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The Governor's Summit

on Disabilities

June 10-12, 2016 ★ Hyatt Regency ★ Orlando, Florida



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR



June 10, 2016

Dear Family Café Attendees:

Welcome to the 18th Annual Family Café and Summit on Disabilities. We are committed to providing every family the opportunity to live the American dream. That's why we are committed to making life changing investments that will create more opportunities for all Floridians to get a great education and choose the course of learning that best meets their needs.

Our Florida First budget makes a record investment of \$1.3 billion for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and provides over \$39 million to offer waiver services to more than 1,400 individuals from the waiting list for the fourth year in a row. The Florida First budget also provides \$500,000 for job placement and training for individuals with developmental disabilities on the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiting list. The budget includes \$150,000 for a workforce program for ventilated quadriplegic individuals that will connect them with meaningful jobs.

We want all Floridians to have the opportunity to get a great job, including those with unique disabilities. We will continue to do all we can to ensure the Agency for Persons with Disabilities has the resources to help them offer their important services. Thank you for helping Floridians with disabilities grow and prosper in their own communities. I wish you a successful and informative conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor

The 18th Annual



Welcome to Orlando and The 18th Annual Family Café!

The Annual Family Café is a three-day statewide event that has been meeting the need for information and networking among people with disabilities and/or special health care needs and their families here in Florida since 1998. The Family Café Planning Committee, which is comprised of self-advocates, family members, fellow non-profits and state agency partners, plays a central role in planning The Annual Family Café. It is our mission to provide you and your family with an opportunity for Collaboration, Advocacy, Friendship and Empowerment in a family-centered environment!

We are excited to be at a brand new location this year, the Hyatt Regency Orlando! This recently-renovated property has all manner of amenities to offer, including expansive meeting space, several great restaurants and an amazing pool. We hope you have an opportunity to enjoy everything it has to offer.

This year The Family Café is turning eighteen, and that makes us old enough to vote! Coincidentally, 2016 is also an election year. The Family Café has always encouraged Floridians with disabilities and their families to develop relationships with their elected representatives, get involved in the policy making process and make their voice heard at the ballot box. This year we are continuing that tradition by once again hosting The Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities. Please take advantage of this opportunity to engage with Governor Scott, State Senator Bill Galvano and representatives of the State Agencies that serve people with disabilities!

We also have a series of inspiring keynotes in store to highlight important issues and get you thinking. Friday will begin with suicide prevention and mental health advocate Kevin Hines, who will share his story of recovery and speak on the importance of mental health. On Saturday, join

us to learn about an exciting new program made possible through the ABLE Act. Find out about how to create a tax-free savings or investment account for a person with a disability. Finally, we will close out Sunday with a conversation with USA National Skeleton Team member Dorian Willes, who is both a person with a disability and a parent of a child with a disability. His personal story of triumph is sure to inspire!

Of course, The 18th Annual Family Café will include all of the information and resources that have made it such a success over the years. There will be a wide range of breakout sessions on a number of subjects, with many of those sessions organized into "tracks." They include Military Families, Smart Money, Mental Health, Employment, Disaster Preparedness, Advocacy, Youth, Recreation, and Birth to Age Five. The tracked sessions are indicated by special graphics in the program. We also have a full Exhibit Hall with dozens of booths, including a host of self-advocate owned and operated Micro-Enterprises.

There's a lot going on this weekend, too much to mention here. In fact, this will be our largest Annual Family Café to date! We sincerely hope that your participation in The 18th Annual Family Café leaves you feeling informed, educated and empowered. As always, please let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better!

Yours,
The Family Café Planning Committee



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Dear Annual Family Café Attendee:

Welcome to the 18th Annual Family Café and Summit on Disabilities in Orlando. On behalf of Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities, I want to encourage you to make the most of this conference with the wonderful educational and networking opportunities that are provided.

Florida's Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is committed to helping people with developmental disabilities live, learn, and work in their communities. The agency serves more than 50,000 people with spina bifida, autism, intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and Prader-Willi syndrome. Beginning July 1, APD will also serve individuals with Phelan-McDermid syndrome.

The Family Café offers people with disabilities and their families a welcoming environment to educate themselves about organizations and resources that are available in Florida. Families and organizations must work together to come up with solutions to meet the diversity of needs individuals face. APD has an online Resource Directory at APDcares.org which may offer community solutions when government resources are not available. Please come by the APD booth for more details.

Throughout this conference, you will have the chance to share your challenges, experiences, and solutions. There will be presenters, providers, exhibitors, and other family members that will have valuable information to benefit you, so take advantage of the educational and caring atmosphere at this conference. Again, I hope you enjoy your time here!

Sincerely,

Barbara Palmer
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April 5, 2016

Dear Family Café Participants:

Welcome to the 18th Annual Family Café! The Agency for Health Care Administration is honored to once again serve as a partner for this great event. Family Café provides a world of opportunity for individuals with disabilities, and with more than 200 education sessions, this year's event is poised to be the most successful Family Café to date.

Our Agency always looks forward to participating in this event, and staff will be on hand to share information and give updates on the services that we provide for those with disabilities and their families. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to participate in our workshops and to stop by our booth to learn more about what the Agency can offer.

On behalf of the entire Agency for Health Care Administration, welcome to Family Café!

Sincerely,

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June 10, 2016

Dear Family Café Attendees,

Welcome to the 18th Annual Family Café and Summit on Disabilities. The CareerSource Florida network is proud of its partnership and continuing participation in this dynamic event, which helps to advance our mission to connect employers with qualified, skilled talent and Floridians with employment and career development opportunities to achieve economic prosperity.

Led by state and local business leaders, the CareerSource Florida network consists of a statewide workforce policy and investment board, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, 24 local workforce development boards and 100 career centers where job seekers and employers can go for recruiting, employment and training assistance. Our workforce professionals include team members who specialize in assisting Floridians with unique abilities in their job search, and the employers seeking to hire them.

We all benefit when Floridians who want a job can get one and become more self-sufficient. If you are looking for employment or if you are an employer seeking to hire, we hope you will take advantage of the expertise and resources available at this conference or contact the CareerSource Florida center in your community for help with your employment and training needs.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable conference!

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June 10, 2016

Dear Conference Attendees:

Welcome to the 18th Annual Family Café Conference and Summit on Disabilities! This year's conference has brought together a wide array of information and resources from exhibitors, micro-enterprises, presenters, fellow parents and individuals with disabilities. You will find personnel from the Florida Department of Education and its sponsored projects here to present on education, employment, school choice and transition topics. They will also be available at exhibit tables to answer additional questions you might have.

Family Café is one of the many ways we assist parents to be more involved in their children's education and help students with disabilities in determining their future. We hope over the next three days you will find opportunities to make new friendships, as well as find new information and resources you can take home with you.

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June 10, 2016

Dear Conference Attendees,

Welcome to the 18th Annual Family Café! It is so encouraging to watch the conference grow over the years to nearly 10,000 participants this year. This is a testament to the advocacy and information now available to persons with disabilities, their family, friends and guardians. The Department of Education Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is always proud to contribute to this event.

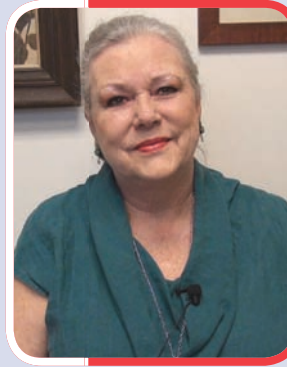
The conference is renewing its focus on employment, and I hope you will be able to learn more about the employment related services offered by VR. Our staff will be presenting on School-to-Work Transition services under the new federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); supported employment services; working without losing benefits; new provisions of WIOA that affect sub-minimum wage settings, and more. I will also be there to answer any questions you may have about VR programs and services. We stand committed to helping our customers prepare for, get or keep jobs in competitive, integrated community settings, and live independently in communities of their choice.

I hope you enjoy the conference. Visit with old friends and make new ones, while taking full advantage of all the information and resources available to you here. Visit the exhibition booths, and enjoy a wide variety of entertainment throughout the event. Most importantly, know that you have the full support of state, local and community stakeholders who are dedicated to helping people with disabilities succeed.

Sincerely,

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Celeste Philip, MD, MPH
Interim State Surgeon General

June 10, 2016

Dear Family Café Participant:

As Florida's Interim State Surgeon General, I am honored to welcome you to the 18th Annual Family Café Conference! It is such a privilege to be part of an event that provides an abundance of resources specifically tailored to Floridians with special abilities and their families. Family Café provides an exceptional opportunity for participants to learn about the many products and services available to help them achieve their greatest potential. Educational sessions, interesting exhibits and plenty of family fun are easy to find at the Family Café!

The Florida Department of Health is pleased to partner with the Family Café and offers several programs that support the needs of Floridians with special abilities. Collaboration with our local partners is key to meeting the unique needs of each community. We are fortunate to enjoy healthy partnerships with a variety of organizations that believe in our vision to be the healthiest state in the nation! You can learn more about the Florida Department of Health by visiting us online at www.floridahealth.gov.

Enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

Celeste Philip, MD, MPH
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Rick Scott
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Mike Carroll
Interim Secretary

Dear Family Cafe Participants:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Children and Families, it is my honor to welcome you to the 18th Annual Family Cafe. Family Cafe is making great strides to improve lives by strengthening Florida's system of care for Floridians with disabilities and their families – and by being here you are a part of that success.

Over the next few days, you will have the opportunity to learn about valuable resources, programs and support services, as well as meet others who are learning new ways to overcome challenges and reach goals. In addition, you will meet many dedicated individuals and agencies working to support and advocate for those with special needs and their caregivers.

This annual conference has become a Florida institution since its beginning in 1998, and the department is proud to partner with the Family Cafe and support its mission.

Best wishes for a lively and successful event.

Sincerely,

Mike Carroll
Secretary



STATE OF FLORIDA

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RICK SCOTT
Governor

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Director

June 10, 2016

Dear Family Café Participants:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management recognizes the important relationship between the disability community and emergency management. The 18th Annual Family Café event is an opportunity for families to discuss how to prepare for all types of disasters.

The first step to preparing for a disaster is taking the time to build a family emergency plan. I encourage you to explore all the valuable information available during this event and take steps at home to apply these tips to your everyday life. You can find additional resources on the Division's new preparedness website at www.FLGetaPlan.com. Information on the Florida Special Needs Registry can be found on the website. Be sure to register yourself or your family member who may need additional assistance responding to an evacuation order or sheltering during a disaster.

Children are encouraged to play a role in disaster planning. Professor Nimbus Tinkermeister the Division's ambassador for the Kids Get a Plan campaign will be available throughout the conference to discuss how to prepare for all types of disasters. Children can visit www.KidsGetaPlan.com to build a disaster supply kit, a family emergency plan, and to learn about flood safety.

Working together, we can identify ways to build resilient communities, thus creating an environment to support those individuals or families living with a disability. Partnerships between emergency management, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations allows for idea sharing for all phases of emergency management.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 18th Annual Family Café!

We're proud to continue our sponsorship of the Family Café, an important three-day community event that provides people with disabilities and their families with an opportunity to learn about available resources and services, to connect with policy makers and to form new friendships.

WellCare and our Staywell Health Plan have been serving disabled Floridians for nearly 30 years. That experience means we understand the needs and challenges faced by those with disabilities and their families. We know how critical it is to have a quality medical team in place, and a health plan that can step in to assist with care coordination and support services.

Our mission is to work with doctors, hospitals and governments to provide quality, cost-effective health care solutions. Members are at the heart of all that we do, and our goal is to help them and others in the community lead better, healthier lives.

We operate 15 WellCare Welcome Rooms across the state that offer a comfortable environment where visitors can ask questions about our health plans and get help accessing needed care and services. Our Welcome Rooms also serve as community gathering places and host hundreds of events each month that are open to the public. Offerings range from exercise and cooking classes to education on preventive health, safety and disease management topics.

We're proud to be your partner in health – and we invite you to visit us in the Exhibit Hall to learn more about our Medicare and Medicaid health plans.

As in previous years, dozens of WellCare and Staywell employees will be on-site volunteering to help make this year's conference valuable for all of you. We're the ones in the blue shirts. Please stop by and introduce yourselves. We'd love to meet you.

Sincerely,

Gregg MacDonald,
State President





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Advocacy



Youth



Recreation



Employment



Smart Money



Mental Health



Military



Birth Through Age Five



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Dental Screening, Regency Ballroom

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Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup, Regency Ballroom O
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Sharing the Commitment: A Nationally Recognized Model for Parent/School Collaboration, Celebration 2
Trauma and Individuals with Disabilities, Celebration 3



Trailways Camp – “A Place Where You Are Something Special”

Celebration 4

Getting the Services You Need from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

Celebration 5



Unlocking The Mystery – Guardian Advocacy and Special Needs Trusts

Celebration 6



Employment and You

Celebration 7

Finally, the Truth About Family Care Councils in Florida!

Celebration 8

Living in the Community: Residential Options for Floridians with Disabilities

Celebration 9

Getting Started with Literacy

Celebration 10

Gatorades Quench a Need: Peer Support Project Success

Celebration 11



Beyond Person-First Language: Self-Advocacy and the Words We Use

Celebration 12



The Next Steps: Becoming a College Student

Celebration 13



Toward Inclusive Work Opportunities: Implications of the CMS HCBS Settings Rule and the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act on Employment Services

Celebration 14

How Birth Defects Surveillance and Research Improves Families' Experiences and Children's Lives

Celebration 15

Social Skills Strategies for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

Celebration 16

Is It an Institution or Incredible Residential Neighborhood? You Decide

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Access Points 101 for Parents and Educators

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Delegate Roundtable: Spina Bifida

Bayhill 19



I Graduated! Now WHAT? School to Work Transition Services

Bayhill 20

The Silent Epidemic: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Bayhill 21



How to Become a Professional Job Seeker and Win the Job

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Toxic Trivia

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How to Start and Run a Successful Self-Advocacy Organization

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Finding a Care Provider for an Individual with a Disability

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How Do I Request an Evaluation for a Communication Device (AAC Device)?

Bayhill 27



The Emotional Effects of Families Caring for Children with Disabilities

Bayhill 28



Florida's Behavioral Health System for Children, Youth and Young Adults

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Meet Your School Liaison Officers

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Camera Mouse Assistive Technology

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Pyramid Players, *Foyer*
Royal DJs, *Foyer*

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Let's Get Ready: Planning Together for Emergencies Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness
Celebration 1

Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion: A Beginning
Celebration 2

Florida's K12 Scholarship Programs for Students with Disabilities
Celebration 3



Special Olympics Florida - Welcome and General Orientation
Celebration 4

Human Trafficking
Celebration 5



ABLE United: My Account, My Benefits
Celebration 6



The 21st Century Workforce
Celebration 7

Assessing for Underlying Medical Causes of Behavior in ASD
Celebration 8

Advance Directives for Individuals with Special Needs and Their Families
Celebration 9

Facilitated IEP - What Is It and Why Should We Use It?
Celebration 10

The Family Meeting: How It Can Enhance Relationships and Build Effective Communication
Celebration 11



Legislative Advocacy 2016
Celebration 12



Transitioning into The Real World
Celebration 13



Starting a Business: Is It the Right Path for Me?
Celebration 14



Employment First Florida: Bringing the Efforts to the Local Level
Celebration 15

Fair Housing Law - It's Your Right!
Celebration 16



Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS)
Bayhill 17

I Packed to Go to the Bahamas But Ended Up in the North Pole: Coping with a Disability - Child & Life
Bayhill 18

Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome
Bayhill 19



Postsecondary Education Opportunities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
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Getting to Know the Florida Division of Blind Services
Bayhill 21



Employers Want Experience, But How Can I Gain Experience Without a Job?
Bayhill 22



Self Determination - A Path to Success (A Panel Discussion)
Bayhill 24

Guardianships – Why They are Necessary & How to Avoid Them

Bayhill 25

Sibling Perspective Panel: Growing up with a Sibling with Special Needs – Tips on How to Have a Closer Bond

Bayhill 26

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Living with Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders: Epilepsy 101

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Working Roles in Recovery

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Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

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Pyramid Players, Foyer

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Brazilian Voices, Foyer

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Special Olympics Florida – Young Athletes

Celebration 1



Inclusion: Advocating for Least Restrictive Environment and Navigating the New Florida Diploma Options

Celebration 2



Building A Life of Work, Savings, and Asset Development

Celebration 4



What is the Consumer Directed Care Plus Program (CDC+)?

Celebration 5



Providing A Lifetime of Support – The Special Needs Planning Program for Families of Loved Ones with Special Needs

Celebration 6



Social Security Work Incentives

Celebration 7

TRAIN Florida – APD's Learning Management System

Celebration 8



Traveling the Seas of Emotions

Celebration 9

Be Empowered When Interacting with the Law

Celebration 10

Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter

Celebration 11



Creating a Person-Centered Plan in Order to Increase Participation and Belonging

Celebration 12



Come and Chat with The Florida Youth Council

Celebration 13



Work Makes the World Go Round

Celebration 14

Educate, Advocate, and Legislate: Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia = Specific Learning Disabilities: Making It Personal

Celebration 15

When the School Says, "We've Never Done it That Way"

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Living Life Outside the Box

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Overview of Available Resources for Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Survivors

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Delegate Roundtable: Vision Impairments

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Slacktivism 101: Online Advocacy in the Age of Social Media

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Just for Dads

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Navigating the Hiring Process and Accessing Employment Resources

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Updated Guidance for the Use of Service Animals

Bayhill 23



Busting Down Barriers – Despite a Disability

Bayhill 24

“What About My Other Kid?” Tips for Supporting and Including Typically-Developing Siblings

Bayhill 26

Cerebral Palsy & Augmentative Communication Awareness

Bayhill 27

We Can Do it Too!!!

