

2026 SATB2-Associated Syndrome Family & Medical Conference
Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Downtown Center
Oklahoma City, OK

Roundtable Agenda and Descriptions

Thursday, July 23

Time	Location	Title/Moderator	Description
10:00am	Gaylord	IEPs: Middle School Mary Mecham	It's no secret services decline as children move up in the school system. This roundtable will focus on making the most of your child's middle school IEP.
	Gaylord	Extended Family Evan Eastman	Extended family members are a source of help and support to parents as they navigate life with their SATB2 child. Come share strategies, stories, and suggestions to help create a meaningful life for the entire family.
	Gaylord	Building Your Village: Finding and Using Support Danella Pochman	If it takes a village, where's yours? This roundtable will focus on how parents have found support, both locally and virtually, as well as why it's worth the effort.
11:00am	Gaylord	AAC in Real Life Able Tech	AAC can be the answer to your child's communication needs. But what's it really like to learn? What does daily use look like and what makes it successful? Share your experiences and lessons learned with other parents.
	Gaylord	Dental Issues: Going to the Dentist, Braces, and More Katie Noble	Dental issues are common! This roundtable will focus discussion on what dental issues you have faced, what options you pursued, and share tips and strategies for getting through orthodontic treatment.
	Gaylord	Transitions: Middle School to High School Trisha Kamps	Navigating between middle school and high school can be a challenge. Share your tips and strategies with other parents and learn what has worked for them.

Friday, July 24 - Morning

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10:00am	Gaylord	Group Homes and Beyond: Transitioning to Supported Living Options Jennifer Schulte	Transitioning your child to a new living arrangement, outside of your home, can be overwhelming, scary, and confusing. This roundtable will discuss what the transition looks, and feels, like, and how you can help set your child, and yourself, up for a successful transition.
	Gaylord	Meaningful Adult Life: Work, Day Programs, and More Nancy Daddino	What is life after high school? What programs are available and how can you help your SAS loved one build a meaningful life? Share what's working for you, what to look for in programs, and how to ensure a full adult life for your child.
	Gaylord	Meet the New Executive Director Susan Comparato	The SATB2 Gene Foundation is thrilled to have hired our first Executive Director. Come meet Susan, share your story, and learn more about why she has chosen now to join the Foundation.
11:00am	Gaylord	Parents of Adults with SAS Todd Watkins	Do you have a SAS child 16+? Come share the adult experience with other parents.

Friday, July 24 - Afternoon

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1:00pm	Young ABC	New to Diagnosis: What We Wished We'd Known - Clinical Discussion Katie Bosanko and Rachel Ward	Are you navigating the information overload of a new diagnosis? Come discuss what you are learning, ask your most important questions, and learn from others who have gone before you. This session will have a clinical focus.
	Young ABC	Guardianship and Future Planning: Lived Experiences and Lessons Learned Lela Patton	Are you planning for guardianship? Have you gone through the process for your child? Come share tips, strategies, and what you'd wish you'd known as you sought guardianship, how it works in practice, and how to plan for the future.
	Young ABC	Dad's Group Evan Eastman	SAS Dad? Come meet other dad's for real talk on challenges, daily wins, and how you can support your family as you all navigate SAS together.
	Young ABC	Puberty: Girls Cathy Woodward	This roundtable is for parents and caregivers of girls with SATB2-associated syndrome to discuss what to expect during puberty, including physical changes, emotional and behavioral changes, menstrual care, and practical ways to support their daughters through this stage.
	Young ABC	Toilet Training and Hygiene Aisling Caffrey	Personal care can be challenging for those with limited speech, poor motor planning, and fine motor skill deficits. This roundtable will focus on how families have successfully managed toilet independence and personal hygiene. Come to learn or to share your success!
	Young ABC	Handling Your Child's Crisis in Real Time: Real Life Strategies Todd Watkins	Crisis planning sounds great - until your child is in a crisis moment. Come share what's worked for you in the moment, and learn how other families are navigating behavior crises in the moment.
	Young ABC	Housing Support Models and Independence: What's Realistic Stephanie Watkins	Do you know what types of housing options are available to you and your child? Come share your knowledge about options, and what's working for you.
	Everest	Supporting the non-SAS Sibling Jenna Garwood	SAS children take a lot of time and energy, and many families have multiple children. This roundtable will focus on how you can support your non-SAS child growing up with a sibling with special needs.
	Everest	Daily Living Skills and Independence Brad Anderson	What level of independence is possible for your child with SAS? It's different for everyone. Come share strategies that have successfully helped your child learn to master ADLs and become more independent.

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	Everest	Community Services: Tips to Finding Options and Support in Your Area Chip Erickson	Where are all the services? They are out there if you know where to look and how to ask. This roundtable will focus on what's available in different communities, and offer tips and strategies for finding and accessing services where you live.
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	Everest	IEPs 101 Mary Mecham	Come share tips, tricks, best practices, and considerations for establishing your child's first IEPs.
	Everest	Sleep Challenges and Regulation Jenna Garwood	Is your child struggling with sleep? You are not facing this challenge alone! Share tips, strategies, and techniques that have worked in your family, and learn what's working for others.