

# Workshop Notebook

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# Workshop Information

Dates: April Saturday 26th- Sunday 27th

Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm (Pacific)

If you live outside the time zone go to

Workshop Homepage: [Momsfightingautism.com/workshop](https://Momsfightingautism.com/workshop)

Please check the workshop home page for updates as we get closer to the time.

Phone in number for workshop:

Workshop streaming at: [Momsfightinautism.com/workshop](https://Momsfightinautism.com/workshop)

# Speaker List

This is a preliminary list of speakers who will be presenting during the workshop. Please keep in mind this list is subject to change, please check [workshop home page](#) for updates.

Chantal Sicile-Kira Greg Zibricky, CFP Laura Shumaker Tom Ott L.C.S.W. Nathan D. DeCorpo, Attorney	Denise Cavadias Maguerite Cohn Margaret (Peggy) Groce
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# Chantal Sicile-Kira



“Lessons on Transitioning to Adulthood”

## **Bio:**

Chantal Sicile-Kira’s passion for empowering others has led her to become an award-winning author of five books, speaker, and leader in the field of adolescence and transition to adulthood. She has been involved with autism for over 25 years as both a parent and a professional on both sides of the Atlantic.

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# Greg Zibricky, CFP



Topic:

## **Bio:**

With nearly 30 years of experience, Greg is recognized and regarded for his expertise in the fields of Financial and Special Needs Planning. He specializes in asset management, lifetime income strategies, life insurance solutions and trust funding. Greg has in depth experience working with people's most difficult life transitions.

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# Laura Shumaker



## The ABCs of SSI

### **Description:**

"What is SSI? At what age can my child start receiving benefits? How do I apply? Help!" Autism Expert Laura Shumaker will share the ABC's of Social Security and answer your questions." Laura is a San Francisco based autism advocate and disability writer.

### **Bio:**

Laura Shumaker is a nationally recognized writer, autism and disabilities advocate. Her essays have appeared in many places, including the New York Times, CNN, NPR, and in a popular autism and disabilities blog for The San Francisco Chronicle. Her oldest son, Matthew, is the subject of her book

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# Tom Ott L.C.S.W.



## Looking to the future: Residential Planning.

### Description:

Tom will sensitively discuss the nuts and bolts of residential planning for young adults on the spectrum.

### Bio:

Tom is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 35 years of experience in assisting and supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Presently he supports people through his individual and group work in a specialty clinic and he also assists people in making a plan for their future, based on their desires, situation and options. He works at a voluntary, non-profit agency and has collaborated with many other voluntary agencies and governmental partners.

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# Nathan D. DeCorpo, Attorney



**Special Needs Planning: marriage, credit cards, and all the frills.**

## **Description:**

Nathan is a lawyer who will cover the basics of special needs in regards to finances, marriage, credit cards, and other financial and residential issues for adults on the spectrum.

## **Bio:**

Nathan D. DeCorpo is Special Counsel to the Law Offices of Elliot S. Schlissel. Mr. DeCorpo is a practicing attorney in the State of New York. Mr. DeCorpo is a member of the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys as well as a Committee Member of the Trusts and Estates Sections of the Queens and Nassau County Bar Associations. Mr. DeCorpo is a frequent speaker on issues of asset preservation and works directly with the Quality Services for the Autism Community organization.



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# Marguerite Cohn



## **Utilizing the DIR(R) Methodology to Prepare Teens with Autism for Adulthood.**

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# Denise Cavadias



## Lifelong Learning: When College Is An Option

### Description:

Providing continuing education alternatives for students with special needs. We are private fee based consulting group, which assist in facilitating the movement of students with special needs to a supportive post high school program.

### Bio:

Denise Cavadias has an MS in Special Education and a Professional Diploma in Administration. She has served 32 years as a secondary Special Education High School Teacher, where she created and supervised programs, and served as a Grant Writer. For 20 years held a position as a Vocational Coordinator with the Town of Oyster Bay and Division of Employment and Training.

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