Bayhill 28

“Do It Again!” The Importance of Repetition and Routines for Learners with Visual Impairments Coexisting with Intellectual and/or Physical Disabilities

Bayhill 29



Recovery Rocks! The Self-Directed Care Way

Bayhill 30



Resources for Military Families

Bayhill 32

Assistive Technology Advocacy

Regency Ballroom Q

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Brazilian Voices, *Foyer*

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Saturday, June 11, 2016

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Zumba, *Regency Ballroom Foyer*

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ABLE United Hosting Room, *Rainbow Spring*

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Dental Screening, *Regency Ballroom*

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Rock Climbing Wall, *Orlando Ballroom*

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Celebration 1

Successful Reading Strategies: What Everyone Ought to Know

Celebration 3



APD’s Billy Joe Rish Park – A Park for People with Disabilities

Celebration 5



Benefits and Tax Savings for Families with Special Needs

Celebration 6



Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Vocational Rehabilitation But Didn't Know Who to Ask

Celebration 7

What is the Consumer Directed Care Plus Program (CDC+)?

Celebration 8

Dispute Resolution: When the Team Can't Come to Consensus

Celebration 9



2016 Legal & Financial Issues For Your Special Needs Child

Celebration 10



ABLE United: Planning Your Financial Future

Celebration 11



Kick the Job Hunt – Start Your Own Business

Celebration 12



Transition: The Big Picture

Celebration 13



The Art of the Interview

Celebration 14



Parenting with a Mental Illness

Celebration 15

Dadvocates

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One Size Does Not Fit All: Liveability to Visitability

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What You Need to Know About Receiving SSI Childhood Disability Benefits and the Transition to Adult Disability

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Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

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Deal or No Deal? Strategies to Motivate Teens and Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome

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Celebration of Life Ceremony

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Planning for the Future with Social Security's Work Incentives!

Bayhill 22

Moms to Moms

Bayhill 23



A Self-Advocate's Guide to Communication Among Individuals with Differing Language Abilities

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Horses and Miracles: The Benefits of Therapeutic Riding

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Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts (PLSA) for Students with Specific Diagnosis

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Shaping Behavior with Apps for iPad

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Universal Design for Learning: Creating a Flexible Classroom Environment that Supports All Learners

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Respect Every Ability: A Public Awareness Campaign to Prevent Abuse & Neglect

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NAMI Family-to-Family

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Keeping it REAL: Reading Exercises for All Learners!

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Make your Paperwork WORK for You!

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Early Steps Playgroup

Regency Ballroom O



12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, *Foyer*
 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **The Comfortable with Myself Fashion Show**, *Foyer*
 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Mamma Mia by Rising Star Performance Group**, *Plaza International Ballroom*
 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts**, *Regency Ballroom O*

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

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Tactile/Hands-on Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, through Recycling and Free Items
Celebration 1
- Taking Good Care of Ourselves So We Can Take Better Care of Others: A Professional and Parent Leadership Development Seminar**
Celebration 3
- 
Access for All in Florida State Parks
Celebration 4
- Meet APD Director Barbara Palmer**
Celebration 5
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Part I: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid
Celebration 7
- Guardianship and Guardianship Alternatives**
Celebration 8
- 
Jeremy's Journey – Through Early Steps and Beyond
Celebration 9
- 
The Importance of Early Assisted Mobility in Children with Disabilities
Celebration 10
- 
Oh the Places We Can Go with a Dream Board
Celebration 11
- Extended School Year: The Who, What, When of ESY**
Celebration 12
- 
Advocates Unite!
Celebration 13
- 
Unlock the Doors to Employment: Keys Available through YOUR CareerSource Network
Celebration 14
- Marriage and Parenting with a Disability**
Celebration 15
- Listen Twice as Silence Speaks**
Celebration 16
- Guardian Advocacy Bootcamp: You Can Do This!**
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- Pool Safety and Drowning Prevention Efforts in Florida**
Bayhill 18
- Delegate Roundtable: Autism**
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Transition Individual Education Planning – Yes There Is Life After High School, and What to Expect
Bayhill 20
- 
Family Interventions and Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling Services
Bayhill 22
- 
Can We Be Better Prepared as Advocates for Our Children?
Bayhill 23
- 
Encuentra Tu Voz
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- Tourette Syndrome: Navigating the Waters in Your Child's Education Process**
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Small Steps Towards a Healthier Weight

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FAAST New Horizon Loan Program

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Part of My Brain Died – What is Your Excuse?

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Universal Changing Places – Florida

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Understanding Trauma Informed Care – An Introduction and Overview

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Project Self-Advocate Leadership Training (SALT): Becoming Leaders – An Innovative Leadership Curriculum for Young Adults with Disabilities

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Exceptional Moves for Exceptional Families

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2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Alex and Friends, Foyer

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Let's Get Ready: Planning Together for Emergencies Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness

Celebration 1

Project 10's Secondary Transition Resources and Project 10 STING RAY Updates

Celebration 2

Family Cafe's Women's Fellowship: Understanding the Seasons in Your Life

Celebration 3



Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS)

Celebration 4

What's Next about the Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)?

Celebration 5



Why I Chose an ABLA Account

Celebration 6



Part II: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid

Celebration 7



Low Tech (Recycled Toy Ideas) and High Tech Tools (iPad)

Celebration 9

Orthopedic Manifestations of Cerebral Palsy & Scoliosis in the Child with Cerebral Palsy

Celebration 10



You Mean I Don't Have to Have All the Transition Answers?

Celebration 11



Calling All Advocates – Partners in Policymaking Wants You!

Celebration 12



It's All About Social Interaction (Youth Only)

Celebration 13



Resume Writing – How to Get your Resume Noticed

Celebration 14

Disability Discrimination in Housing

Celebration 15

iOS 9 Accessibility Features for Hearing, Vision, Physical/Motor and Learning and Literacy

Celebration 16



Provide for Your Child & Plan Your Retirement Too? Not Impossible!

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What is the Florida Consortium on Inclusive Higher Education?

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Delegate Roundtable: Mental Health

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High School Graduation Requirements: What Students and Families Need to Know!

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Meet Dr. Verra-Tirado, Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education

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Disability Discrimination in Employment and Places of Public Accommodation

Bayhill 22

Man Laws for Moms: Understanding Dads and Why We Do What We Do

Bayhill 23



Know Yourself. Love Yourself. Be Yourself.

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Your Sexual Health

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“Let’s Talk” About Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC)

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Solutions for Effective Living: Guardian Advocacy, Etc.

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Postsecondary Transition Programs at Florida International University

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Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Focus Group for Youth and Young Adults and Key Stakeholders

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State Support for Military Family Special Needs Medical Services

Bayhill 32



Tennis Fun For Everyone!

Orlando Ballroom

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Royal DJs, Foyer

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Disability Rights Florida: How WE Can Help You!

Celebration 2

It Is Possible: Children with Cerebral Palsy and Other Motor Disabilities Can Achieve a Greater Level of Functional Independence

Celebration 3



Creating an Inclusive Culture of Wellness for People with Disabilities

Celebration 4

APD Partners with Mediware for a New Computer System Helping Families, WSCs, and Providers

Celebration 5



The ABC's and 123's of SNT's

Celebration 6



New Opportunities for Informed Choice in Sheltered Employment

Celebration 7

Behaviorally Challenged Students, Staying in Class and Making Progress

Celebration 8



Sailing Through Transition

Celebration 9

How to Create a Successful Environment

Celebration 10

Get a Life! Post-secondary Education and Independent Living Immersion

Celebration 11



Pass It On: People with Disabilities Giving Back and Bridging Gaps

Celebration 12



Benefits Management and the Role of Representative Payees and Guardians in Helping Individuals with Disabilities

Celebration 14



The Power of Shared Decision Making and Peer Support in Recovery

Celebration 15



Life in a Group Home: A Resident's Perspective

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Disease Prevention through Immunizations

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Let's Just Do It!!!

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Delegate Meet 'n' Greet

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What Can 4-H Do for You?

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22Q – What's It To You?

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Develop Employable Skills While Improving Overall Physical and Emotional Health

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Conversando de Padres a Padres

Bayhill 23



Shout! Using Our Voices for Advocacy

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Florida's AT & UDL Loan Library

Bayhill 27

Are Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans Special?

Bayhill 28



Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Focus Group for Parents and Caregivers and Key Stakeholders

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Motive, Obsession, and the Mind of Child Predators

Bayhill 31



Inspiration & Encouragement for Military and Veteran Families with Special Needs

Bayhill 32



Scuba Diving Without Barriers

Quiet Pool



Intro to Stand Up Paddle

Quiet Pool



Intro to Surfing

Quiet Pool



Assistive Technology Used by Youth

Regency Ballroom Q

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Comfortable with Myself Fashion Show, Foyer

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Family Entertainment, Plaza International Ballroom

Sunday, June 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Regency Ballroom

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Zumba, Regency Ballroom Foyer

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Rubber Duck Race, Pool

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Keynote Address, Plaza International Ballroom

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Closing and Door Prizes, Plaza International Ballroom



FRIDAY June 10, 2016

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., *Plaza International Ballroom*

CRACKED NOT BROKEN WITH KEVIN HINES

Two years after he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, Kevin Hines attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. He is one of only thirty-four (less than 1%) to survive the fall and he is the only Golden Gate Bridge jump survivor who is actively spreading the message of living mentally healthy internationally.

Kevin Hines has gone one to become an award-winning global speaker, bestselling author, documentary filmmaker, and suicide prevention and mental health advocate who has reached millions with his story of an unlikely survival and his strong will to live (www.kevinhinesstory.com).

He was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Council of Behavioral Health. Kevin has also been awarded by SAMSHA as a Voice Awards Fellow and Award Winner, an Achievement Winner by the US Veterans Affairs and is a recipient of several military Medals.

Kevin's will to live and stay mentally well has inspired people worldwide. Thousands have communicated to Hines that his story helped save their lives. Kevin believes in the power of the human spirit and in the fact that you can find the ability to live mentally well. His mantra: "Life is a gift, that is why they call it the present. Cherish it always."

In the summer of 2013, Kevin released his bestselling memoir titled *Cracked Not Broken, Surviving and Thriving After a Suicide Attempt*. **The first 240 attendees at his keynote will receive a complimentary copy of the book.**

The Family Café will be raffling off two Windows 10 PC computers at this keynote!

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Registration Open, <i>Registration Desk</i>
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open, <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Employment Expo, <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	FAAST, Inc. Assistive Technology Room, <i>Regency Ballroom Q</i>
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project Sensory Room, <i>Regency Ballroom P</i>
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	ABLE United Hosting Room, <i>Rainbow Spring</i>
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Pyramid Players, <i>Regency Foyer</i>
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Opening Session & Keynote Address, <i>Plaza International Ballroom</i>
1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Pyramid Players, <i>Foyer</i>
1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Alex and Friends, <i>Foyer</i>
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Registration Open, <i>Registration Desk</i>
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup, <i>Regency Ballroom O</i>
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Dental Screening, <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Gatorland Wildlife Show/Active Leisure for Life!, <i>Orlando Ballroom</i>
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Pyramid Players, <i>Foyer</i>
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Royal DJs, <i>Foyer</i>
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Pyramid Players, <i>Foyer</i>
4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Brazilian Voices, <i>Foyer</i>
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	Brazilian Voices, <i>Foyer</i>
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	The 18th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities, <i>Plaza International Ballroom</i>

The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project Sensory Room

Friday, June 10
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Regency Ballroom P

Join us for an indoor sensory wonderland that is 100% wireless, wheelchair-accessible, and created just for children with physical disabilities and sensory processing issues. Brought to you by The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project, this one-of-a-kind experience based on Snoezelen principals will help you learn how the multi-sensory environment can benefit a child with physical disabilities, autism, or other sensory processing disorders. Stop by for an opportunity for your children to decompress. (Parents are required to remain with children at all times).

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Early Steps, Early Wishes

Friday, June 10
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Regency Ballroom O

The Early Steps, Early Wishes event is a playgroup specifically for families in the Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Early Steps Program. During this event, families will have access to resources in the Early Steps Program, network with other families, and learn from Family Resource Specialists and State Office staff. Activities include family photos, face-painting, puppet shows, adaptive books and toys, story time, and free play. Join us to start the conference with child-friendly and family-fun activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult during the event.

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1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS



Tactile/Hands-on Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items

Friday, June 10
1:30
Celebration 1

We will cover how to build, through the use of hands-on materials, an evacuation disaster kit, and how to plan for disasters year round. We will teach you how to think outside of the box, to use recycling and free items you already have in your house in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten, and abandoned. You will also learn how to get items for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit. Finally, you will learn how to plan for a disaster in the event you have to evacuate or if you have to shelter in place. This session will leave you thinking about all the free items you use and acquired daily that can be used.

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Sharing the Commitment: A Nationally Recognized Model for Parent/School Collaboration

Friday, June 10
1:30
Celebration 2

Come and hear the story of how Collier County went from spending \$3.5 million in litigation with parents in one year to spending \$0.00, for the past six years in a row. Sharing the Commitment is a unique model of collaboration which has been implemented in Collier County, Florida for the past 16 years. Recognized by the national Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE) as a best practice for collaboration between parents and professionals, this model is easily replicated in other Florida School Districts.

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Trauma and Individuals with Disabilities

Friday, June 10
1:30
Celebration 3

This presentation will introduce a brief overview of trauma and why everyone should be aware of its importance. We will cover: What is trauma and what are some possible causes of trauma; The importance of taking trauma into consideration in all aspects of life and care; The potential effects of trauma; Potential causes and the impact of trauma specifically on individuals with disabilities; Available therapies for trauma; and What is trauma-informed care? Available resources related to trauma-informed care will be provided.

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Trailways Camp – “A Place Where You Are Something Special”

Friday, June 10
1:30
Celebration 4

Trailways Camp is a unique camping experience for adults with disabilities in Southwest Florida founded by Sharon and Jerry Miller. The Robert V. and Benjamin G. Miller Fund was established to support special needs camps in honor of their sons, both born with a rare condition that caused multiple disabilities. Through a partnership with Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. these once-in-a-lifetime camping opportunities are meeting the needs of campers and caregivers through fun, friends, and support.

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Getting the Services You Need from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

Friday, June 10

1:30

Celebration 5

This session aims to provide advocacy tips for individuals who are applying for or receiving services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. The presentation will focus on topics which include: preparing for your APD application, when to request a crisis application if on the Medicaid Waiver Waitlist, and how to make a significant additional needs funds request. The session will also provide a general overview on how to request and prepare for an appeal following a denial or service reduction.

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Unlocking the Mystery – Guardian Advocacy and Special Needs Trusts

Friday, June 10

1:30

Celebration 6

This informative workshop is designed for parents, guardians, and advocates of individuals with special needs. Attorneys Peggy Hoyt and Sarah AuMiller will discuss the importance of legal and estate planning for families with special needs. A family member with special needs creates an added layer of complexity to estate planning—the need for advanced trust planning and guardianship. In this workshop, you will learn the basics of special needs trusts—both first party and third party trusts, including why they are important for protecting government benefit eligibility and providing lifetime protection for vulnerable individuals. We will also explore both guardianship and guardian advocacy—when each is appropriate and why they are essential for the protection of your loved ones.

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Employment and You

Friday, June 10

1:30

Celebration 7

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation are working together, both in Tallahassee and across the state, to increase successful outcomes for individuals with disabilities seeking employment. This session will discuss each agency’s supported employment program aspects including eligibility, direct assistance offered, how each funding system works, and how APD and VR are working together to offer Floridians with disabilities the opportunity to work competitively in the community.

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Finally, the Truth About Family Care Councils in Florida!

Friday, June 10

1:30

Celebration 8

Yes, you've heard the rumors and the whispers about Family Care Councils in your area, or even worse, you haven't heard anything at all! You absolutely must join us at this workshop as we explore the history of FCC's and developmental disabilities in Florida, what we are, where we have been, where we are going and how you need to be a part of these vital, living, breathing councils. We will dive into current best practices our Family Care Councils across the state use to reach out to families and self-advocates, and to keep watch over the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Come away from this workshop empowered knowing you can and will make a difference in the lives of your family members, yourself, and others in your community.

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Living in the Community: Residential Options for Floridians with Disabilities

Friday, June 10

1:30

Celebration 9

In this panel presentation, panelists will share success stories about independent living in the community. Attendees will learn how the panelists overcame obstacles and learned from their experiences. Panelists will share information and valuable tips on: Evaluating what is right for you along a continuum of residential options; Support services for living in inclusive settings; Finding a home that is affordable; How to make a home accessible; How to connect with other self-advocates who are living in inclusive settings; and Where to learn more.

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Getting Started with Literacy

Friday, June 10

1:30

Celebration 10

Often, having ideas of how to connect with a young person with multiple needs, including vision and hearing loss or intellectual delays, poses so many challenges that literacy seems like a distant dream. This session will highlight a FREE Literacy Website that can offer support to families and educators in their goal of making literacy accessible. Participants will complete a simple Pre-test Checklist to find their starting point ranging from Building a Foundation for those with little or no formal communication through Pre and Emergent Literacy levels. We will explore the website layout and some simple activities to get started.

