

## Heads Up - June Meeting Date Correction!

# CRAAG

Charlottesville Region Autism Action Group

The last CRAAG newsletter contained an error in the date of the June meeting. The meeting is listed correctly below and will be held virtually on **Wednesday, June 22nd not on June 23rd** as previously announced. You will also find the Zoom meeting link below. A meeting reminder and full agenda for the meeting will be emailed in early June.



**Next Virtual CRAAG Meeting is on  
June 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

### [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 371 306 7117  
Passcode: ysA8Ji

# Connect Engage Learn & Change



## WEEK 1: MAY 17TH-19TH

- Tuesday, May 17th**  
11:30am-1:30pm: **Virtual Pep Rally Kick Off** followed by Terra Vance; *Autism Through the Autistic Lens*  
6:30pm-8:30 pm: Jeffrey Snyder; *The Man Behind the Curtain: A DEI*
- Wednesday, May 18th**  
11:30am-1:30pm: BCBA Panel; *Compassionate Collaboration*  
6:30pm-8:30 pm: Barbara Simeroth, M.S.Ed.; *Off to College*
- Thursday, May 19th**  
11:30am-1:30pm: Dr. Herbst; *Kill the Impostor: An RFT Analysis of Impostor Syndrome and What You Can Do About It*  
6:30pm-8:30 pm: Dr. Herbst; *Accountability as Empowerment: A Behavioral Understanding of Integrity*

## Community: Stronger Together

CA Human Services 20th Annual Autism Conference is a week away and it's not too late to register. The fully virtual conference will run from May 17th-June 17th with 27 speakers and informational sessions. All sessions will be available on demand for up to three months after the conference. Need CE credits? No problem. They're available too!

[Registration Link!](#)

## Your Input is Needed

**UVA STAR** is conducting a research study in collaboration with the **Thomas Jefferson EMS Council** to develop evidence-based autism training for first responders.

The first step is to *conduct in-person focus groups* with key stakeholders. On June 6th, STAR is holding a session for parents/primary caregivers of children or adults with autism who have had interactions with first responders.

[Registration Link!](#)

### CAREGIVERS: SEEKING YOUR PERSPECTIVES ON **AUTISM & EMERGENCY RESPONSE**



- UVA and the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council are collaborating on research to develop trainings on autism for first responders.
- Seeking: **parents/primary caregivers of a child or adult with autism who have previously had first responder interactions for their child.**
- Participate in a **focus group** to share about your and your child's experiences with first responders and while your child is in crisis.
- This is part of a research study. All information shared will be kept confidential.

**WHEN:** MONDAY JUNE 6, 2022, 5:30 - 7:30PM

**WHERE:** VIA CAAAS  
491 HILLSDALE DR ROOM 104  
CHARLOTTESVILLE

Light refreshments and resources will be available

**REGISTER TODAY**

<https://tinyurl.com/FocGp>



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## Celebrate Father's Day!

**FREE  
EVENT**

All are welcome  
to enjoy a fun Father's  
Day at the ballpark to see the  
Tom Sox play at  
Charlottesville High School's  
Crutchfield Park.

DATE:



TIME:

For complete information, go to [www.tomsox.com](http://www.tomsox.com)

## About CRAAG

CRAAG began in 2010 in collaboration with CA Human Services (formerly Commonwealth Autism). *CRAAG's mission is to raise awareness and enhance the quality of life for people with autism, developmental disabilities, and their families in Charlottesville City, Albemarle, Greene, Fluvanna, Louisa and Nelson counties.* We are a volunteer action group for families, self-advocates, and professionals who are interested in all age groups and levels of need. The daily concerns of CRAAG's active volunteers inform our focus on the needs of students transitioning out of high school, adults throughout the lifespan, and their families. Our advocacy is person-centered aimed at maximizing independent living with supports; meaningful employment; social connectivity; and community engagement. CRAAG's 2021 Housing survey initiated a years-long initiative in our region to expand the number of housing options, supports and services available to meet the needs of adults with developmental disabilities.

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