

NY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING- SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS  
AUTISM NEST, HORIZON AND AIMS OVERVIEW -PART 1

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

**DESCRIPTION:** During this session parents and advocates will learn more about the support provided in these inclusive programs, including learning, social-emotional, communication, behavioral, and sensory. After learning more about these programs, participants will have information to discuss with their school and IEP teams, during evaluations, and learn how to access these programs if they believe they may support their child. These Specialized Autism Programs are Nest, Horizon, and AIMS.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Parents, family members, caregivers and professionals who want to enhance the lives of children, teenagers & young adults. We welcome anyone who strives to achieve the same goals.

**LANGUAGE:**

English (With Spanish& Mandarin Interpretation)

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

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**ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**



**Michelle Netzler** is the Senior Executive Director of Specialized Instruction and Program Development at NYC Public Schools. In partnership with the Specialized Programs team, she leads the design of programs for students with autism, intellectual and multiple disabilities, bilingual special education, reading challenges, dyslexia, and those requiring intensive behavioral and social-emotional support in inclusive classrooms. Michelle also collaborates with the SEO Instructional and Transition College and Access Center (TCAC) teams to support school-based educators with training in intervention strategies, teaching models, post-secondary and transition supports, and special education services. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with extensive experience supporting families and children.



**Mark Corallo** is the Director of the AIMS program in New York City Public Schools. Within this role, Mark works collaboratively with the AIMS clinical team. The AIMS program team provides coaching support and professional development to schools in the areas of Structured Teaching, Applied Behavior Analysis/Verbal Behavior, Social Skills, ABLLS-R assessment and curriculum guide, and the understandings of challenging behavior.



**Kate Dolan-Cheney** is the Director of ASD Programs in New York City Public Schools. A speech language pathologist by training, Kate has worked with children on the spectrum for more than 26 years in a variety of medical and educational settings in New York. While with the NYCDOE, Kate has worked as a speech language pathologist in both D75 and community schools.

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