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Gatoraides Quench a Need: Peer Support Project Success

Friday, June 10
1:30
Celebration 11

Picture a very small school in a very small district struggling to provide adequate support to students with disabilities in general education classrooms. Add a school-based team of “can do” educators looking for solutions. Stir in Florida Inclusion Network partners plus some amazing, dedicated, well-trained students. These ingredients combined to form the Gatoraides: a peer support team for student success. This session will present a panel of adult and student team members who are eager to share their story.

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Beyond Person-First Language: Self-Advocacy and the Words We Use

Friday, June 10
1:30
Celebration 12

With regard to autism spectrum conditions, how far does “person-first” language achieve its important goals of facilitating respect, acceptance, and fairness regarding disabilities and those who experience them? What unexpected outcomes and experiences arise, for autism self-advocates and for those whom they encounter, now that “person-first” usage is a professional, legal, and (increasingly) cultural norm for language about disability? What are the things that people on the autism spectrum never knew about “person-first” until we came to live with it? In this presentation, an autism self-advocate who is also an autism professional explores the actual—and often unforeseen—impacts of “person-first.”

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The Next Steps: Becoming a College Student

Friday, June 10
1:30
Celebration 13

Do you know how the rules change for both parents and students when a young adult with a disability becomes a college student? Do you know who should and should not know about your disability, what questions to ask, or what documentation to provide? Do you know what your options might be if you have an intellectual disability and want to go to college? Bring your questions and I'll share my insight and previous experiences as a postsecondary disability service coordinator, advocate for college students with intellectual disabilities, learning disability specialist, and college professor.

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Toward Inclusive Work Opportunities: Implications of the CMS HCBS Settings Rule and the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act on Employment Services

Friday, June 10
1:30
Celebration 14

The HCBS settings rule and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act establish new guidelines for competitive, integrated, community-based employment opportunities. Transitioning facility-based employment and day service programs to compliance is an implementation challenge for states. Several states are transitioning individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) into managed care models that will include employment as a key service. In this session we will discuss how Medicaid managed care programs can support states to implement and develop integrated, competitive community-based employment that complies with the HCBS and WIOA requirements and opens new employment opportunities for individuals with I/DD.

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How Birth Defects Surveillance and Research Improves Families' Experiences and Children's Lives

Friday, June 10
1:30
Celebration 15

The Birth Defect Surveillance Program (BDSP) examines birth defects prevalence, outcomes, and services access and utilization through case confirmation, epidemiological and community-based research in partnership with the Florida Birth Defect Registry (FBDR). This overview of how the BDSP/FBDR works to provide timely access to complete, accurate, and understandable information to families, providers, and the public about birth defects includes examples from community-engaged research projects related to Down syndrome, orofacial clefts, and other conditions. Educational materials and resources developed by BDSP/FBDR will be provided, and presenters will facilitate a lively discussion to elicit feedback about improving systems of care.

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Social Skills Strategies for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

Friday, June 10

1:30

Celebration 16

Social skills are essential for all individuals throughout their lifespan. Children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) encounter unique social challenges in the school setting and communities. Children with ASD can develop the social skills they need with the appropriate supports, education, and practice. In this session, parents will gain practical knowledge about strategies that help develop social skills, and discuss methods for teaching social interactions.

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Is It an Institution or Incredible Residential Neighborhood? You Decide

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 17

Come and join us as we explore the many myths that exist about planned residential communities. Together, we will unwrap the mysteries of what these communities really look like, how they work, and how much they cost. You will have ample opportunity to ask questions and to explore for yourself how a planned residential community can improve your loved one's quality of life. We will also answer the burning question of "What's going to happen to my disabled child when I die?"

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Access Points 101 for Parents and Educators

Friday, June 10
1:30
Bayhill 18

Participants will learn how the new Access Points are structured, about the Access Project's website, where to locate Access Points, as well as the many instructional resources that support the teaching and learning of Access Points for students with a significant cognitive disability.

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Delegate Roundtable: Spina Bifida

Friday, June 10
1:30
Bayhill 19

Are you looking for a chance to network with other families? Come to this session to meet other families and talk about what works and what does not work. This is a good time to connect a family that has a younger child to a family with an older one. The best education you can get is from another parent.

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I Graduated! Now WHAT? School to Work Transition Services

Friday, June 10
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Bayhill 20

Research shows that the success of transition planning depends on the involvement of a strong support system. Vocational Rehabilitation should be part of a student's support system. More and more students come to Vocational Rehabilitation after leaving High School without a career plan. Society expects them to know what to do with their life once they exit High School but many of them asked the same question: "I graduated, now WHAT?" "Should I go to work, or go to college?" Vocational Rehabilitation is here to help students plan for life after high school through transition school-to-work services. This session will help students and families understand the importance of developing a career plan prior to graduation. Come learn and explore your career options!

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The Silent Epidemic: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 21

Statistics reveal that the vast majority of individuals with developmental disabilities will be the victims of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation at some point during their lives. This presentation will explore the factors behind the alarming prevalence of such crimes committed against this population, identify common characteristics of perpetrators, provide tips for detecting and reporting the signs, identify symptoms of potential maltreatment, and offer concrete safety and prevention strategies that parents, caregivers, and self-advocates can implement immediately. An overview of the Agency's Zero Tolerance Initiative to End Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation against Floridians with Development Disabilities will also be provided.

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How to Become a Professional Job Seeker and Win the Job

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 22

Getting noticed by hiring managers is tough. No one will argue with that. Thousands of candidates are competing for the same job. The frustration is inevitable. So how do you get a job? In this high energy session you will learn what it takes to become a professional job seeker. This job will determine so much of your future. Why not become awesome at the process? We will discuss what it takes to prepare yourself and how to present professionally to hiring managers. You'll learn what it takes to get noticed, and how to land the job you want.

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Toxic Trivia

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 23

Keeping your family safe from danger has always been a priority. How about keeping them safe from poisons in and around your house? Come play the Toxic Trivia game, hosted by the Florida Poison Information Center, to test your knowledge on venomous critters, administering first aid and proper storage of medications and households chemicals. Whether you play as a team or individually, we guarantee you will have a great time and learn something new!

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How to Start and Run a Successful Self-Advocacy Organization

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 24

This presentation will discuss how to successfully start and run a self-advocacy group. Members from each of the 14 grassroots self-advocacy groups that make up the statewide self-advocacy organization, FL Self-Advocates Network'D (FL SAND), will show you the ins and outs of running their local groups and a statewide self-advocacy organization. If you have ever wanted to start a self-advocacy organization, or want to get more involved, this presentation will give you pointers on how to get started, how to build membership, how to fundraise, and most importantly, how to unite your voices to accomplish common goals!

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Finding a Care Provider for an Individual with a Disability

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 26

Hiring and managing caregivers for an individual with disabilities can be difficult and emotional. There are so many things to consider, like, "Can I find someone that will take good care of my loved one? What kind of questions do I ask when interviewing? How am I going to pay for this care?" And more. In this presentation you will learn to identify what to look for in a good caregiver. The presenter will go over some questions you might ask when interviewing. We will also share tips on writing an employment ad for advertising, and the importance of a good job description will be discussed.

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How Do I Request an Evaluation for a Communication Device (AAC Device)?

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 27

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) is defined as a variety of approaches used to support and/or enhance the communication of individuals who are not independent verbal communicators. Children/adolescents with cerebral palsy, cognitive impairment, brain injury, and autism may benefit from the use of augmentative communication. Research has shown there are no prerequisite skills which must be demonstrated before augmentative communication can be considered.

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The Emotional Effects of Families Caring for Children with Disabilities

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 28

Raising children with a disability can be an enlightening experience that brings families together, but it can also be associated with overwhelming stress. These stressors may increase mental health issues in family members. This presentation will focus on emotional effects of families caring for children with disabilities, in particular the siblings of children with disabilities. It will look at how mental health counseling can help families cope with conflicting emotions and behaviors. Resources and tips will be provided.

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Florida's Behavioral Health System for Children, Youth and Young Adults

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 30

Florida's behavioral health system has undergone significant changes over the last five years, resulting in a system that is confusing and challenging for parents, caregivers and professionals assisting them. This presentation will provide an overview of Florida's current behavioral health system for children, youth, and young adults. Participants will learn about what agencies provide behavioral health services, what services and supports are covered by the department, and how to access them. In addition, the presenters will provide resource information targeted to parents, caregivers, and youth.

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My Daughter and Me

Friday, June 10

1:30

Bayhill 31

Having a child born with a disability is tough. For some it's a matter of adapting; for others it becomes a life changing moment. No matter life changes your child will grow up, they will want to be on their own... what can you do then? How do you make sure they're safe without taking away independence? Together we can talk, share, learn, and laugh.

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Meet Your School Liaison Officers

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1:30
Bayhill 32

Participants will have an opportunity to meet School Liaison Officers throughout the state of Florida. The School Liaison Officer (SLO) serves as the primary liaison between schools, commands, and military parents pertaining to K-12 educational issues. The job of the SLO involves informing and linking military families to the resources and information needed to maximize the educational opportunities to ensure academic success for all military associated children.

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Camera Mouse Assistive Technology

Friday, June 10
1:30
Regency Ballroom Q

This 60-minute presentation will be an introduction to the Camera Mouse technology, which is an innovative software that is a true computer mouse substitute. Camera Mouse allows for people with minimal movement to navigate a computer without using a standard mouse. It is easy to learn, easy to use, and absolutely free. A brief overview of what assistive technology will be explored and Camera Mouse will be defined. Stories of various clients with different abilities will be included so that the participants can understand the different scenarios where Camera Mouse has proven advantageous. We will also examine the different sessions within Camera Mouse and how the settings are properly manipulated to make the user successful. There will be ample time at the end of the presentation for questions and to have the participants try Camera Mouse.

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2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Royal DJs, Foyer**



Early Steps, Early Wishes

Friday, June 10
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Regency Ballroom O

The Early Steps, Early Wishes event is a playgroup specifically for families in the Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Early Steps Program. During this event, families will have access to resources in the Early Steps Program, network with other families, and learn from Family Resource Specialists and State Office staff. Activities include family photos, face-painting, puppet shows, adaptive books and toys, story time, and free play. Join us to start the conference with child-friendly and family-fun activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult during the event.

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Gatorland Wildlife Show/Active Leisure for Life!

Friday, June 10
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Orlando Ballroom

Be introduced to Florida's most famous resident and watch as the excitement builds when an American Alligator enters the room! You will meet an entertaining Gator Wrangler from GATORLAND who will share stories of close encounters with some of the world's most feared predators. Then get ready for your own up-close encounter with an American alligator! Learn about native wildlife to Florida. Meet the reptiles, mammals and birds up close and in person that you don't see every day! Brought to you by Gatorland, Home of the Screamin' Zip Line™

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Let's Get Ready: Planning Together for Emergencies with Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness

Friday, June 10
3:00
Celebration 1

In this session, Sesame Street characters will help motivate children of all ages to understand why it is important to help mom and dad to know their name, phone number and where they live so that they can summon help or help their parents during a disaster and what they need to put in their disaster to go kit.

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Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion: A Beginning

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3:00
Celebration 2

Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month is a unified effort among Jewish organizations worldwide to raise awareness and foster inclusion of people with disabilities and those who love them. It was established in 2009 and is celebrated in February. Temple Israel of Brevard recognized the need to be inclusive of all peoples, including those with disabilities. This past year, the Temple reached out to the Brevard County Jewish Community in order to make inclusion a priority. A small group of interested people, with and without disabilities, met in December 2015 and Jan 2016 to start the process. Our initial project was to host a Disability Awareness and Inclusion Shabbat on Feb 19, 2016. This workshop presents how we began, the support we received, community involvement, and the results. Since this is an ongoing project, we hope to provide updates through June 2016.



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Florida's K12 Scholarship Programs for Students with Disabilities

Friday, June 10
 3:00
 Celebration 3

The Department of Education's Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice will present information about Florida's two K12 scholarship programs for students with disabilities: the John M. McKay Scholarship Program and the Gardiner Scholarship Program. These programs were established by the legislature to provide parents with educational options to better meet the individual educational needs of eligible children, offering student-directed funding and parent-directed choices. The presentation will include a discussion of eligibility requirements, application options, approved uses for scholarship funds, and parent responsibilities under each of the programs.

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Special Olympics Florida – Welcome and General Orientation

Friday, June 10
 3:00
 Celebration 4

Come learn more about what Special Olympics offers in your community. Special Olympics Florida cares about the whole person and we are excited to not only ensure incredible competition but also foster communities where everyone has the lifelong opportunity to develop physically, socially, and emotionally through sports, wellness, and leadership training. With year-round quality training and competitions in 23 Olympic type sports, as well as, dedicated fitness, and leadership opportunities, athletes push hard and play harder. They strive to beat their personal bests, defying the odds again and again. Since all of our programs now offer a unified (individuals with and without intellectual disabilities) approach as well as traditional, there is a place for everyone to showcase their talents.

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Human Trafficking

Friday, June 10
 3:00
 Celebration 5

Human Trafficking is modern day slavery and it is happening right here in the United States. Florida is ranked third in the nation for potential Human Trafficking cases. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities

presents a training on what human trafficking is, how to identify a victim, and how you can make a difference in your community.

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ABLE United: My Account, My Benefits

Friday, June 10
3:00
Celebration 6

The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act allows individuals with a disability to save money tax-free for a wide variety of future expenses – including transportation, housing, and education – while maintaining benefits, such as SSI and Medicaid. In this session, industry experts will provide an overview of ABLE accounts and discuss the exclusion of ABLE account funds for the purposes of determining and maintaining benefit eligibility.

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The 21st Century Workforce

Friday, June 10
3:00
Celebration 7

In this session we will cover how the Employment Expansion Project (EEP) can help facilitate diverse workforce opportunities for employers and employees. We will elaborate on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act 2014 (WIOA), the needs of the waiver waiting list, and future opportunities for the transitioning youth from school to work. We will also discuss recruiting employers. Employers can't say "YES" if you don't ask.

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Assessing for Underlying Medical Causes of Behavior in ASD

Friday, June 10
3:00
Celebration 8

Medical issues do contribute to maladaptive behaviors in those with ASD and related conditions. It is not always evident when there is pain or dysfunction. Participants will learn how to assess for common underlying medical conditions that have been well documented to occur with a diagnosis of autism. These co-morbidities, as they are called, can be treated if identified. Appropriate medical care often cannot be accessed through traditional models of service delivery for those on the autism spectrum. There is a lack of understanding of the disability and knowledge deficits on the part of traditional medical providers about the neurological and multi-system problems associated with autism. It is critical to assess for medical problems to rule out possible physiological causes of maladaptive behaviors before attributing behavioral issues to lack of attention or non-compliance. As a result of severe communication difficulties, motor impairments, and total lack of



body awareness experienced by some people, especially those on the more severe end of the autism spectrum, this assessment can be difficult even for experienced clinicians. Parents and caregivers must be the drivers to advocate for their loved one in the medical arena to ensure comprehensive medical care. Teachers and therapists play a vital role as well to help distinguish the functions of behavior and to be a resource for referrals that may be needed to meet their clients' individual needs.

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Advance Directives for Individuals with Special Needs and Their Families

Friday, June 10
3:00
Celebration 9

Attorneys Pamela Martini and Maytel Bonham will cover the various types of advance directives under Florida law and discuss when it is appropriate for an individual to protect themselves with their own advance directives as an alternative to guardianship. Durable Powers of Attorney, Designations of Healthcare Surrogate, Living Wills, and HIPAA Releases will be covered in detail, as well as the level of capacity necessary to execute these documents. The presentation will also help family members who don't have their own estate plan in order decide what steps are necessary to protect themselves and their loved ones through proper advance planning for incapacity and illness.

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Facilitated IEP – What Is It and Why Should We Use It?

Friday, June 10
3:00
Celebration 10

Having difficulty feeling like your child's IEP team is working with you? Need a way to work through issues that the IEP team may not be easily resolving? Have you heard of a facilitated IEP? Come hear about this promising practice that every school district has access to! Learn ways to communicate with your IEP team so your child receives the services they need to be college and career ready!

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The Family Meeting: How it Can Enhance Relationships and Build Effective Communication

Friday, June 10

3:00

Celebration 11

One of the best ways to prepare your children for success in a democratic society is to teach them the "give and take" that comes with cooperative problem solving or decision making. One excellent way to do this is through Family Meetings. In this seminar, learn effective ways to improve communication with your children (and children will learn communication techniques with parents). Practical tips will also be provided to guide you to further enhancing the relationship with your child (or with your parents). No matter what the age or level of the child, everyone can be active participants in the family meeting!

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Legislative Advocacy 2016

Friday, June 10

3:00

Celebration 12

The presentation begins with a report on the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council's 2016 Legislative Platform and all the legislative outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from the 2016 Legislative Session. Advocacy techniques that were used will be illustrated for self-advocates and their families so that they can understand how to advocate and how they can truly have an impact on the process. Preparation for the 2017 Legislative session and other advocacy techniques for participants will be included to encourage those who want to learn about the legislative process and educate their legislators about the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Transitioning into The Real World

Friday, June 10

3:00

Celebration 13

Figuring out what path is right after high school can be difficult. Do you go to college, go to a trade school, or go directly into work? Come join some of The Florida Youth Council members as they share what went well, what went poorly, and how they became more independent. They will share advice and ideas on how to take care of yourself. At the end, you will have a chance to ask them questions so that you can better prepare yourself for the real world.

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Starting a Business: Is It the Right Path for Me?

