



CELEBRATING NEURODIVERSITY
with Kind Theory

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Presuming Competence

In the realm of neurodiversity advocacy, presuming competence stands as a guiding principle, a beacon illuminating pathways to inclusion, understanding, and empowerment. At the heart of this principle lies a profound belief: **every individual, regardless of their differences, possesses unique abilities, strengths, and potential waiting to be recognized and nurtured.**

Presuming competence isn't just a concept; it's a mindset that shapes how we perceive and interact with neurodivergent individuals. **It's about acknowledging diverse ways of thinking, learning, and communicating, and celebrating the richness of human variation.** When we presume competence, we create environments where everyone feels valued, respected, and capable of contributing meaningfully.

As advocates for neurodiversity, it's our responsibility to champion the principle of presuming competence in every aspect of our work. Whether it's in education, employment, healthcare, or social settings, we must challenge assumptions, amplify voices, and create spaces where neurodivergent people are empowered to reach their fullest potential.

Together, let's continue to foster a culture of presuming competence, one that celebrates diversity, champions inclusion, and honors the inherent strengths of every individual. By embracing neurodiversity and presuming competence, we can build a more equitable and compassionate society where everyone has the opportunity to shine.



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Highlights



Featured Articles

WHO ARE WE?

We are not impaired, but
improvised

We are not ominous, but
synonymous

We are not grave, but gravitas

We are not a farce, but a force

BY SWARIT GOPALAN



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CHOICEST LIVES

The choice is a privilege

Its power is a leap

Most long for it

Few experience it

Poorer are lives

Full of potential but

Constrained by choices





Painting with a Purpose



Sunflowers, because not all disabilities are visible!

We are grateful to Painting with a Twist (McKinney Studio) for hosting this fun and creative fundraising class for us! With the final strokes of color drying, we truly enjoyed the class filled with laughter and creativity. Our deepest gratitude to each and every one of the participants for supporting us!

CELEBRATING NEURODIVERSITY

Understand Autism

- Through a lens of Neurodiversity

Challenge Stereotypes & Stigma

- Presume Competence

Meet Autistic Adults and Children

- Promote Understanding,
Acceptance and Inclusion

Enjoy Autistic Talent

- Featuring our EMCEE - Taylor Heaton (Mom on the Spectrum)
- Debuting as a Non-Speaking Song Writer - Hasan Ahmed
- Young Autistic Artist & Singer - Ashvita Kunder
- Autistic Neurodivergent Performer - Briley Casserilla
- Autistic Keynote Speaker - Lauren Melissa Ellzey
- Neurodivergent Artist - Drew Whitaker



12PM - 2:30 PM CST



Sunday, April 28th
2024

Venue:

The McKinney Cotton Mill
610 Elm Street 75069



Scan for Tickets!

Celebrating Neurodiversity with Kind Theory



Celebrating Neurodiversity: A heartfelt journey through inspiring performances and cherished memories. Here's a glimpse of the celebration we shared.

Introduced our Building Safe & Supportive Communities Program



“I’m very happy to be helping on the front end of this because I believe we are going to be able to help prepare officers to understand autistic people and I believe that we are going to be able to help prepare the autistic community.”

- Terra Vance, Founder NeuroClastic

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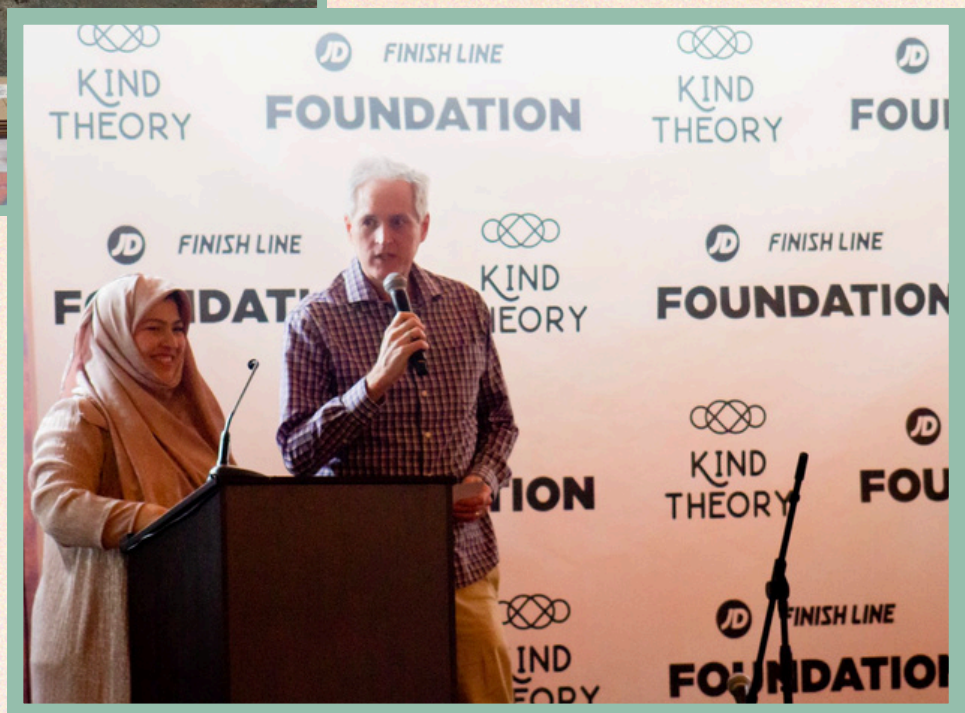
“I believe this program, BSSC program, is helpful because as it states it helps us to build safe and supportive communities. This is something that we need. Its bidirectional learning. It is the community learning strategies to interact with law enforcement safely. It is law enforcement understanding how we operate, how we work, and community resources being brought together so that we can reduce the risk of harm and death which is so elevated in our communities.- **Morenike Giwa Onaiwu, Board Member KT & BSSC Resource Developer**

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**Empowerment through Art, Celebrating our own
Neurodivergent Artists.**

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Shifting our focus beyond Inclusion and Acceptance to Celebration.



UPCOMING
Events

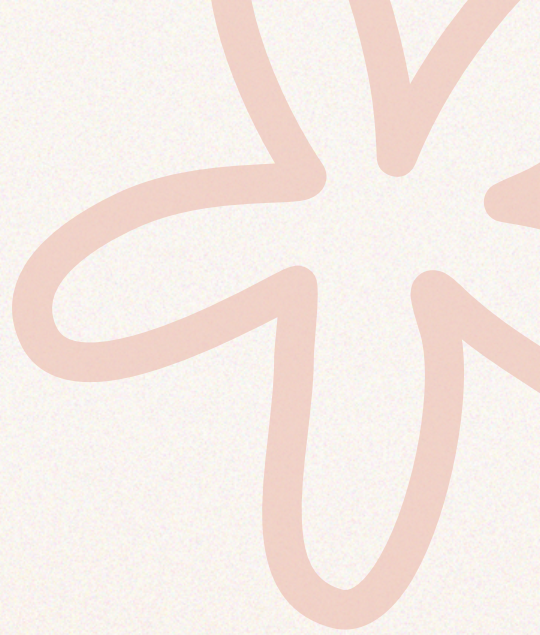


Monthly Community Resource and Engagement Sessions



Finding neurodiversity affirming resources for Autism and ADHD can often seem overwhelming, especially when it comes to connecting with the experts who truly understand. That's why we found the need to launch our Monthly Community Resource and Engagement Sessions starting from June. Whether you're a neurotypical ally striving to support neurodivergent friends and family or part of our neurokin community, we're dedicated to supporting you through these sessions.





Support us with a simple scan:

