, financial, and economic issues related to disabilities*

**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017**  
**7:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.**  
**COLUMBUS COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**3495 SOUTH WEST TEMPLE**  
**SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84115**  
**(801) 262-1552**  
Free valet parking available  
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**Young adults with autism will face an 80% unemployment rate compared to Utah's 3.1% unemployment rate that is driving the state's economic prosperity.**

How can we leverage social innovation that gives us a blueprint to guide these young adults on a path of inclusion and employment instead of isolation? This symposium convenes highly regarded panelists to examine emerging policies and practices so young adults with autism can contribute their human capital to an already prosperous community.

## *Replacing the Autism Puzzle with a Blueprint for Social Innovation*



**MASON** began participating in specialized training that would prove to draw out his social, technical, and academic skills in spite of his autism. Because of early interventions, he is a young man who is beating the odds and making future career plans.

**EVENT FEE**      **\$60 General Admission**  
                         **\$25 Student/Nonprofit fee**  
                         Includes light breakfast and lunch

**REGISTRATION**      [bit.ly/BottomLine2017](http://bit.ly/BottomLine2017)

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## Featured Keynote Speaker



**Elliot Francis, Co-Founder  
Optimizing Autism**

As a successful autistic, Elliot Francis will speak to the timeline of his evolution as an independently functioning adult and milestones that helped him reach his current point in life.

## Closing Remarks



**Thorkil Sonne, Founder  
Specialisterne**

An internationally recognized social entrepreneur, Thorkil Sonne has shifted the global conversation about the contributions those with autism can make to the workplace.

## AGENDA

**7:30 a.m.–8:00 a.m.**

**Registration & Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m.**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**8:15 a.m.–8:45 a.m.**

**Keynote Address**

**Elliot Francis, Founder, Optimizing Autism**

## Sessions

**8:45 a.m.–9:30 a.m.**

**An Economic Outlook: An Update from  
Top Economic and Financial Experts**

Globally recognized economists will share a “real-time” update on some of the larger economic, market, and financial trends that ultimately impact the local decisions that community leaders must consider in their current and future planning.

**Break — 9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.**

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**A Presentation of the Kem C. Gardner  
Policy Institute Vision for Enhancing  
Outcomes of ASD in Adults**

The Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute ASD Steering Committee will present a strategic vision with plan for measurement and strategy for improving adult outcomes of ASD.

**10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**

**Assembling the Puzzle Pieces into a  
Blueprint: Public/Private Partnerships  
that Work Today**

Practitioners will share the innovations that are coalescing into a comprehensive approach to leverage the human capital of the “tsunami” of the incoming generation of young adults with autism. Panelists will share innovative practices that are beginning to demonstrate outcomes and impact for young adults with autism in Utah.

**Lunch — 11:30 a.m.–Noon**

**Noon–12:45 p.m.**

**Today’s Success Stories—Young Adults  
Share Their Successes and Their Goals  
for the Future**

Meet a remarkable group of young adults with autism who will share the challenges they have faced, the goals they have set, and the personal successes that are allowing them to join their peers in the workplace.

**12:45 p.m.–1:00 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks, Thorkil Sonne  
Founder, Specialisterne**

**1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.**

**Breakout Sessions**

## Presenters

**David Altig, Ph.D.**, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

**Teresa A. Cardon, Ph.D.**, Melisa Nellesen Autism Center, Utah Valley University

**Kristy Chambers**, Columbus

**Cathy Chambless, Ph.D.**, University of Utah

**Arthur Cheadle**, NeuroVersity

**Mason Dimock**, NeuroVersity

**Philippa Dunne**, The Liscio Report

**Michael Drury**, McVean Trading & Investments

**Elliot Francis**, Optimizing Utah

**Megan E. Greene**, Manulife Asset Management

**Basil Harb**, Method Studios

**Safia Keller**, Columbus

**David Kotok**, Cumberland Advisors

**Dylan Lamb**, NeuroVersity

**Stephanie Mackay**, Columbus

**Michael McKee**, Bloomberg

**William McMahon, M.D.**, University of Utah

**Jeff Nelson**, Nelson Labs

**John Rockefeller, Dr. PH.**, Autlife

**Chad Salvatore**, Sorenson Impact Center

**Cheryl Smith**, Autism Council of Utah

**Ken R. Smith, Ph.D.**, University of Utah

**Thorkil Sonne**, Specialisterne

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