Friday, June 10
3:00
Celebration 14

This session will provide insight from entrepreneurs with disabilities who have part-time or full-time businesses. You will learn if starting a business could be the right path for you, how to determine the type of business that best fits you and your family's lifestyle, and what to expect on your journey to self-employment. Learn viable resources to help get you started and maintain your journey for success.

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Employment First Florida: Bringing the Efforts to the Local Level

Friday, June 10
3:00
Celebration 15

Employment First is being defined as integrated employment in the community as the first option for working age individuals with disabilities, including individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, receiving publicly funded services. During the past year, the state level Employment First efforts were moved to the local level through four Employment First Florida Interagency Collaborative Pilot sites: Miami-Dade, Nassau, Orange, and Osceola counties. In this session you will learn about the impact developing a local level Employment First Plan has on employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities and how local agencies and individuals can become involved.

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Fair Housing Law – It's Your Right!

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3:00
Celebration 16

As a Fair Housing Advocate, I will be presenting on the topic of Fair Housing Laws and how the law applies to individuals and families. There are seven protected classes under the Fair Housing Act: Race; Color; National Origin; Religion, Disability; Gender; Familial Status. In addition to covering the seven protected classes, I will also expand on the topics of Reasonable Accommodations and Reasonable Modifications as applicable to individuals with disabilities. I provide trainings in both English and Spanish.

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Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS)

Friday, June 10

3:00

Bayhill 17

Tropical Miami Civitan Club with David Hoyos Swim Academy Nada Major presents "Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS)," teaching babies, youth, and young adults to be navigators of the waters of life's journeys to inspire greatness and have fitness for life. Our specialty is with students that had traumas and/or prior drowning experience and/or bad family experiences; they learned to perform the methodological steps of education. We shall have videos that, in part, showing a child with critically serious maladies overcome them with the partnership of their parents and the family values imparted by the professional, parents, and child. We will review local partners that have pools throughout Florida to remove the stigma of drowning deaths where Broward is number one nationally (but declining as we write) in one-to-four-year-old drowning deaths, and Miami-Dade is second.

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I Packed to Go to the Bahamas But Ended Up in the North Pole: Coping with a Disability – Child & Life

Friday, June 10

3:00

Bayhill 18

Everyone dreams of having a typically developing child, but sometimes that's not the case. What happens when you do everything to have a typically developed child and for an unforeseen reason you have an atypically developed child? This session will allow participants an opportunity to discuss coping strategies, techniques to reduce stress, and preparing you for the "next steps." If you think your life is challenging, what if you had to cope with someone else's life? Just because your child has a disability, they should not be a disability! If you're interested in receiving information to cope with life's challenges that families of children with special needs face, this is the interactive session for you.

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Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

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Postsecondary Education Opportunities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Friday, June 10
3:00
Bayhill 20

Are you thinking about college? The college and/or university experience is becoming more readily available to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Learn about the various postsecondary opportunities available in Florida for individuals with IND and DD. While the programs offer a wide range of services, there could be one for your child. FAU's Academy for Community Inclusion has specially designed curriculum, inclusive courses, mentoring, vocational internships, job coaching, residential experiences and much more. Find out more about this and other college programs.

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Getting to Know the Florida Division of Blind Services

Friday, June 10
3:00
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In partnership with others, the Division of Blind Services' vision is to create a barrier free environment in the lives of Floridians with visual disabilities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Director Robert L. Doyle, III as he provides a brief overview of the Division of Blind Services, its programs and services, as well as discuss program trends and updates. There will be time for audience interaction with the director during the designated questions-and-answer portion.

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Employers Want Experience, But How Can I Gain Experience Without a Job?

Friday, June 10
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Thanks to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), in-school youth with disabilities are able to begin exploring and preparing for the world of work earlier. Through the establishment of Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS), students 15 – 21 have the opportunity to access work readiness and on the job training as well as develop critical relationships and learn appropriate work behaviors by participating in multiple work experiences—all without requiring Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) eligibility. Join us to learn how this exciting opportunity opens up the doors of possibility and allows students to make informed choices about future jobs and career paths prior to exiting from high school.

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Self Determination – A Path to Success (A Panel Discussion)

Friday, June 10
3:00
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This panel will discuss the challenges and successes of three individuals who have encountered ups and downs along the way, and will share what has worked best for them in their path to self-determination. The panel will also discuss the importance of trusting relationships with service providers and how to use the iBudget waiver funds to meet changing needs. What happens next in your life is up to you!

The panel members are all individuals who have lived their lives to the fullest and have taken on challenges head-on. They each provide unique perspectives for others to hear and learn from. Each individual is involved in the home and community based waiver program, either as a person receiving services or as a provider of services under the waiver. Denise Arnold is the Deputy Director of Programs for APD and brings many years of experience in the field to serve as the moderator.

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Guardianships – Why They are Necessary & How to Avoid Them

Friday, June 10
3:00
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What are guardianships and why are they necessary? Most people do not have a proper estate plan in place and will ultimately be required to seek court intervention to assist a loved one who becomes incapacitated or



a minor who inherits more than \$15,000. The court will require a guardianship. Obtaining a guardianship for a loved one can be a daunting and expensive task without sufficient information and proper representation. Attendees will learn when guardianships are necessary, and how they may be avoided.

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Sibling Perspective Panel: Growing up with a Sibling with Special Needs – Tips on How to Have a Closer Bond

Friday, June 10
3:00
Bayhill 26

The speakers will discuss what it is like growing up with a sibling who has special needs and they will explain how that experience has helped shape the person they are today. Tips will be shared to assist families in helping strengthen bonds. Information will be presented about the Florida Alliance of Sibling Advocates and Sib Shops. Resources will be provided and questions will be welcome.

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FAAST, Inc.

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FAAST (the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology), a non-profit organization sponsored by the Florida Department of Education/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the State of Florida, has one mission. That mission is to improve the quality of life for all Floridians with disabilities through advocacy and awareness activities that increase access to and acquisition of assistive services and technology. FAAST values each individual's right to achieve their highest potential, and the possibilities that can be realized through collaborative efforts focused on the goal of improving life for Floridians with and without disabilities.

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Living with Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders: Epilepsy 101

Friday, June 10

3:00

Bayhill 28

Living with epilepsy and seizure disorders can be challenging. Understanding your condition, including the latest research advances, and learning how to find and use the various resources available to you can empower individuals with epilepsy and their families. Seizure disorders can affect many facets of day-to-day life. We will discuss strategies for dealing with issues like physical and emotional well-being, reproduction and childrearing, and social relationships.

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Working Roles in Recovery

Friday, June 10

3:00

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This workshop will inform participants on Certified Recovery Peer Specialist employment roles, competencies, and the Florida Certification process. Attendees will be given an overview of the Florida Certification Board's certification process in addition to learning about core competencies that apply to all forms of peer support and employment. Participants will learn about the various roles that Certified Peer Specialist can fulfil and the job titles that apply to those roles and the core competencies necessary to fulfil these roles.

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Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Friday, June 10

3:00

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Participants will learn about the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Compact was developed in an effort to reduce the educational and emotional issues encountered when children of military personnel transfer from schools in one state to schools in another state. It addresses the differences in requirements among states involving immunizations, the entrance ages for kindergarten and first grade, exit exams, and graduation requirements. It also includes provisions for dealing with participating in extracurricular activities, course placement, enrollment in highly capable challenging programs, and other issues unique to the transitioning military family.

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Pyramid Players, Foyer

Brazilian Voices, Foyer



Special Olympics Florida – Young Athletes

Friday, June 10
4:30
Celebration 1

Join us to learn more about the Special Olympics Florida Young Athletes program. This program is an interactive sports play program that helps children ages 2 to 7 years old improve physically, cognitively, and socially. This program is also a unified program and is a great way for families to include all siblings with and without intellectual disabilities. Participating preschoolers with intellectual disabilities have achieved critical development goals at three times the rate of those not participating. For those with autism, the gains are nearly four times as great. With over 9,000 active young athletes, come see the positive impact families across our great state are experiencing.

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Inclusion: Advocating for Least Restrictive Environment and Navigating the New Florida Diploma Options

Friday, June 10
4:30
Celebration 2

This presentation will focus on educating attendees on students' rights to be educated to the maximum extent possible with their non-disabled peers. Topics will include: a discussion of the continuum of services and how to determine a child's least restrictive environment for education, as well as a discussion of the recent changes to Florida high school diploma options and whether different diploma options affect a student's least restrictive environment. The main goal of our presentation is to equip the attendees with the basic knowledge to be prepared to handle discussions related to inclusion, and make informed decisions about diploma options available.

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Building A Life of Work, Savings, and Asset Development

Friday, June 10
4:30
Celebration 4

Join us as we explore tools and resources that allow individuals to build lives of work, savings, and asset development. This workshop highlights five proven strategies to success, including the use of benefits planning and work supports, integrated employment, free tax preparation, financial education, savings, and asset development. Updated tools that will be shared include FDDC's Changing Face of Benefits online program, manual, and financial education curriculum.

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What is the Consumer Directed Care Plus Program (CDC+)?

Friday, June 10
4:30
Celebration 5

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities will provide an overview and updates on the CDC+ program. The presentation will include the application and enrollment process, as well as program requirements as described in the CDC+ rule. A panel of parent liaisons will be present to share their experiences and the services they have used while on the CDC+ program. The second half of this session will allow the audience to ask questions.

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Providing A Lifetime of Support – The Special Needs Planning Program for Families of Loved Ones with Special Needs

Friday, June 10
4:30
Celebration 6

This presentation will help families address the following topics and other important factors in caring for their loved ones: Who'll take care of and watch over our loved one after we're no longer able to do so? How much will I need to take care of my loved one? Will there be adequate resources available to maintain a decent quality of life?

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Social Security Work Incentives

Friday, June 10
4:30
Celebration 7

Learn the latest information on Social Security work incentives. This will help you navigate your benefits while working. This is important information to know to ensure proper planning for the future.

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TRAIN Florida – APD’s Learning Management System

Friday, June 10

4:30

Celebration 8

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Health, and community partners are working together to provide training and resources to parents, caregivers, and service providers. Join this session to discuss the TRAIN Florida – APD’s Learning Management System. Learn how to access thousands of courses and trainings, network with other state and federal agencies, local and national organizations, and educational institutions.

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Traveling the Seas of Emotions

Friday, June 10

4:30

Celebration 9

Traveling the Seas of Families, Feelings & Emotions is part of an interactive training series created by parents of children with disabilities and special health care needs, to help other families understand and participate fully in Florida’s Early Invention System. The trainings are designed for one-on-one participation with a trainer, or participation in a small group workshop setting. Traveling the Seas of Families, Feelings & Emotions explores how families react, feel, and cope upon learning of and living with their child’s disability or developmental delay. Our hope is that this workshop will assist parents and families in coping with the emotional uncertainties to build stronger bonds with their child(ren) and each other.

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Be Empowered When Interacting with the Law

Friday, June 10

4:30

Celebration 10

Empowering people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to have positive interactions with law enforcement is immeasurable. Creating proactive relationships with law enforcement allows people with disabilities to know who to rely on when they need help. This session will empower people to utilize law enforcement positively. Teaching one how to be perceived by law enforcement so their behavior is not misunderstood can potentially prevent engagement with the criminal justice system.

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Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter

Friday, June 10

4:30

Celebration 11

The Letting Go workshop examines the importance of encouraging independence in a child with special needs. The workshop also discusses how hard it can be for parents to step back and offer the increasing levels of freedom to the child to allow the child to develop that independence. Finally, the training offers some ideas for parents in learning how to let go in a constructive fashion.

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Creating a Person-Centered Plan in Order to Increase Participation and Belonging

Friday, June 10

4:30

Celebration 12

How do we enhance our loved one's strengths, interests, and desires, and allow for them to have say in their life outcomes? The answer is through Person Centered Planning (PCP). Person Centered Planning allows for one to make a clear plan for ones' future, and it challenges caregivers, siblings, teachers, and therapists to discover and invent a personal dream for individuals, craft a pattern of living that increases individual's participation, and facilitate belonging within their community. This presentation takes participants through the steps in creating a person centered plan for themselves or their loved one to increase overall quality of life.

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Come and Chat with The Florida Youth Council

Friday, June 10

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Celebration 13

The Florida Youth Council wants you to get to know them, and they want to get to know you! Come to this interactive session where you can mix and mingle with the members. Each of them will share a little bit about what The Council is doing, and answer some of the questions you might have about The FYC.

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Work Makes the World Go Round

Friday, June 10

4:30

Celebration 14

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) has services and supports to help both the “young” and “not-so young” adults become successfully employed. Work is far more than just a paycheck, though money is an important reason to work. A job can improve the quality of life by providing the opportunity for: enhanced relationships with other people, inclusion in the community, better personal and family health, greater safety (studies show individuals involved in their community are less likely to be abused and neglected than peers who are living isolated lives), and increased self-worth (gain respect of others when viewed as a contributing member of society). This session will provide an overview of VR services and supports designed to assist individuals with most significant disabilities to become employed. Services and strategies including Discovery, Supported Employment, Supported Self-Employment, Customized Job Placement Services, and services designed to assist youth will be a few of the services highlighted.

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Educate, Advocate, and Legislate: Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia = Specific Learning Disabilities: Making It Personal

Friday, June 10

4:30

Celebration 15

This is an interactive simulation that includes a series of hands-on activities that expose participants to the challenges and frustrations students with language-based learning disabilities face in the classroom each day. This lively, thought-provoking workshop delivers a realistic perspective and enhances understanding of dyslexia, dysgraphia, and other associated learning disabilities. After the hands-on activities, a facilitated discussion encourages participants to share their personal reflections and relations. Facts about various learning disabilities are highlighted, while the persistent myths and misconceptions are dispelled. Educate, Advocate and Legislate—Presenters will discuss the dyslexia advocacy process and the dyslexia related legislation, HB 377 and SB472 and HB7021 and SB 1068, that will be presented in the 2016 session. After participating in Educate, Advocate, and Legislate: Making it Personal, parents, caregivers, teachers, tutors, and professionals will understand learning disabilities like never before.

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When the School Says, “We’ve Never Done it That Way”

Friday, June 10

4:30

Celebration 16

Inclusive education for students with Down syndrome is not the norm, but it should be! Faith and her mom Paulette will share the highs and lows of inclusion, practical ideas that worked, and some that didn't. Learn how important it is to maintain good relationships with the school and the teachers, and what to do if that doesn't work out. Starting in a church preschool, then through 11th grade in public school general education classes, we have learned a lot about school, and along the way, Faith has gotten quite a

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Living Life Outside the Box

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Getting out of the house and exploring may seem challenging when you have a child with special needs. Join Starr Fields and her family as they share with you how having a child with special needs has changed their life. Their program "Autism on the Go" is giving hope, inspiring, and raising awareness to people all across the country. We are encouraging you to Live Your Life Outside The Box. For more information visit www.autismonthego.com.

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Overview of Available Resources for Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Survivors

Friday, June 10
4:30
Bayhill 18

This presentation will focus on services and resources provided by the Florida Department of Health's Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program and the Brain Injury Association of Florida. These organizations partner to assist those with traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries in obtaining needed services and resources to help them reintegrate into their communities.

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Delegate Roundtable: Vision Impairments

Friday, June 10
4:30
Bayhill 19

This roundtable is a safe place where families and those with visual impairments can chat and share experiences. Those who attend are encouraged to discuss information and techniques that they feel are important and helpful to others with visual impairments. Participants are also encouraged to share resources, events, and organizations they have come across which are beneficial to those with a visual impairment. Please join us as we share invaluable information, learn new tricks, and most importantly make new friends!

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Slacktivism 101: Online Advocacy in the Age of Social Media

Friday, June 10
4:30
Bayhill 20

Critics of slacktivism believe that social media posts amount to little more than making the poster feel briefly good about him or herself. In reality, social media is one of the best ways to stay informed, and keep your community informed about issues that matter. Writing or responding to a policymaker on Twitter or Facebook has a huge impact. Learn how to better use this low-investment, high-yield form of engagement to get what we want from policymakers.

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Just for Dads

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Many times we dads sit in the background. Our wives like to be in charge of the IEP's and doctor appointments. I have been told to "just sit there and don't say anything unless you need to." This session is your time to talk about your child and the difficulties you may have, or a time to brag on your child. The wives are not allowed in this session; it is for dads only!

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Navigating the Hiring Process and Accessing Employment Resources

Friday, June 10
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This presentation will focus on empowering individuals as they go through the employment process. Topics will include: requesting accommodations for an interview, website accessibility issues with pre-employment testing and applications, how to request accommodations for online applications and tests, what information a person has to disclose during the interview process, how being employed will affect government subsidies, etc. In addition, the presentation will equip the attendees with the basic knowledge to be prepared to handle any barriers during the hiring process. The presentation will also inform individuals of the resources available to them through CAP, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Division of Blind Services.

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Updated Guidance for the Use of Service Animals

Friday, June 10

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires State and local governmental agencies, businesses, and non-profit organizations who provide goods or services to the public to make "reasonable modifications" in their policies, practices, and procedures, in order to accommodate people with disabilities who have a service animal. This presentation provides updated guidance in accordance with the ADA regarding the use of service animals in school, work, and community settings.

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Busting Down Barriers – Despite a Disability

Friday, June 10

4:30

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Come hear Thomas Moon and John Collins speak on challenges of living with a disability, and how you should bust down those barriers thrown at you! Thomas Moon will share his story of busting down many barriers that stood in his way. John Collins will share his unique perspective on living life within the structure of physical challenges, and the experience of living in every possible "Developmental Disability System" environment—including purchasing his own home!

