

Speaker Series
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Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 7-9pm

Coming of Age in the Age of Technology

Dr. Raffael Boccamazzo, facilitator and coach

Dr. Boccamazzo will explore the unique challenges of raising kids and teenagers in an environment saturated with videos games and social media. With the constantly-shifting cultural environment online, Dr. Boccamazzo will address some of the challenges for both parents and teens, as well as how to help your child build awareness about their digital media consumption and develop self-moderation skills.

This new technological environment requires new insights, and this training will address how to approach your child with more effective questions and communication strategies, as well as understanding of why they might already be more social than parents realize!



ABOUT DR. RAFFAEL BOCCAMAZZO

Raffael Boccamazzo, PsyD, LMHCA, more commonly known as “Dr. B”, is a doctor of clinical psychology and psychotherapist specializing in working with gamers and geeks. For the last 5 years, he worked with Aspiring Youth in both individual and group capacity, and now acts as a training consultant for the Dungeons & Dragons social skills program. In addition to his work with Aspiring Youth, Dr. Boccamazzo has a private psychology practice in the Seattle area, and is the clinical director of Take This (TakeThis.org), a national nonprofit focused on destigmatizing mental health challenges in the game industry. Dr. Boccamazzo is a frequent public speaker at the national level on mental health, games, and the applied usage of role playing games.

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2400 NE 95th St, Seattle, WA 98115

About Aspiring Youth & Delphi Young Adults

By creating trust and connection, we help our participants ages 8 and up as they navigate their social world. Some of our students are shy, some are quirky and some are twice exceptional. Many have a diagnosis of autism, ADHD, learning disabilities or similar traits.

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Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 7-9pm

The Future Promise of Science and The Current Promise of Inclusion with Raphael Bernier, PhD

In this presentation we'll review the current state of science in neurodevelopmental disorders and outline the direction of research in precision medicine in autism and adjacent conditions. Through our discussion, we'll highlight the importance of biologically based research and underscore the critical role of inclusion in improving outcomes for individuals across the lifespan.

ABOUT RAPHAEL BERNIER, PhD

Dr. Raphael Bernier is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Washington, the Executive Director of the Seattle Children's Autism Center, Associate Director of the Center on Human Development and Disability, and a licensed clinical psychologist. He received his PhD at UW, his clinical training at UCLA, and also holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin and Tufts University. As the author of over 100 scientific articles and the book *Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Reference Handbook*, the Principal Investigator of several NIH and privately funded studies focused on the etiology and neuroscience of neurodevelopmental disorders, and an active clinician, Dr. Bernier is at the intersection of science and practice of neurodevelopmental disorders.

Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 7-9pm

Planning for Housing with Pam Blanton

Pam will provide an overview of housing options and talk about Partners4Housing's services that help families plan for and create their unique housing solution. Partners4Housing offers a Residential Assessment as a planning tool, a roommate matching program, assistance developing Shared Living homes, and consulting services. For more information, check out their website at www.partners4housing.com.

ABOUT PAM BLANTON

Pam Blanton, founder of Partners4Housing, has more than 25 years of experience working in housing and services for people with disabilities. During her 7 years as Housing Coordinator for King County Developmental Disabilities Division, her program successfully supported more than 450 people with disabilities in their moves to affordable housing. She collaborates with families, housing providers, case managers, and community-based organizations to ensure people have access to housing and the support services they need to live independently. Partners4Housing's mission is "to empower families to create housing solutions that meet the unique needs of their loved one with a disability."

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