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2026 ASF FAMILY CONFERENCE PREVIEW AGENDA

July 30 - August 1, 2026 | Gaylord Rockies

Designed for every age and stage of the Angelman syndrome journey, this year's program is focused on helping your family gain practical, tailored knowledge. Under our theme, "Soaring into the Future," you'll find sessions centered on what matters most right now:

Research & Clinical Trials • Healthcare and Decision-Making • School and Daily Life Services and Supports Available to You

But what truly sets this conference apart is what you'll walk away with—not just information, but real progress: practical tools you can use immediately, progress on guardianship and POA planning, clear, personalized next steps for your family.

With more Meet the Expert sessions and small-group workshops than ever before, you'll have direct access to guidance, answers, and conversations that move you forward. And just as important—connection. From family receptions to meaningful conversations in hallways and small groups, this is where lifelong friendships begin. You'll leave not only more informed—but more supported, more confident, and amongst friends, 1,100+ fellow guests (and counting). This is your space to learn, connect, and leave equipped and empowered. Join us and let's soar into the future—together.

**Ongoing
during
Conference**

Exhibitor Fair

Showcasing 30+ leading brands and service providers

Meet with ASF's Consultants

- Shannon Barlow, counseling consultant
- Chris Keary, behavioral consultant
- Staci Zimmerman, IEP consultant

Participate in Research Studies

AS Natural History Study, led by Boston Children's Hospital

Soaring into the Future Workshops: Actionable steps to complete Powers of Attorney, ABLÉ Accounts, Cash Flows, and Estate Plans

Hosted by Protected Tomorrows



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TIME &
LOCATION
UPDATES
TO COME!

Thursday, July 30

Mid Morning

Newly Diagnosed Social and Info Session

Angelman Advocacy

Mid Day

SibShops Begin (open to ages 5+, pre-registration opening soon)

Music Therapy for Individuals with AS (accompanied by a caregiver)

Just for Moms, Dads, & Grandparents

Afternoon

AS Natural History Study 20 Year Celebration

Evening

Camp SOAR – Family Welcome Reception

Kick off the ASF Family Conference at Camp SOAR! A summer camp inspired evening where the full Angelman community comes together to connect, laugh, and enjoy the feeling of a Colorado campground with majestic mountain views. Enjoy games (like inflatable axe throwing!), a movie, and camp-inspired activity stations designed for everyone. Settle in, make memories, and start the conference together in the most fun, welcoming way.



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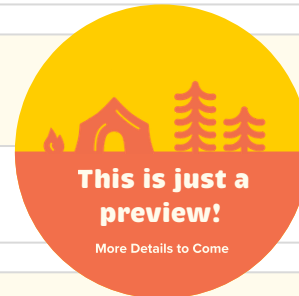
Friday, July 31

Mid Morning	SOAR with ASF , opening session
	Pipeline to Progress: State of AS Therapeutics & Clinical Trials
	Friends with Wings: Big Sib Bash , (ages 5+, pre-registration req.) <i>Featuring inflatable games, laser tag, dance party, and other unique experiences</i>
	Voices of Clinical Trial Participants

Growing Up with AS, introducing our age-based tracks

Afternoon	Childhood Track (designed for ages 0-6)	Adolescent & Teen Track (designed for ages 7-15)	Adulthood Track (designed for ages 16+)
	<u>Track Topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare Early Intervention & Elementary School Insurance, Waivers & Benefits Toileting Therapies (PT/OT/SLP) 	<u>Track Topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare Middle School to Graduation Insurance, Waivers & Benefits Toileting Therapies (PT/OT/SLP) 	<u>Track Topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare (ages 18-24) Healthcare (ages 25+) Post-High School Opportunities Medicare & Financials Toileting Therapies (PT/OT/SLP)

Afternoon	Inclusive & Adaptive Recreation Expo <i>Featuring Red Ball Tennis from USTA</i>
	Music Therapy Experience for Siblings



Evening	Special Movie Screening: Paper Bag Plan
	Adults with AS Social (for adults with AS and their caregivers)
	People of Color Social



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Saturday, August 1

Mid Morning

SibShop (open to ages 5+, pre-registration opening soon)

Soar Inside Today's Science & Tomorrow's Research Breakthroughs

Behavior & Anxiety: Meet the Expert Breakouts

- The Common Challenges
- Communication & Sensory Strategies
- Behavioral Approaches & Plans Across Settings

Mid Day

Prevalence of CVI in Angelman Syndrome

Seizures and Movement Disorders

Afternoon

Meet the Neuro Experts: Your Questions Answered

Being a Good Communication Partner to Your Loved One with AS

Afternoon

Dental Care & Basic Hygiene Strategies in AS

Evening

A Night with the Stars, Family Farewell Reception

ASF's unforgettable closing celebration honoring the true stars of this community—our incredible individuals with Angelman syndrome. Step into a glittery, star-filled evening with music, dancing, surprise guest photo ops, and moments you won't want to miss. This is your time to connect and soak in the joy of everything we've shared. Dress casually—but come ready to shine. Let's close out the conference the only way we know how: hearts full and those show-stopping smiles on full display.



*** Full Agenda Coming Soon ***