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“What About My Other Kid?” Tips for Supporting and Including Typically-Developing Siblings

Friday, June 10

4:30

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After dealing with late school buses, IEP meetings, therapies, transition planning, and special dietary food prep, families are often exhausted trying to support their child with special needs. But what happens to the typically-developing siblings when so much is going on? What is their role in all this? Join this interactive session to learn strategies for ensuring all children are receiving the support they need, plus gain insight (from a sib herself!) on how to include typically-developing siblings in the daily activities of their brothers and sisters with special needs.

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Cerebral Palsy & Augmentative Communication Awareness

Friday, June 10

4:30

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The audience will learn about Cerebral Palsy and Augmentative Communication, the equipment Vinnie uses to lead a normal life, and the friendship between Jaime and Vinnie. They will have a chance to see Vinnie's communication device and participate in simulation activities that show the challenges of living with cerebral palsy. At the end of the session, the audience will have a chance to ask questions and interact with Vinnie.

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We Can Do it Too!!!

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This workshop is for professionals who are seeking to include students of varying abilities, and also for parents who want to learn about what quality programs should include. Youth with disabilities face significant challenges both in the school environment and on their transition to adulthood. The families of these individuals usually experience difficulties in finding appropriate after school programs in which they can participate. Compared to their non-disabled peers, students with disabilities are less likely to receive a regular high school diploma or attend extracurricular activities. Sixty-five percent of individuals with disabilities are unemployed or underemployed, and 26 percent live in poverty. All children have the right to play and learn. After school programs that include children with special needs allow for their development of social skills as well as the experience of participating in activities that enrich in a stress free environment. In this workshop we will discuss how to integrate children of multiple abilities and levels using differentiated instruction.

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“Do it Again!” The Importance of Repetition and Routines for Learners with Visual Impairments Coexisting with Intellectual and/or Physical Disabilities

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4:30

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This session will discuss assessment and instructional strategies specific to children with vision loss and additional disabilities such as intellectual, physical impairments, autism, etc. The Sensory Learning Kit is a research-based assessment and curriculum designed for students functioning under the cognitive age of two. Published by the American Printing House for the Blind, the Sensory Learning Kit is both an assessment tool used to determine the student's preferred sensory “appetites,” and a collection of individual learning routines to be used by the teacher and/or parents to facilitate learning. Individual learning routines are based upon the student's preferred sensory activities. When implemented properly, the learning routines facilitate the student's ability to communicate their wants and needs, move with purpose, anticipate events, and participate meaningfully in their daily activities.

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Recovery Rocks! The Self-Directed Care Way

Friday, June 10
4:30
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Cindy Witt has been an active participant in a self-directed care program for over five years. She is also an active member of the program's advisory council. Cindy is very passionate about advocating for herself and for others with severe and persistent mental health and/or substance abuse diagnoses. Cindy will share how she went from being on life support to starting her recovery journey. She had hope and now has even more hope for her future. She believes that anyone who desires recovery and is willing to take personal responsibility for their own path to recovery, can make that desire their own reality.

The FL Self-Directed Care Program (FL SDC) is an innovative service delivery program, placing individuals with mental illness at the center of their own decision-making. The FL Self-Directed Care Program believes that individuals are capable of choosing services and making purchases that will help them in their recovery and to develop or regain a life of meaningful, productive activity. Participants choose their recovery coach and are given a dollar budget to manage. Purchases are made to enhance their recovery and to help the individual reach their recovery goals. Purchases can be for traditional mental health services but also for non-traditional services, that result in the same (or better) outcomes as traditional mental health services.

Cindy will share her story of hope, personal responsibility, and advocating for herself and her peers. You will learn how the FL SDC Program has empowered her to make her say "Recovery Rocks!"

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Resources for Military Families

Friday, June 10
4:30
Bayhill 32

Come and learn about military-based resources available for Florida military families who have children with special health care needs. Resources are available statewide from a host of service providers. We are here to support you!

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Assistive Technology Advocacy

Friday, June 10

4:30

Regency Ballroom Q

This presentation will focus on advocating for assistive technology and navigating the evaluation process and the Individual Education Plan for parents and care givers of students in the exceptional student education program. The presentation will cover 1003.575 Florida Statute and advocating for AT devices. Parents will learn the importance of assessments and how AT can assist in accessing curriculum and the least restrictive environment. The focus will be on AT and how it can assist students to gain educational benefit and a discussion of the importance of assistive technology. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Brazilian Voices, Foyer

**The 18th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities,
Plaza International Ballroom**

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Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Friday, June 10, 2016 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Plaza International Ballroom



The Summit will be preceded by a light reception provided courtesy of the Hyatt Regency Orlando.

Join us for The 18th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities featuring Governor Rick Scott and State Senate Majority Leader Bill Galvano. The Family Café is proud to continue its tradition of connecting Annual Family Café attendees with elected officials and policy makers at the highest level of government to foster a productive dialogue about the issues facing Floridians with disabilities and the impact public policy has on their daily lives. The Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities presents a unique opportunity to hear from leaders of both the Executive and Legislative branches of our state government, as well as representatives of multiple State Agencies that serve people with disabilities in our state.



Governor Rick Scott was elected to office in 2010, and is now in his second term as Florida's chief executive. He will be joined by Senate Majority Leader Bill Galvano, who was first elected to the State Senate in 2012, and serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Reapportionment, and a member of Rules, Full Appropriations, Agriculture, Education Pre-K- 12, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Health Policy, and the Joint Legislative Budget Commission.

The 18th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities promises to be both informative and memorable. The Family Café is committed to helping policy makers to understand what daily life is like for the people with disabilities and families that they serve, and to giving our attendees a chance to better understand the policy making process by hearing from the Governor, Legislators and State Agency representatives directly. We sincerely hope you take advantage of this opportunity to have your voice heard at The 18th Annual Summit on Disabilities!

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The 18th Annual Summit on Disabilities will feature a musical performance by Staar Fields. She is a singer/songwriter, and the parent of a child with autism, and she is excited to spread her message of hope and encouragement with everyone at The Annual Family Café. For more information, visit staarfields.com.

The Family Café will be raffling off two Windows 10 PC computers at the Summit!



SATURDAY June 11, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Plaza International Ballroom

Jack Levine, founder of **4Generations Institute**, will lead an introductory discussion on how to build a powerful force for positive advocacy. He will provide motivation and build momentum by sharing practical ways self-advocates, family members and community allies can effect positive change through effective strategic communications.

ABLE UNITED – UNITED, WE ARE ABLE



Premiering at the 18th Annual Family Café is an informational session on a revolutionary piece of legislation for Floridians with disabilities. After eight years of advocating for a way to save and grow assets, the Stephen Beck Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act has been passed into law, and Florida is one of the first states to launch the program – ABLE United.

A \$2,000 asset limit is no longer a barrier! ABLE United now allows for the creation of savings and investment accounts for Floridians with disabilities without negatively impacting Supplemental Security Income or Medicaid.

Increase your savings through tax-free growth! Come learn about the ABLE Act and how ABLE United can provide you and your family financial freedom.

The ABLE Act was championed at the national level by Florida's Congressman Ander Crenshaw and in the state by Senate President Andrew Gardiner and Representative Ray Rodrigues, to provide new opportunities for the disability community. Florida has been a national leader on the ABLE Act, with Florida Prepaid College Board Deputy Executive Director Will Thompson emerging as a foremost expert and an integral part of ABLE United's implementation.

"Will Thompson is a leading national expert on the ABLE Act and implementing ABLE Programs. Don't miss your chance to learn about this transformative legislation." — *Lori Fahey, Family Café President and CEO*

During the session, you'll learn more about the benefits and opportunities of ABLE United, Florida's qualified ABLE program, including:

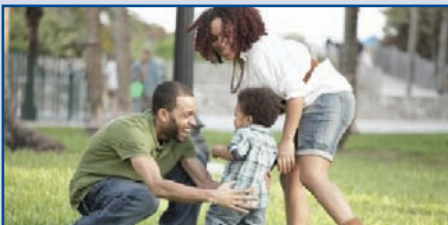
- Saving for future expenses tax-free while maintaining government benefits.
- Receiving the help of family and friends without affecting those government benefits.
- Opening an ABLE account takes about ten minutes and does not have an income or asset limitation.

As a premier sponsor of the Family Café, you can learn more about ABLE United:

- In their hosting room outside the exhibitor hall, where you can take fun snapshots in their photo booth, enter to win door prizes, and learn more!
- At their exhibitor booth.
- During one of three break-out sessions for additional opportunities to hear about ABLE United.

For even more information on ABLE United, go to AbleUnited.com.

The Family Café will be raffling off two Windows 10 PC computers at this keynote!



8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Registration Open , <i>Registration Desk</i>
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Zumba , <i>Regency Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open , <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	FAAST, Inc. Assistive Technology Room , <i>Regency Ballroom Q</i>
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project Sensory Room , <i>Regency Ballroom P</i>
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	ABLE United Hosting Room , <i>Rainbow Spring</i>
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Address , <i>Plaza International Ballroom</i>
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Dental Screening , <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Gatorland Wildlife Show/Active Leisure for Life! , <i>Orlando Ballroom</i>
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Brazilian Voices , <i>Foyer</i>
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Royal DJs , <i>Foyer</i>
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Rock Climbing Wall , <i>Orlando Ballroom</i>
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Registration Open , <i>Registration Desk</i>
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Early Steps Playgroup , <i>Regency Ballroom O</i>
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Pyramid Players , <i>Foyer</i>
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	The Comfortable with Myself Fashion Show , <i>Foyer</i>
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Mamma Mia by Rising Star Performance Group , <i>Plaza International Ballroom</i>
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Arts & Crafts , <i>Regency Ballroom O</i>
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Pyramid Players , <i>Foyer</i>
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Alex and Friends , <i>Foyer</i>
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Pyramid Players , <i>Foyer</i>
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Royal DJs , <i>Foyer</i>
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Pyramid Players , <i>Foyer</i>
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	The Comfortable with Myself Fashion Show , <i>Foyer</i>
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Family Entertainment , <i>Plaza International Ballroom</i>

The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project Sensory Room

Saturday, June 11
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Regency Ballroom P

Join us for an indoor sensory wonderland that is 100% wireless, wheelchair-accessible, and created just for children with physical disabilities and sensory processing issues. Brought to you by The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project, this one-of-a-kind experience based on Snoezelen principals will help you learn how the multi-sensory environment can benefit a child with physical disabilities, autism, or other sensory processing disorders. Stop by for an opportunity for your children to decompress. (Parents are required to remain with children at all times)

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Gatorland Wildlife Show/Active Leisure for Life!

Saturday, June 11
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Orlando Ballroom

Gatorland, Home of the Screamin' Zip Line™
Be introduced to Florida's most famous resident and watch as the excitement builds when an American Alligator enters the room! You will meet an entertaining Gator Wrangler from GATORLAND who will share stories of close encounters with some of the world's most feared predators. Then get ready for your own up-close encounter with an American alligator! Learn about native wildlife to Florida. Meet the reptiles, mammals and birds up close and in person that you don't see every day!



Try Rock Wall Climbing

Saturday, June 11
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Orlando Ballroom

You can try out the ROCK CLIMBING WALL that will be The Promenade is located right outside of the convention space! Experience the euphoria of climbing in a safe environment with experienced climbers. One of the fastest growing sporting activities over the past 15 years is rock climbing. Once thought of as a sport for those who enjoyed extreme thrills, rock climbing has gone mainstream; its advantage being that a person can climb to his comfort level thanks to indoor climbing walls and a variety of programs that accommodate all ages and all abilities.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS ★★★★★★



Pediatric Disaster Preparedness for Children with Disabilities

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Celebration 1

Disasters can occur at any time, and may be natural or manmade. This workshop explores Florida's efforts to create an integrated network of care providers to ensure that the needs of children with disabilities are met during disasters. Areas of the state impacted by disaster often lose resources, including primary child care centers. Ensuring collaboration, cooperation, and networking among Florida's primary children hospitals during these critical events is essential to meeting the emotional and primary health needs of these children.

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Successful Reading Strategies: What Everyone Ought to Know

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Celebration 3

Do you want to increase reading skills in your child(ren)? Do you want to learn ways to engage your child(ren) in reading? Then look no further. This session will focus on research-based reading strategies that work. Reading strategies are steps that good readers use to make sense of what they read. Help your child(ren) become purposeful, active readers.

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SATURDAY

GET A PLAN!

FLGetAPlan.com
Florida Division of Emergency Management

Be Prepared Have a Family Emergency Plan

An emergency or disaster may present unique challenges for people with disabilities or access and functional needs. Assess your capabilities, as well as your needs, and create a plan that will ensure your safety in case of a disaster or emergency.

Check List

- Build a Disaster Supply Kit
- Identify a Support Network
- Complete an Emergency Health Card (EHC)
- Communicate needs and capabilities with my support network
- Arrange an out-of-town contact
- Stay informed on local disaster procedures
- Develop plan for service animals and / or family pets

Disaster Supply Kit

- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Non-Perishable Food (3 day supply)
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery operated or hand crank radio
- NOAA weather radio
- First aid kit
- At least two week's supply of medication, medical supplies used regularly and a list of allergies
- Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug and dosage.
- Medical records and primary care physician contact information
- List of the style, serial number and manufacturer information of needed medical devices
- Service animal I.D., veterinary records and proof of ownership
- Supplies for your service animal

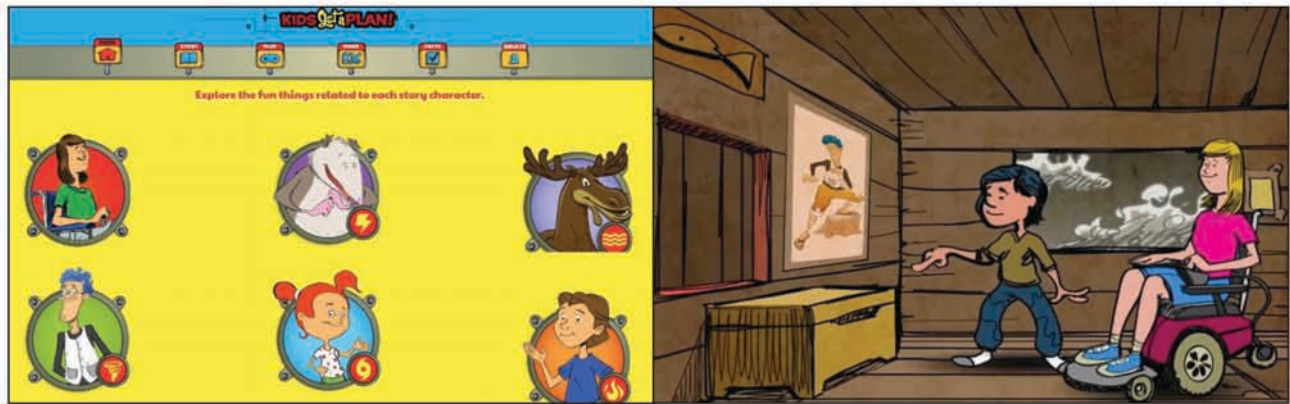
Go to www.FLGetAPlan.com to build your customized Family Emergency Plan and for information on the Florida Special Needs Registry.

KIDS Get a PLAN!

Join Professor Tinkermelster Online

www.KidsGetaPlan.com

Go online with your parents for interactive games, activities and downloadable books to learn how to prepare for emergencies and disasters.



Visit www.FLGetAPlan.com for more information and for help building your emergency plan

“Like” the Kids Get a Plan on Facebook and follow @FLGetaPlan on Twitter.





APD's Billy Joe Rish Park – A Park for People with Disabilities

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Celebration 5

Participants will enjoy learning about the Agency for Persons with Disabilities' 98 acre beach park located on the Gulf of Mexico at Cape San Blas, which was built specifically for persons with disabilities and their families. The park has received funding for improvements. Participants will learn how this money will be used to enhance the park's access and features. More importantly, participants will learn about how they and their groups can have fun in the sun and on the beach without barriers.

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Benefits and Tax Savings for Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Celebration 6

Parents of children with special needs incur a variety of expenses for their child or adult, including therapies, educational training, tutoring, personal care aides, transportation, home modifications, and medical supplies. Many of these expenses may be tax deductible, but are often overlooked by tax professionals who are unfamiliar with the types and categorization of qualified expenses. These unique tax benefits may entitle parents to additional refunds. Learn how to identify these often missed tax deductions, and other tools available to save on your family's federal and state income tax. This session includes an overview of Life Planning tools for the most protected future for your child, including information on public benefits, trusts, guardianship, Medicaid, and SSI.

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Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Vocational Rehabilitation But Didn't Know Who to Ask

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Celebration 7

Come and learn about the many services VR has to offer eligible youth and/or adults who are interested in developing a meaningful career. This session will provide participants with the opportunity to learn about the many services and supports available through VR. Services are individually designed and may include vocational evaluation and planning, job placement, assistive technology, training and education, as well as other necessary services all designed to promote successful employment outcomes.

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SATURDAY

What is the Consumer Directed Care Plus Program (CDC+)?

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Celebration 8

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities will provide an overview and updates on the CDC+ program. The presentation will include the application and enrollment process, as well as program requirements as described in the CDC+ rule. A panel of parent liaisons will be present to share their experiences and the services they have used while on the CDC+ program. The second half of this session will allow the audience to ask questions.

