



Specialized Services for Children and Youth invites you to join us for  
**Breakfast at SSCY**, our monthly learning series!

**Topic:** Exploring the Neurodiversity Paradigm and Implications for Practice through the Arts

**Presented by:** Patty Douglas, PhD and Raya Shields, MA

This talk introduces the Neurodiversity paradigm and its applications to practice using findings and creative outputs from the *Re•Storying Autism* project, an international multimedia storytelling project in Canada (northern Turtle Island), England and Aotearoa (New Zealand) led by Dr. Patty Douglas. *Re•Storying* brings together Autistic folks, family and kin, educators, and practitioners in story making workshops to co-create knowledge and collaboratively advance affirming paradigms and approaches in education and health. The talk will focus on lived experience, interview findings and creative outputs (digital stories, zines) from recent research workshops in Aotearoa, England, and Manitoba. We consider how Neurodiversity paradigms and decolonizing approaches that focus on relationality, affirming difference, context, and unsettling Western ontologies and epistemologies open space for transformative practice that supports the thriving of individuals, family and kin, and practitioners, and affirms difference. Bonus: you will have an opportunity to respond to this talk both creatively and practically.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Learn about the Neurodiversity paradigm
2. Listen to and reflect on the lived experience of Autistic folks
3. Identify at least 3 ways you can use what you learn in practice

**When:** 8:00-9:00am, Tuesday, October 11th, 2022; Via Zoom

**Register to receive a link to this event:**

<https://rccinc-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcu6qrzosH9G0FQiDGYoU0jZ-cn9z71nh>

**Mark your calendar for our upcoming sessions:**

**8:00-9:00 am, Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Presenter: Dr. Krystal Thorington**

Previously recorded Breakfast at SSCY sessions and links to this recording will be found on the SSCY Website landing page below:

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**Everyone is welcomed to attend!**

