



LASE Specialized Education 2026 Insights Series



Tuesday, August 11, 2026

8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Registration 8 - 8:30 a.m.)

Creating a Neurodiversity-Affirming Classroom

What if the very things we've been taught to correct in students - like distractibility, intense interests, sensory sensitivities - were actually the keys to unlocking their potential? In this thought-provoking keynote, Emily Kircher-Morris, LPC, invites educators to reimagine their classrooms as places where neurodivergent students can thrive without having to mask who they are. Blending stories, insights, and the AWARE framework, she explores how simple shifts in mindset and practice can make a lasting difference for learners who often feel misunderstood. Whether you're new to the neurodiversity movement or already on the journey, you'll leave inspired - and equipped - to help every student feel seen, supported, and empowered.

Emily Kircher-Morris, LPC, is the host of The Neurodiversity Podcast which explores the psychological, educational, and social needs for enriching the lives of neurodivergent people. She is the author of several books for parents and educators related to supporting neurodivergent learners. Her most recent book, *Neurodiversity-Affirming Schools: Transforming Practices So All Students Feel Accepted and Supported*, was released in January 2025. She started her career in education and now works as a mental health counselor in St. Louis, Missouri, specializing in supporting neurodivergent people of all ages.



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