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Dispute Resolution: When the Team Can't Come to Consensus

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Celebration 9

Miscommunication can often lead to IEP break down. It can be very difficult dealing with the intricacies of negotiating such a sensitive area. Parents need to understand how to resolve disagreements and the benefit of mediation as a tool for conflict resolution. Due Process is not always a viable solution. This presentation will cover how to work toward resolving disagreements between the parent and the school. We will also address informal conflict resolution and mediation, State Complaints, Office of Civil Rights Complaints, and Due Process Hearings. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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2016 Legal & Financial Issues For Your Special Needs Child

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Celebration 10

This session will cover: The need for a 100 year plan; Legal Documents, including Pre-Need Guardianship, Guardianship, Guardian Advocate, and Special Needs Trusts; Qualifying for both Medicaid and Medicaid; the easy way to meet the annual reporting requirements for SSI and Guardianship; and maximizing your child's life time income. SSI money for minor children is based on the income of the parents, but at 18, the qualifications are based upon the income of the child. Plus, the child can qualify to collect 50% of the parent's social security once the parent starts drawing social security, and the amount increases to 75% upon the death of the parent.

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ABLE United: Planning Your Financial Future

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Celebration 11

Make your money go further – tax free. Whether you are focused on long-term financial planning or managing short-term expenditures, an ABLE account provides a savings option that allows you to build assets tax-free without impacting federal benefits. Learn how an ABLE account fits within your financial tool kit, how friends and family may contribute to your ABLE account, and how an ABLE account works with your Special Needs Trust.

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Kick the Job Hunt – Start Your Own Business

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Celebration 12

Making the decision to start a business requires a multitude of involved supporters. This presentation will introduce Moira Rossi as a self-advocate who has Down syndrome and is the president of her own company, called Moira's Ventures LLC—a video production company marketing to other self-advocates. She will give some tips on how to start your own business and will be joined by her team of advisors who will discuss how Moira pulled together her team, as well as each person's role in the business. She will talk about creating a business plan, looking for the money to get started, and where you can go to find technical support. Having her own business has made a difference in Moira's life, and she is here to share her story.

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Transition: The Big Picture

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Celebration 13

The transition process through public school levels, and the transition process from public school to postsecondary education and training, are responsibilities shared among students, their family members, educators, and community resources. Transition discussions should begin early and be based upon data/evidence related to the student's big picture goals, and should lead to postsecondary education/training. It is incumbent upon everyone to understand the students' disability, documenting the disability, identifying the student's strengths and challenges, and determining the best education/training formats for the student. The team will present examples of collaborative opportunities between the public school and community based opportunities. We hope this workshop will assist you as you plan your future goals to fulfill your dreams.

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The Art of the Interview

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Celebration 14

This is an interactive session that will give you the confidence to answer those difficult questions employers ask during the interview process. Additionally, learn how to look, act, and interact with potential employers during the interview. After the workshop you can go down to the Exhibit Hall and practice your interview skills.

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Parenting with a Mental Illness

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Celebration 15

Having a mental illness comes with such a stigma. It is a difficult and arduous journey that must be navigated cautiously and purposefully. When you are a parent with a mental illness, it adds a whole different level to that journey, especially if your child has a special need or needs or even a mental illness of his or her own. Come join us for a time of introspection and learning some tips and techniques to help manage your personal journey in order to be the best possible parent for your child. There is no judgment here, only acceptance.

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Dadvocates

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Celebration 16

In 1994, a small group of fathers founded the first Florida fathers group, "Father to Father of Collier County." We did not fit into the mold of traditional support groups that were designed by mothers, and began to meet together as dads. We started with planned community outings with our children. It gave us time with our children and an informal time to talk to each other. I developed the "Dadvocate" workshop, and my first workshop had three dads present. My seventh workshop had standing room only! I learned much from the fathers in those workshops. I realized that dads were being overlooked, and I created the "Father's Network." It is my hope that through this interactive presentation fathers will be encouraged to become involved in the lives of their children by being "Dadvocates."

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One Size Does Not Fit All: Liveability to Visitability

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Bayhill 17

Few things are more fundamental than having somewhere to live (own or rented). Having little or no choice in where one lives has profound impact on physical/mental health, and the ability for full participation. Learn and gain empowering strategies for current and future housing challenges and solutions. Panelists will share resources and tips on how to identify and work with real estate industry professionals to make better decisions to own/rent, legal rights, home remodeling/modifications, financing, and credit.

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What You Need to Know About Receiving SSI Childhood Disability Benefits and the Transition to Adult Disability

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Bayhill 18

Are you a caregiver for a disabled child younger than age 18? Did you become disabled prior to age 22? If yes, this presentation from the Social Security Administration is for you! Come learn the Supplementary Security Income (SSI) eligibility requirements for children and youth as they transition into adulthood. Discover additional benefits that may exist for adults who become disabled prior to age 22. Finally, learn the importance of a mySocialSecurity account and what you can do online!

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Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Bayhill 19

Are you looking for a chance to network with other families? Come to this session to meet other families and talk about what works and what does not work. This is a good time to connect a family that has a younger child with a family with an older one. The best education you can get is from another parent.

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Deal or No Deal? Strategies to Motivate Teens and Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome

Saturday, June 11
11:00
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Motivating teens and young adults on the autism spectrum can be very challenging. Are you searching for new ways to encourage your teen/young adult to "just do it"? It would be great if we received an instruction manual for each phase our children went through. It gets even more complicated when our children become adults. In this interactive workshop, you will learn to identify the underlying reasons that may be contributing to the lack of motivation, as well as practical strategies to improve not only their motivation but your family relationship as well.

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Celebration of Life Ceremony

Saturday, June 11
11:00
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Ceremony helps us express and release our thoughts and feelings through our very presence - and more importantly to share it with community.

Come and join us in this year's Celebration of Life Ceremony, honoring our loved ones who have passed away - honoring their gifts, talents and contributions in making our world a better place. This inspirational ceremony includes music, art and poetry. Everyone will have the opportunity to include their loved one's memory on the ceremonial Tree of Life planted in a turned buttonwood vessel commissioned for this annual celebration.

The group will also weave together with rainbow colored yarn a symbolic Web of Life - representing that unified energy field where we are all connected as one. The Web of Life reminds us that we are never really separated from our loved ones. Dr. Paula Petry will share about her own journey back from grief - how it is that we can move forward from loss with joy in our hearts. Dr. Petry will lead the group in a guided meditation into the upper realms to receive messages that will bring each person the inner peace and joy they are seeking.

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Planning for the Future with Social Security's Work Incentives!

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Bayhill 22

In this session, we will present and explain the numerous work incentives available to disabled individuals who receive disability payments through Social Security. The incentives are available to disabled individuals who draw Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Some of the incentives apply to both programs, while others apply specifically to only the SSDI program or the SSI program. These work incentives are geared to help the individual supplement their current

income or become self-supporting through work or reaching a particular work goal. This presentation will be in PowerPoint and lecture form.

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Moms to Moms

Saturday, June 11
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Bayhill 23

When we are together as mothers sharing our experience as parents of children with special needs, it feels good! We can empathize and be compassionate to each other and our unique situation. Overtly, we have something in common (our children). We can also learn, laugh, and build friendships. Here is your opportunity to experience all that is mentioned above. We invite you to join us for an interactive, informal, relaxing conversation. Let's talk about experience and concerns of interest to you!

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A Self-Advocate's Guide to Communication Among Individuals with Differing Language Abilities

Saturday, June 11
11:00
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Many people with disabilities have varying language and communication abilities. Some are nonverbal, some are partially verbal, some are verbal but sometimes struggle to understand nuances in language and/or live with impaired communication skills, and others have full language abilities. Listen to a formerly nonverbal self-advocate with autism discuss unique strategies that individuals with varying language impairments, from nonverbal to fully verbal with communication deficits, can use to effectively communicate with one another and with individuals without language impairments.

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Horses and Miracles: The Benefits of Therapeutic Riding

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Bayhill 25

A child with CP takes his first steps after riding a horse! Or, he rides in a saddle by himself for the first time, even though he can't sit up alone! A child with autism whispers his horse's name—his very first words ever! An adult with dementia, who doesn't speak at home, carries on a conversation while driving in the wheelchair accessible carriage! A person who is blind learns to ride independently and performs in

a drill team on horseback! An incomplete quadriplegic rides in speed events such as barrel racing at horseshows! These are only a few of the miracles that have been witnessed while children and adults participate in therapeutic horseback riding and carriage driving classes. The rhythmic motion of the horse can help improve strength, coordination, and balance for individuals with physical disabilities. It also helps improve confidence, self-esteem, and increases attention span for those with mental or emotional disabilities. But, most importantly, it provides the feeling of freedom and independence while on a horse.

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Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts (PLSA) for Students with Specific Diagnosis

Saturday, June 11
11:00
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The PLSA is different than other state scholarships in that it allows parents to personalize the education of their children with unique abilities by directing money toward a combination of programs and approved providers. These include schools, therapists, specialists, curriculum, technology—even a college savings account. This scholarship is for Florida students 3 years old through 12th grade or age 22, whichever comes first, with one of the following disabilities: autism spectrum disorder, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Spina bifida, Williams syndrome or intellectual disability (severe cognitive impairment). Also, students in kindergarten deemed “high risk” due to developmental delays and not older than 5 on Sept. 1 may be eligible for the year they apply. Step Up For Students is the Scholarship Funding Organization (SFO) that verifies the applications and provides additional support to the schools through the Office of Student Learning. This presentation is designed to provide information regarding the PLSA program for parents of children with the specific diagnosis above.

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Shaping Behavior with Apps for iPad

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Bayhill 27

This workshop will help parents use iPad apps to shape their child's behavior. There are many apps available to use for scheduling, timers, rewards, and organization. This would be especially helpful for parents with children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD or ADHD), Autism (ASD), Asperger's, Specific Learning Disability (SLD), or Emotional Behavioral Disability (EBD). So bring your iPad and let's find the apps!

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Universal Design for Learning: Creating a Flexible Classroom Environment that Supports All Learners

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Bayhill 28

Come and hear how educators from Gilchrist County Schools and Nassau County Schools are using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to create a learning environment that meets the needs of all students. UDL uses a variety of strategies and technologies to provide students with multiple ways to perceive and comprehend information; multiple ways to express and demonstrate learning; and multiple ways to deeply engage in the learning process. The basic principles of UDL will be shared and educational technologies will be demonstrated in this interactive presentation.

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Respect Every Ability: A Public Awareness Campaign to Prevent Abuse & Neglect

Saturday, June 11
11:00
Bayhill 29

In this presentation, we will share information about Respect Every Ability, a public awareness campaign designed to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation of people with disabilities. Attendees will learn about the prevalence of abuse and neglect among children and adults with disabilities. We will explain the factors that make people with disabilities at high risk for abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and where to learn more.

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NAMI Family-to-Family

Saturday, June 11
11:00
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Family-to-Family is a FREE twelve-week education course designed to foster learning, healing, and empowerment among families, friends, and caregivers of individuals with mental illness. Course elements include: coping skills, handling periods of crisis and relapse, up-to-date information on medications, guidance on locating appropriate resources, and caring for the caregiver.

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Keeping it REAL: Reading Exercises for All Learners!

Saturday, June 11

11:00

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Are you looking for new ideas to make reading fun for the whole family? Have you been looking for ways to support your child in reading, but don't know what to do next? This session will provide you with a wealth of strategies that you can start implementing right away and is tailored to meet the needs of readers of all ages. The best part? All of the resources are FREE!

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Make your Paperwork WORK for You!

Saturday, June 11

11:00

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Learn how to Make your paperwork WORK for you! Join us for strategies on how to effectively organize the paperwork involved with special education and supporting individuals with disabilities. You will discover different approaches to creating a system that works for you and your family, as well as tips and tricks on how to maintain that organization on a daily basis. Learn how to get your records organized AND keep them organized in preparation for IEPs, specialist appointments, or upcoming moves (to be further discussed in the following session "Exceptional Moves for Exceptional Families"). Make your Paperwork WORK for you!

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Early Steps Playgroup

Saturday, June 11

11:00

Regency Ballroom O

This session is an Early Steps playgroup to socialize with families that can relate to what you are experiencing, to find support, and exchange ideas and solutions to the many challenges that arise.

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1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

The Comfortable with Myself Fashion Show, Foyer

Mamma Mia by Rising Star Performance Group,

Plaza International Ballroom

Arts & Crafts, Regency Ballroom O



Tactile/Hands-on Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, Through Recycling and Free Items

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Celebration 1

We will cover how to build, through the use of hands-on materials, an evacuation disaster kit, and how to plan for disasters year round. We will teach you how to think outside of the box, to use recycling and free items you already have in your house in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten, and abandoned. You will also learn how to get items for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit. Finally, you will learn how to plan for a disaster in the event you have to evacuate or if you have to shelter in place. This session will leave you thinking about all the free items you use and acquired daily that can be used.

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Taking Good Care of Ourselves So We Can Take Better Care of Others: A Professional and Parent Leadership Development Seminar

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Celebration 3

All of us can be our professional and personal best if we are cared for emotionally. This inspiring presentation shines the light of reality on the importance of being conscious of life's balances, caring for and respecting ourselves, appreciating our families and colleagues, practicing effective time management skills, and finding new ways of advocating for the causes we care about.

Participants will learn:

- Strategies for introspection: reflecting on why we've chosen the path we're on—how to reduce stress and maximize our personal assets
- The changing demographics of the family: balancing the challenges and opportunities of our four generational families and communities
- Technology: Tool vs. Tyranny—controlling and managing the urge to be in immediate touch by practicing the art of truly communicating
- Time management skills: making the most of our minutes
- Relationship building for positive results: the importance of active listening and kindness in developing strong bonds in families and in the workplace
- Understanding our many diversities—cultural, economic, and age—to develop true team building and create new partnerships in the community
- Leveraging our expertise for policy development: the role of advocacy for professionals and volunteers, and the rules of the advocacy road

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Access for All in Florida State Parks

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Celebration 4

Everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. Take a pictorial tour of the latest in access for people with disabilities in Florida State Parks. Learn how to navigate the website to easily see what's available in Florida's 174 award-winning state parks, trails, and historic sites.

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Meet APD Director Barbara Palmer

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Celebration 5

Florida Governor Rick Scott appointed Barbara Palmer director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in August 2012. Since then, APD has moved 1,600 people off the waiting list and ended the fiscal year without a deficit. Come and hear about Director Palmer's priorities for the agency in 2016 and beyond.

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Part I: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Celebration 7

This session is oriented towards consumers of public benefits, their family members, and caring advocates. In this session we will discuss the employment of persons with disabilities and the impact of employment on Social Security benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicaid waivers. We will provide updates to the programs including Partnership Plus and upcoming changes. Experts from Vocational Rehabilitation and DCF/ACCESS will discuss how benefits are affected and can be maintained through Ticket to Work, SSI and SSDI employment support programs, and the use of trusts for maintaining Medicaid eligibility, all in plain and understandable language.

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Guardianship and Guardianship Alternatives

Saturday, June 11
1:00
Celebration 8

This presentation will focus on empowering individuals in making an informed choice regarding assisting an individual in the decision process regarding life choices. Topics will include: self-determination, the supported decision making process, and the requirements for the guardianship and guardianship advocate process. The main goal of our presentation is to equip the attendees with the basic knowledge of the rights of the adult who may require assistance in making decisions in his/her life.

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Jeremy's Journey – Through Early Steps and Beyond

Saturday, June 11
1:00
Celebration 9

Presented by an Early Steps Family Resource Specialist, this workshop will share a personal story about Jeremy, who had a brain bleed prior to birth and was not expected to live. He is now almost 15-years-old and has defied the odds in regards to medical challenges and developmental milestones. His Mom (and Jeremy) will share their triumphs and experiences learned with navigating Early Intervention, Medical Insurance, SSI, and IDEA. Jeremy is a young man with Hydrocephalus, Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy. Come and be inspired and learn the ropes of how to advocate and collaborate to help your child with special needs. Each local Early Steps office is required to have Family Resource Specialists (FRS) involved in their local area. An FRS is a family member of a child who received early intervention services or would have been eligible for early intervention services. The FRS is a resource for families served through the local Early Steps and serves as a community link to support family-centered efforts and activities within the local Early Steps. The FRS advocates for families served by expressing the views, perspectives, and needs conveyed by families. The FRS also solicits feedback from families receiving early intervention services to ensure diverse input regarding programs, policies, and the delivery of early intervention services. Jeremy is now going into high school after summer, and has been an honor roll student for 7th and 8th grade. He has learned (by watching his mom) how to advocate for himself and express himself through puppeteering. He is also an avid Star Wars fan. The Force is strong with this one!

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The Importance of Early Assisted Mobility in Children with Disabilities

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Celebration 10

Mobility is important for normal cognitive and social development in children. Independent mobility results in the development of depth perception and object permanence, and it prevents the development of learned helplessness. As children with disabilities have difficulty crawling and walking, augmented mobility is very important. The effects of mobility on development will be discussed. This presentation will include research on the use of powered mobility devices in very young children, including the use of non-conventional devices. The positive effects of mobility and how this applies to all children with mobility limitation will also be discussed.

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Oh the Places We Can Go with a Dream Board

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Celebration 11

Join us for an interactive session as we explore "Oh the Places We Can Go with a Dream Board." This session will provide an overview of how to make a Dream Board that will help us achieve our employment and money goals. Creating a Dream Board assists in establishing goals and determining next steps we can take to achieve our future employment and money goals. Attendees will have an opportunity to start their own Dream Board and learn steps on how to incorporate this activity in their daily lives.

