

The California State Library Presents: Employment for California's Adults with Autism in 2017 A Lunchtime Discussion with Michael Bernick and Dr. Louis A. Vismara, M. D.

What: Former EDD Director and current Milken Institute Fellow Michael Bernick and Dr. Louis A. Vismara, M.D. will discuss initiatives to increase the employment of California's adults with autism and other neurodiverse conditions in 2017.

When: Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 12:00-1:15 p.m.

Where: Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Gillis Hall, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA

About the speakers: Michael Bernick is the former Director of the California Employment Development Department, 1999-2004. He is the co-author of *The Autism Job Club: The Neurodiverse Workforce in the New Normal of Employment*, (2015, with Richard Holden), and writes regularly for Forbes nationally and Fox & Hounds on the state level. Since 2004, he has been counsel with Sedgwick LLP, based in San Francisco, and a Fellow with the Milken Institute.





Dr. Louis A. Vismara, M.D. is the Executive Director of the University Development Foundation and helped spearhead the establishment of the UC Davis MIND Institute. He's advised many California Senators and worked on a variety of healthcare issues including California's landmark autism mandate bill enacted in 2011.

This event is free. Although not required, RSVP is requested at Eventbrite. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more information contact: Deborah Lynch (916) 651-6452 or Deborah.lynch@library.ca.gov.

This event is hosted by the California State Library and co-hosted by the California Workforce Association and AASCEND (Autism Aspergers Spectrum Coalition for Education Networking and Development.)

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