

2025 ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Friday, October 3, 2025

12:30-12:40	Opening Remarks		
12:40-12:50	Break		
	Professional	Parent-Friendly	Individuals with SM
12:50-1:50	<i>SM Intervention 201: Distinctive Features, Protective Mechanisms, and Addressing Cemented Avoidance</i> Aimee Kotrba, Ph.D., Katelyn Reed, M.S., Taylor Hicks-Hoste, Ph.D., LP, NCSP	<i>From Silence to Speaking: How Caregivers Can Support Speech Progression in Children with SM</i> Jennifer Brittingham, LPC, Elisa Shipon-Blum, DO, Jenna Blum, Psy.D.	—
1:50-2:00	Break		
2:00-3:00	<i>Freeze Response in Children with SM: Empirical Data and Therapeutic Recommendations</i> Maayan Shorer Ph.D., Vera Joffe, Ph.D., ABPP	<i>Am I Bribing My Child to Speak? What to Understand about Behavior Reinforcement</i> Becca Laptook, Ph.D.	—
3:00-3:10	Break		
3:10-4:10	<i>Silent Nights? Exploring the Sleep Patterns of Children with SM</i> Julia N. Villarreal, Ph.D., LP, BCBA-D, Andrea C. Roth, PsyD, LP, Shelbie E. Spear, M.A., TLLP	<i>Empowering Caregivers: Advocating for School-Based Supports for Children with SM</i> Brittany Bice-Urbach, Ph.D., Eliza Godfrey, Ph.D.	—
4:10-4:20	Break		
4:20-5:20	<i>Engaging Children with Selective Mutism in Speech Therapy: Partnering with SLPs for Collaborative Treatment</i> Rachel Rapp, M.S., CCC-SLP	<i>Play with a Purpose: The Caregiver's Guide to Using Play Dates as Exposure Therapy</i> Emily Laracy, M.A., M.S., CCC-SLP, Rachel Busman, Psy.D., ABPP	—
5:20-5:30	Break		
5:30-6:30	Mix n' Mingle		

Saturday, October 4, 2025

	Professional	Parent-Friendly	Individuals with SM
10:00-11:00	<i>The Nature and Management of Social Anxiety in Children & Adolescents, Dr. Ron Rapee</i>		<i>Selective Mutism 101 Understanding the Basics</i> Kira Boneff-Peng, Ph.D., Jonathan Kohlmeier, M.A.
11:00-11:10	Break		
11:10-12:10	<i>Emerging Tools for Emerging Voices: The Role of AI in Selective Mutism and Anxiety Care</i> Brittany Bice-Urbach, Ph.D., Giovanni Ramos, Ph.D., Jonathan Kohlmeier, M.A.	<i>Understanding the Role of Medication in the Treatment of SM: Addressing the Questions of When, Why, and How</i> Rupal Upadhyay, MD, FAAP	<i>A Taste of Treatment: Sampling Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Strategies for SM</i> Katelyn Reed, M.S.
12:10-12:20	Break		
12:20-1:20	<i>Understanding the Long-term Impact of Having Selective Mutism During Childhood</i> Jami Furr, Ph.D., Suneeta Monga, MD, FRCPC, Aileen Herrera, M.S., LMHC, Carolina Costa, M.S., LMHC, Adelia Kamenetskiy, B.S.	<i>SM Explained: Creating Safe Spaces to Talk about SM in the Classroom and Beyond</i> Lucy Nathanson, B.Sc.	<i>It's Not Just in Your Head: Identifying and Challenging Thinking Errors in Adults with SM</i> Taylor Hicks-Hoste, Ph.D., LP, NCSP, Hannah Hamilton, LCSW
1:20-2:20	Poster Session/Lunch		
2:20-3:20	<i>School as Last Frontier: Overcoming Barriers to Progress at School in Complex Cases of SM</i> Kathryn Keough, Ph.D., Rachel Busman, Psy.D., ABPP, Emily Laracy, M.A., M.S., CCC-SLP, Dayna Goldberg, M.Ed.	<i>Overcoming Challenges in the Classroom: Creative Solutions to Address Common Obstacles to Speech at School</i> Rachel Merson, Psy.D., Alyssa M. Farley, Ph.D., Kaitlyn Wilbur-Smith, Psy.D., Vanessa Y. T. Ng, Ph.D.	<i>Living Your Values: Developing a Personalized Exposure Hierarchy Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)</i> Veronica Raggi, Ph.D., Yoko Shibata, Ph.D.
3:20-3:30	Break		
3:30-4:30	<i>Global Perspectives on Selective Mutism: Unique Approaches and Treatment Methodologies Across Borders</i> Ruth Perednik, M.A., Veronica Raggi, Ph.D., Sabine Laerum, SLP, M.A., Anita Huang, M.A., Junhua Wang Reitman, M.Sc., Elisa Neiva Vieira M.A.	<i>The Ripple Effect: Building Confidence at Home to Achieve Progress in Public</i> Eleanor Ezell, LCSW	<i>From Silence to Connection: Building Confidence in Social Conversation Skills</i> Kristin Mathis, M.S., CCC-SLP
4:30-4:40	Break		
4:40-5:15	Hear Our Voices Panel		
5:15-6:00	Expert Q&A, Closing Remarks		