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Extended School Year: The Who, What, When of ESY

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Celebration 12

This presentation will focus on educating parents on their student's right to education beyond the regular school day/year. Topics will include how to determine whether a child is eligible for ESY services, and if so what amount and duration of services the school should be providing. The main goal of our presentation is to equip the attendees with the basic knowledge to be prepared to handle discussions with a school district related to the provision of ESY services.

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SATURDAY



Advocates Unite!

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1:00
Celebration 13

Being an advocate can be difficult at times. Sometimes all advocates need some encouragement to help them continue to support and enhance the lives of those whom they are advocating for. In this session, the members of The Florida Youth Council will bring together advocates and provide the encouragement needed for you to continue to be the very best advocate possible.

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Unlock the Doors to Employment: Keys Available through YOUR CareerSource Network

Saturday, June 11
1:00
Celebration 14

Employment opportunities are critical to the success of Florida's citizens. Florida's CareerSource Network and its partners provide a dynamic statewide workforce system that aims to meet the needs of jobseekers and employers. This workshop will provide an overview of Florida's workforce system, the role of Disability Specialists, and discuss strategies to build effective partnerships with the local workforce boards and improve access to workforce services available in your community. At the conclusion of this session, participants will be familiar with the structure of Florida's workforce system and the services available to assist all Floridians to "Get Back to Work."

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Marriage and Parenting with a Disability

Saturday, June 11
1:00
Celebration 15

Tricia Riccardi is a self-advocate, wife, and mother. In this session she and her husband of ten years will discuss the good and bad about life with a disability and a toddler. They will help navigate the system of do's and don't's where these are concerned. As a person with a disability and a parent, Tricia can offer much insight into both. Please join them for lots of laughs, and some serious discussion about these very important topics.

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Listen Twice as Silence Speaks

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Celebration 16

As a caregiver, how effective are you in communicating with school personnel, extended family, doctors, therapists, clergy, and employers on behalf of the silent speakers? Experience what it means to listen twice as much with eyes, hands, ears, and body to adequately partner with and advocate for non-verbal individuals.

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Guardian Advocacy Bootcamp: You Can Do This!

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Bayhill 17

Attorneys Pamela Martini and Maytel Bonham will present an interactive overview of the guardian advocacy process designed for family members of individuals with disabilities who wish to become guardian advocates, but don't know how to get started. When are you required to hire an attorney to help, and when is it possible to file the paperwork yourself? What do the various forms mean and what proof of disability is required? Which forms do you use in your area and where do you file the case? The various types of guardian advocacy and guardianships will be covered, such as when a guardian advocate of the person is appropriate, when a guardian advocate of the person and property is needed, and what rights are delegated to the guardian advocate in each situation.

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Pool Safety and Drowning Prevention Efforts in Florida

Saturday, June 11

1:00

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This presentation will provide attendees with a summary of the Florida Department of Health and its community partners' efforts in pool safety and drowning prevention in Florida. Topics include current national and Florida drowning data, information about the Florida Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act, pool safety, and drowning prevention initiatives.

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SATURDAY

Delegate Roundtable: Autism

Saturday, June 11

1:00

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One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at The Annual Family Café, The Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other parents to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need. This roundtable session will be dedicated to Autism. Come and make new friends!

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Transition Individual Education Planning – Yes There Is Life After High School, and What to Expect

Saturday, June 11

1:00

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This presentation will focus on navigating the Transition Individual Education Plan process for parents and caregivers of students planning to exit the exceptional student education program. This is a co-presentation with a student who has successfully completed the transition from high school to post-secondary and an advocate. Parents will learn the importance of drafting an appropriate transition plan. Also covered will be accommodations to assist the student to access the appropriate post-secondary options, and a discussion of the importance of related services and assistive technology. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenters and participants.

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Family Interventions and Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling Services

Saturday, June 11

1:00

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The family is an integral part of rehabilitation services for many consumers, and can encourage or undermine consumer outcomes. Family culture, values, and constellation can also significantly influence positive or negative outcomes in rehabilitation. Vocational rehabilitation services can address ways in which families influence the rehabilitation process, even in a climate where funding and time are constrained. Practical suggestions will be outlined for (1) consumers of services and the family, (2) practitioners and professionals, and (3) needs for systemic interventions and future research. Relevant literature will be reviewed and related to state/federal rehabilitation organization policies to clarify ways in which direct action can be taken by both consumers and relevant professionals.

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Can We Be Better Prepared as Advocates for Our Children?

Saturday, June 11
1:00
Bayhill 23

We walk into Medical offices and IEP meetings and deliver our information with the best intentions. We roll with the punches, ups, downs, twist and turns—because we have to, as parents. Can we be better prepared? In this session we will look at: what we know and how to share our information; how we can be better prepared to advocate for our children; and why we need to take certain directions to gain more benefit for our children. We will also look at the special consideration for our children with multiple disabilities.

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Encuentra Tu Voz

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1:00
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Este taller en español brinda información práctica que ayude a los padres a entender su papel de abogar para los derechos de sus hijos con necesidades especiales, de niño hasta adulto. Los padres se enfrentan con muchos obstáculos en el proceso de aprender sobre la discapacidad del niño, entender las opciones de intervención y apoyo, y comprender los sistemas de servicios y educación. Las familias pueden sentirse estresadas o intimidadas por las demandas y retos de criar a un niño con necesidades especiales. La información confiable es esencial para abogar eficazmente y encontrar los apoyos que se necesita. Este taller ofrece cuatro pasos prácticos que pueden fortalecer y empoderar a las familias.

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Tourette Syndrome: Navigating the Waters in Your Child's Education Process

Saturday, June 11
1:00
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Children with special needs may require some form of accommodation or assistance to achieve a free appropriate public education (FAPE). This typically requires either the 504 or Individualized Education

Plan (IEP) process. In addition to these processes, awareness and education of school faculty and staff to the implications of this often misunderstood disorder and its frequently co-occurring neurological conditions is crucial. Students with Tourette Syndrome are additionally often afflicted by Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADHD), and sensory processing issues. This presentation focuses on how to engage with the school, educate the teachers, administrators, and classroom peers about your student's issues, and offers advice for navigating the 504 or IEP process.

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Small Steps Towards a Healthier Weight

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1:00
Bayhill 26

Persons with disabilities may find it more difficult to control their weight because they may not have independent choice in selecting the foods they eat. In addition, physical limitations may reduce their ability to exercise regularly. Due to disability-related limitations some people may lack the time, energy, or ability to prepare healthy meals. They also may need to take medications that can contribute to weight gain. Good nutrition may be a major challenge for persons who have difficulty chewing and swallowing. Despite these barriers, persons with disabilities can achieve a healthy lifestyle that includes proper nutrition and moderate exercise. Recent research has shown that even small lifestyle changes can make dramatic differences. This presentation will provide general tips and tools for incorporating healthy lifestyle choices for persons with disabilities and their caretakers.

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FAAST New Horizon Loan Program

Saturday, June 11
1:00
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The New Horizon Loan Program is an alternative assistive technology finance program under the Assistive Technology Act of 2004, Section 4(e)(2)(A) designed to help individuals with disabilities to borrow money at reasonable interest rates for the purchase of assistive technologies. Our New Horizon Business Loan Program is a similar program that can assist qualified persons with disabilities who are seeking employment through self-employment opportunities. These are low interest rate loan programs that may offer below market interest rates that can help keep your loan payment low along with no prepayment penalty features. The NHL Program offers a user-friendly loan application, which requires a qualifying credit-and debt-to-income criteria review, before we can proceed to a loan closing for the assistive technology that you need. In addition, the NHL Program staff offers unique consumer responsive services not often found through more traditional lenders.

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Part of My Brain Died – What is Your Excuse?

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Bayhill 28

Brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability in children and adults from ages 1 to 44. The statistics are overwhelming. There are 2 million Traumatic Brain Injuries each year (one every 15 seconds). 500,000 of these injuries require hospital admission. Every 5 minutes someone dies from a head injury. This will be a hard look at traumatic and acquired brain injuries by a brain injury survivor. It will be factual and fun (humor is one of the best ways that Howard knows of to cope). Howard Moon is a survivor who will talk about life after a brain injury. With the proper knowledge and the proper attitude, you can get a new life after your injury.

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Universal Changing Places – Florida

Saturday, June 11

1:00

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The Florida campaign was inspired by Changing Places – U.K. The initiative was started in November of 2015 by Founder Sabrina Kimball to make people aware of the need for adult changing tables in Family Restrooms throughout the State of Florida. People need a safe and clean place to be changed. No one should ever have to be laid on a public restroom floor or be denied a full and active life just because our current public bathrooms do not meet their needs! Participants will learn how they can make a change in their community by starting a campaign in their hometown! Together, we can make a difference!

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Understanding Trauma Informed Care – An Introduction and Overview

Saturday, June 11

1:00

Bayhill 30

Workshop participants will learn and understand the definition of trauma, the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience) study, the emotional, neurological and chemical changes that trauma can cause in the brain and body, and practical strategies for responding to youth who have been traumatized. We understand that parents can provide effective supports to youth by building protective factors, facilitating strong adult-child relationships and encouraging problem-solving skills. Participants will engage in small group activities, take the Adverse Childhood Experience test from the perspective a child or adult they are familiar with, view video presentations, and engage in discussion.

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Project Self-Advocate Leadership Training (SALT): Becoming Leaders – An Innovative Leadership Curriculum for Young Adults with Disabilities

Saturday, June 11
1:00
Bayhill 31

Project SALT's large vision is to produce an ever-growing cadre of individuals with disabilities with the capacity for self-determination, independence, and the ability to participate in their communities in meaningful ways. We teach a leadership skills curriculum to individuals with disabilities so that they can learn strategies to advocate for themselves, others, and affect larger systems change. We will share our curriculum, design process, best practices, and outcomes of the training.

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Exceptional Moves for Exceptional Families

Saturday, June 11
1:00
Bayhill 32

Moving is an inevitable and fundamental part of military life—learn how you can make the PCS process exceptional for your Exceptional Family Member. We will discuss how to coordinate care and resources at your destination, how to facilitate a smooth school transfer, how to make your paperwork WORK for you in the moving process—attendance at the previous session (Make Your Paperwork WORK for you!) is highly recommended but not required. We will also discuss tools and strategies that can help before, during, and after your move. Come and join us to make your next move exceptional!

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2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
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2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS ★★★★★★★★★★



Let's Get Ready: Planning Together for Emergencies with Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Celebration 1

In this session, Sesame Street characters will help motivate children of all ages to understand why it is important to help mom and dad to know their name, phone number and where they live so that they can summon help or help their parents during a disaster and what they need to put in their disaster to go kit.

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Project 10's Secondary Transition Resources and Project 10 STING RAY Updates

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Celebration 2

This presentation will review the resources available through Project 10, including strategies and initiatives such as capacity building, interagency collaboration, transition legislation and policy development, and student development and outcomes. In addition, an overview of Project STING RAY will be provided, including the curriculum framework as well as information about how students are supported on campus through mentorships, internships, community engagement, and technology. A student in the STING RAY program will co-present and share their experiences in the program.

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Family Cafe's Women's Fellowship: Understanding the Seasons in Your Life

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Celebration 3

This interactive and motivational workshop is designed to inspire all women attending the conference. There are "seasons" that we go through in our lives that can oftentimes bring us great joy or tremendous pain. It is important to know and understand that we how we "Go" through it determines how we "Grow" from it. One aspect about seasons is that they don't last forever. Circumstances change, so we should never give up hope. We have to hold on to a strong belief that things will get better, regardless of the situation. You are cordially invited to attend this uplifting session to help support, strengthen, empower, and give you a renewed determination to be your best self for you, and your family! The "f" in cafe stands for friendship, and in the words of Carole King: "Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall, all you have do is call, and I'll be there. You've got a Friend...in Family Cafe!"

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Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS)

Saturday, June 11

2:30

Celebration 4

Tropical Miami Civitan Club with David Hoyos Swim Academy Nada Major presents "Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS)," teaching babies, youth, and young adults to be navigators of the waters of life's journeys to inspire greatness and have fitness for life. Our specialty is with students that had traumas and/or prior drowning experience and/or bad family experiences; they learned to perform the methodological steps of education. We shall have videos that, in part, showing a child with critically serious maladies overcome them with the partnership of their parents and the family values imparted by the professional, parents, and child. We will review local partners that have pools throughout Florida to remove the stigma of drowning deaths where Broward is Number One Nationally (but declining as we write) in one-to-four-year-old drowning deaths, and Miami-Dade is second.

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What's Next about the Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)?

Saturday, June 11

2:30

Celebration 5

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities will present any updates and enhancements of the CDC+ program requirements as described in the CDC+ Rule and Participant Notebook. The second half of this session will be lecture-free to allow the audience to ask questions. We will also provide questions and answers to those who need translation in Spanish: Que es el Programa Dirigido por el Consumidor (CDC+)? La Agencia para Personas con discapacidades permitira las presonas para que hagan preguntas sobre el programa de CDC+.

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Why I Chose an ABLÉ Account

Saturday, June 11

2:30

Celebration 6

It's a new day. Learn how a grassroots movement has changed the way you manage short-term expenditures and establish long-term savings. In this session, individuals that will be among the first to open an ABLÉ account discuss ABLÉ accounts and what having an ABLÉ account means to them and for their family. Specifically, the panel will discuss financial independence, financial stability, and the prospect for better life experience.

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Part II: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Saturday, June 11

2:30

Celebration 7

This session should be attended by professionals, support coordinators, employment coordinators, etc., or those who have some knowledge of the subject matter. We will discuss the options for gaining employment for persons with disabilities and how earned income impacts SSDI, SSI, Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicaid Waivers. Experts from Vocational Rehabilitation and DCF/ACCESS will discuss how benefits are impacted and how the use of trusts can maintain Medicaid eligibility. We will also discuss the importance of partnerships and collaboration in navigating the complex state and federal systems with the ultimate goal of making you a more effective advocate and advisor. This session will increase your ability to advise and plan for the future of your consumers by helping you to understand how the same employment earnings impact each type of public benefit differently.

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Low Tech (Recycled Toy Ideas) and High Tech Tools (iPad)

Saturday, June 11

2:30

Celebration 9

Presented by an Early Steps Family Resource Specialist, this workshop will show you some easy low-tech ideas to help your developing infant or toddler using everyday items around your home and creating items by recycling. We will also share some of the ideas and fascination of using high-tech tools (such as the iPad) with your child, in addition to the cautions and concerns of using these items too much with children under the age of three.

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Orthopedic Manifestations of Cerebral Palsy & Scoliosis in the Child with Cerebral Palsy

Saturday, June 11

2:30

Celebration 10

A comprehensive discussion of orthopedic concerns of the growing child with Cerebral Palsy. Topics include scoliosis and hip dislocation treatment, and gait analysis in the walking child.

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You Mean I Don't Have to Have All the Transition Answers?

Saturday, June 11

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Celebration 11

That is correct! Transition preparation is our collective responsibility. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) stresses collaboration to ensure in-school youth with disabilities receive the services and resources required to help them reach their transition goals. Who belongs around the table? What can each offer? How do we work together to best prepare students with disabilities for life after high school? Knowing the right questions to ask and where to turn for answers are important first steps. This session will provide individuals and families an opportunity to come together to begin the discussion and walk away with a plan to better serve the transition needs of in-school youth.

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Calling All Advocates – Partners in Policymaking Wants You!

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Celebration 12

Come learn about the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council's advocacy program, Partners in Policymaking. Partners is a leadership training program that helps individuals with developmental disabilities and family members learn how to work with policymakers to improve the lives of persons with disabilities, between the people who need services and those who make policy regarding those services. Partners participants learn from nationally-recognized speakers on topics such as navigating the state and federal legislative process. If you want to be a leader in your community or improve your advocacy skills, Partners may be for you!

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It's All About Social Interaction (Youth Only)

Saturday, June 11
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Celebration 13

Life is all about interacting with peers. This can be very challenging, especially when you have a disability. The members of The Florida Youth Council know just how difficult the prospect of interacting with peers can be. They also know that it is a vital part of life. In this session, they will share their experiences and insight on how to successfully interact with you peers.

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Resume Writing – How to Get your Resume Noticed

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Celebration 14

Throughout your career, you must be able to summarize your work history, outline your skills, and emphasize the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) you have that qualify you for future work. Without the ability to create a qualified, professional resume, your career might reach a dead end. Resume writing is important for making the transition from school to the workforce. When you're in learning mode, you're focused on learning practice and theory that makes up the kind of work you're interested in. However, once you complete your education, you must focus on the hands-on application of your skills. This is true for everyone, from high school graduates to students receiving post-graduate university degrees, and every type of schooling in between. Your ability to transfer learning to actual demonstrations of your skills and knowledge in a work environment should be part of your description of your capabilities and qualifications in a resume. Your future in the working world depends on it. After the workshop you can go down to the Exhibit Hall and learn about the tools you can use to write that resume that gets noticed.

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Disability Discrimination in Housing

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Celebration 15

Disability discrimination is one of the most common forms of housing discrimination in Florida. The right to fair housing is protected by the Fair Housing Act. Disabled individuals who believe they are victims of housing discrimination may file complaints with the Florida Commission on Human Relations, which will then investigate their complaints and will also attempt to resolve them through conciliation. This presentation includes an overview of the Fair Housing Act, the actions prohibited by the Act, the process of complaint investigation, and instructions on how to file a complaint with the Commission. Emphasis is placed on disability-related claims, including reasonable accommodations and modifications, in order to educate and inform regarding the right of disabled people in Florida to fair housing.

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iOS 9 Accessibility Features for Hearing, Vision, Physical/Motor, and Learning and Literacy

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Celebration 16

The PS/RTI Technology & Learning Connections (TLC) Team's goal is to increase student achievement through the systemic alignment of technology, policies, and curriculum in a multi-tiered system of supports. We will be sharing strategies that include the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to support the local development of highly effective classrooms for all students based on the Florida Standards in a multi-tiered system of supports. Learn the accessibility features that are built in the iPad to help your student succeed.

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Provide for Your Child & Plan Your Retirement Too? Not Impossible!

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 17

Nationally recognized, engaging, interactive, and often humorous, Joe will navigate how to strategize for your retirement while providing support for your loved one with special needs. Touching on such topics as protection of government benefits, wills, trusts, how HIPAA laws can effect direction of care, health care surrogates, living wills, durable power of attorney, funding a special needs trust, guardianship, and accepting a financial gift—what not to do. And finally, receive a letter of intent via email after attending this presentation. An hour of your time = a lifetime of information!

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What is the Florida Consortium on Inclusive Higher Education?

Saturday, June 11
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Bayhill 18

As a collaborative recipient of a Department of Education five-year grant (2015-2020), The University of Central Florida (UCF) has partnered with the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP), Florida International University (FIU), and Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) to form the Florida Consortium on Inclusive Higher Education. This session will outline the goals for The Consortium in enhancing post-secondary programs for students with intellectual disabilities and will seek audience feedback on how The Consortium may be able to benefit the needs of students, families, the K-12 system, and employers.

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Delegate Roundtable: Mental Health

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2:30
Bayhill 19

Delegate Roundtable sessions provide an opportunity for individuals and families dealing with similar circumstances to learn from each other and find support. This session will bring together attendees to talk about mental health, how it impacts our families and communities, and what we do to stay well and thrive with a mental health diagnosis. Learn about what The Family Café is doing to bring attention to mental health in Florida, and share your own thoughts, questions and concerns on the issue in this open conversation!

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High School Graduation Requirements: What Students and Families Need to Know!

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 20

This presentation will detail Florida's high school graduation requirements by describing the various high school completion options available to public school students in Florida as well as provide related resources. Specific emphasis is placed on options for students with disabilities. After this presentation, participants will be able to list college and career readiness skills, discuss graduation rates for Florida's students with disabilities, describe Florida high school completion options—including those restricted

to students with disabilities, and identify criteria for students with disabilities to defer receipt of the standard diploma.

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Meet Dr. Verra-Tirado, Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 21

Dr. Verra-Tirado will provide participants with an update on the latest initiatives and activities of the bureau, which administers education programs for students with disabilities, coordinates student services throughout the state, and participates in multiple inter-agency efforts designed to strengthen the quality and variety of services available to students with special needs.

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Disability Discrimination in Employment and Places of Public Accommodation

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 22

The Florida Civil Rights Act secures, for all individuals within the state of Florida, freedom from discrimination on the basis of disability in employment and places of public accommodation. The Florida Commission on Human Relations enforces that statute through neutral, third-party investigation and mediation; persons who believe they have been discriminated against in violation of the statute may file a complaint with FCHR. This presentation includes an overview of the Florida Civil Rights Act and FCHR's complaint process—specifically as pertains to disability-related claims.

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Man Laws for Moms: Understanding Dads and Why We Do What We Do

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 23

This session for moms will explore some of the reasons why dads do the things that they do, related to family involvement. Then the session will look at strategies that moms can use to help encourage dad to be more involved with a child with special needs, and the additional responsibilities that often surround raising the child.

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Know Yourself. Love Yourself. Be Yourself.

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 24

Three things really matter in life: Know Yourself. Love Yourself. Be Yourself. Self-advocates need to do these things to be successful, especially as teens or adults. This inspiring presentation for parents, educators, other professionals, and self-advocates focuses on developing these key concepts from as early in life as possible to support self-awareness, self-acceptance, and self-advocacy skills. Tom explains why he created this mantra, and how it applies to everyday life.

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Your Sexual Health

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 26

This presentation is an overview of several types of diseases that can be spread by sexual contact, including what causes the disease, how it is spread, and how to prevent or treat it. A few of the diseases that will be discussed are gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, some types of hepatitis and HIV. Additionally information will be provided on where to go for more information and where to go for examination and treatment when needed.

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D. Anna Likos
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“Let’s Talk” About Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC)

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 27

The session will focus on the continuum of AAC systems available in the market today, current AAC strategies, and the role of the family in implementation. Many families have not been exposed to current AAC strategies and various features in the different devices. This session will also review the basic elements of AAC organization and management, vocabulary selection, Aided Language Stimulation, and Core Vocabulary.

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Solutions for Effective Living: Guardian Advocacy, Etc.

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 28

Florida's guardian advocacy statute addresses the unique needs of developmentally disabled young people who turn 18, and therefore are adults, who are legally emancipated and who have privacy rights. Parents and guardians can file to become the guardian advocate for their adult children and continue to help with crucial decision making and care. No showing of incapacity is required, and the disabled adult retains some rights. The process, abbreviated from a traditional guardianship, facilitates the continued care of a loved one while providing all due process protections, like appointment of an attorney for the person to ensure that the proceeding is proper. Come learn more details about whether this would work for you and your loved ones.

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Postsecondary Transition Programs at Florida International University

Saturday, June 11
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Bayhill 29

This presentation will provide an overview of two postsecondary transition programs for students with intellectual disabilities (ID) at Florida International University in Miami. Panther LIFE: Learning Is For Everyone is an inclusive program for students ages 18-21 that allows students to access and participate in University courses, on-campus job shadowing, community employment internships, and other program activities. Panther PLUS: Postsecondary Learning for Universal Success will provide a university-based experience to students ages 22-26 with a focus on employment preparation and independent living skills. Information will be shared on the components of each program, curricula, support systems, and program evaluation data.

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State Support for Military Family Special Needs Medical Services

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Bayhill 32

Military families encounter difficulties in receiving condition-specific medical support as they transfer between assignments. They also lose valuable support upon separation from service. Come find out about the different state level support that is available to alleviate barriers experienced by military families as they transfer from state-to-state or transition out of the military.

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Tennis Fun For Everyone!

Saturday, June 11
2:30
Orlando Ballroom

Sure to increase your "fun factor" for the day! Bring your family and friends for laughs, games and fun while enjoying tennis the way you've never played before. Enjoy instant fun with modified balls, modified racquets, and modified courts, special tennis games for all!!! We provide instruments for increasing the "fun factor" through modified tennis, wellness, and "Fit Adventures" using tools to help providers and players have more fun moving on and off the court!

Christine Murphy Foltz
WHAM IT!

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Royal DJs, Foyer

Disability Rights Florida: How WE Can Help You!

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 2

Learn what resources Disability Rights Florida can provide you with to become an effective self-advocate and take a proactive role in your own life. Learn problem solving techniques, strategies for self-advocacy, and how to obtain the newest information and legislation that may affect persons with disabilities. Let us help you!

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It Is Possible: Children with Cerebral Palsy and Other Motor Disabilities Can Achieve a Greater Level of Functional Independence

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 3

It is possible! Children with Cerebral Palsy and other motor disabilities can achieve a greater level of functional independence than is being realized in some traditional educational settings. When provided a comprehensive education including specific daily routines, motivation, opportunities for group learning, and individualized facilitation, the goal of learning independence, experiencing success, and discovering their maximum potential is achievable. Through the integration and coordination of various functions, children with CP are able to actively experience childhood. Join us as we explore something more than a methodology, but a way of life. Parents, teachers, and others will learn how they can set the stage to improve and enhance the independence of children with motor disabilities.

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Creating an Inclusive Culture of Wellness for People with Disabilities

Saturday, June 11
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Celebration 4

Get FIT is dedicated to promoting an inclusive culture of health and wellness for people with disabilities, chronic health conditions, and their caregivers. Get FIT was founded in New Jersey in 2008 and now promotes healthy living behaviors for people with and without disabilities in multiple settings and states. This presentation will feature insight into how to transform programs and environments to provide increased access to inclusive health promotion services. Attendees will engage in an interactive discussion regarding the importance of incorporating physical activity and healthy eating opportunities into daily schedules in efforts to decrease disparities experienced by people of varied abilities throughout the lifespan.

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APD Partners with Mediware for a New Computer System Helping Families, WSCs, and Providers

Saturday, June 11

4:00

Celebration 5

Exciting changes are on the way in the Home and Community Based Waiver will be administered by The Agency for Persons with Disabilities. APD has purchased a new software system that will replace and enhance current systems. Families and advocates will have access to their own records. The system will also be used extensively by waiver support coordinators and providers to arrange for services, ensure payment for services, support plans, assessments, case notes, and much more. CDMS has the following goals: Improved Business Process Efficiencies, Fraud Detection, Measurable Outcomes, Analysis and Reporting, More Efficient Oversight. Come learn more.

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The ABC's and 123's of SNTs

Saturday, June 11

4:00

Celebration 6

What is a Special Needs Trust (SNT), and why should families consider creating one? A Special Needs Trust is created to protect resources for an individual with a disability. Contrary to popular belief, Special Needs Trusts can be easy and affordable. We will discuss the various types of SNTs and how they can preserve the valuable benefits for our loved one with a disability. Attendees will learn of cost-effective ways to establish these trusts and provide for a sound, reliable plan to look after their financial legacy for their special family member.

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New Opportunities for Informed Choice in Sheltered Employment

Saturday, June 11

4:00

Celebration 7

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) adds a new section to the Rehabilitation Act—Section 511. Section 511 includes specific requirements for youth with disabilities seeking subminimum wage employment, typically in sheltered workshops/adult day training programs. Section 511 also adds new requirements for people currently employed in subminimum wage jobs. This presentation will explain the impact of Section 511 on youth with disabilities and people currently in subminimum wage employment. It will include information about how Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is meeting its responsibilities under Section 511.

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Behaviorally Challenged Students, Staying in Class and Making Progress

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 8

Students with challenging behavior spend more time out of the classroom missing out on important instructional time. Many students are suspended for manifestations of their disability, and the function of their behavior is often misunderstood. This presentation will focus on the student's behavior, and when to request a Functional Behavior Assessment and Positive Behavior Intervention Plan. Also covered will be restraint and seclusion and how to keep your child safe. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Sailing Through Transition

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 9

My child is turning three and leaving the Early Steps program. Now what's going to happen? What are my options? Where and how does my child receive services? What steps do I need to take to ensure the best for my child? If you find yourself asking these questions, then this workshop is for you. Family Resource Specialists Sue Loftis and Allison Moak will do their very best to answer questions and concerns. The New Star Training was written by families, and through parent-to-parent support we can help one another.

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How to Create a Successful Environment

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 10

Parents can create an environment that will increase their child's success in life. My goal is to educate parents on various topics such as behavior, executive function, brain development, and more. The purpose of this presentation is to empower parents with knowledge to more effectively help their child's journey and decrease dependence on professionals. Parents have the unique opportunity to influence their child from birth into adulthood.

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Get a Life! Post-secondary Education and Independent Living Immersion

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 11

Come explore options for transition into adult life. The On Campus Transition program at the University of North Florida is a four year college experience for young adults with intellectual disabilities. College courses, experiential learning, dorm/apartment living, and student life are catalysts to employment and independence. For others with developmental disabilities, a month-long immersion into independent living is just what is needed to evaluate readiness for a life of independence for both parents and young adults.

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Pass It On: People with Disabilities Giving Back and Bridging Gaps

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 12

This session will describe how New Horizon Support Group for People with Disabilities passes on its contributions and talents throughout the community. Arizona Jenkins III, the founder, will share steps he and his members implemented; community partnerships they created; types of information shared during their monthly sessions; and a few of the ways they gave back to the community and bridged gaps. Their activities provided education, awareness, and visibility to the general public about the advantages of inclusive communities and valuable contributions of persons with disabilities.

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Benefits Management and the Role of Representative Payees and Guardians in Helping Individuals with Disabilities

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 14

This presentation will explore the role of Representative Payees and Guardians in helping individuals with disabilities achieve their employment goals. We will examine the authority and role of Representative Payees and Guardians during the employment planning process. We will assist Representative Payees and Guardians to understand the effect of work activity and earned income on benefits. This presentation will help Representative Payees and Guardians understand the implications/repercussions of work activity and accumulation of assets on benefits. This presentation will help Representative Payees and Guardians understand what a Qualified Income Trust is and who needs a Qualified Income Trust, and other tools

available in helping individuals with Disabilities achieve their employment goals. We will discuss P & A employer payee reviews and the broader organizational payee reviews.

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The Power of Shared Decision Making and Peer Support in Recovery

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 15

Partnering with your healthcare provider and having support to meet your whole health goals are important factors in recovery. In this workshop, you will learn tools for shared decision making in treatment. We will also explore the benefits of peer support and ways you can be linked to a peer supporter in your community. You will leave better equipped for your journey of recovery.

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Life in a Group Home: A Resident's Perspective

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Celebration 16

Are you or a member of your family considering group home placement? Hear about the challenges, struggles, and the positives from someone who knows. Alex Lehr, age 32, has lived in six different Florida group homes between 2005 and the present. Throughout this time, Alex has gained valuable knowledge about the things you should look for—and look out for—as you visit any possible placement. Moving yourself or a loved one into a group home can be daunting (and even scary). Alex will share his knowledge and experiences with you.

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Disease Prevention through Immunizations

Saturday, June 11
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This presentation will provide updated immunization information to Family Café attendees based on the 2015-16 Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Advisory Committee for Immunizations Practices (ACIP) recommendations, the Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code Rules. As a result, the learner will become aware of the importance of utilizing immunizations to protect themselves, their family, and their community from vaccine preventable diseases. The learner will also become familiar with the mandated state immunization requirements for daycare, preschool, public and private school attendance in Florida along with the available immunization resources.

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Let's Just Do It!!!

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This session will help motivate everyone to "Get It Done." We will discuss: Reasons we don't just do it; Actions for not doing it; Motivation; Advocacy; and Getting results and being heard. Everyone is welcome in this session.

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Delegate Meet 'n' Greet

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Do you believe that the family is the most central entity in any individual's life? Do you believe in building and sustaining the capacity of communities and neighborhoods? Do you believe that no matter what their needs, everyone deserves access to knowledge through accurate and timely dissemination of information? Do you believe in providing a forum where we can gather to network and build a voice that will impact the overall service delivery system?

Join us by becoming a volunteer Delegate in The Family Café's network. Help us develop a clear vision for individuals with disabilities and special health care needs, self-advocates, and their families in a collaborative environment. In this session, you will learn all about what it takes to become a Family Café Delegate.

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What Can 4-H Do for You?

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Youth development programs pride themselves on being open and available to youth of all backgrounds, shapes, sizes, and abilities. Most families find when they join these organizations that they are often ill-prepared for youth with special needs. The world of 4-H strives to be different. Our mission is to accommodate any child who participates in our programs. Join us to hear from members who actively

participate in 4-H and see how one county has developed a program specifically for children with autism and other developmental disabilities, and even started an overnight camping program for youth with special needs! See how 4-H Youth Development can impact the life of your child (and you!) in a positive way, discover who they are as an individual, and become contributing citizens for their community.

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22Q – What’s It To You?

Saturday, June 11
4:00
Bayhill 21

Do you or someone you love have 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome? Are you tired of having people look at you blankly when you mention 22q? Do you often have to elaborate on VCFs, DiGeorge, or Shprintzen Syndrome? Do you wonder how you will get through the early medically intensive years? Are you wondering how to navigate IEPs? Do you wish you could forecast the future for your loved one? Come talk with parents and people with 22q! Even though it is the second most common genetic syndrome (1:1,000 live births), most people have never heard of it. But we have! Some of us were diagnosed at birth, others much later in life. Come ask questions, gather information, and meet others facing similar situations.

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Develop Employable Skills While Improving Overall Physical and Emotional Health

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Bayhill 22

This presentation is designed to empower persons with disabilities to understand the many ways they, if desired, can return to the workplace and pursue their career goals. By discovering transferable skills, past work and life experience, and adjusting their goals, one can regain employment, increase income, and therefore reduce stress and improve their financial and physical health.

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Conversando de Padres a Padres

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¡Qué bien nos sentimos cuando podemos compartir nuestra experiencia con otros padres de niños con necesidades especiales. Podemos aprender, reír y hacer nuevas amistades. Aquí está tu oportunidad de experimentar todo esto y mucho más. Te invitamos a unirse a nosotros para una corta presentación seguido de una charla informal, interactiva y relajante; donde hablaremos de nuestras experiencias y los asuntos que nos preocupan o nos interesan. ¡Te esperamos en nuestro grupo "De Padres a Padres" en español!

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Shout! Using Our Voices for Advocacy

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Our voice is the most powerful tool that we have. It can be used to get the care you need or be used to contact your local Congressman to change particular laws that are in place. It might be used to get medical help. Whatever you need, your voice can be used to get it done. Using this tool, however, can be difficult. It might be because you're too shy to speak up. Or, it might be because it's hard for you to speak up. This session will teach you how to use that voice and break through any barrier you might have.

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Florida's AT & UDL Loan Library

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We believe in the power of technology to help all students achieve high academic standards! As a part of Florida's MTSS Projects, the online resource library is designed to help districts and schools implement a universal, differentiated core curriculum based on the Common Core State Standards. The assistive technologies available in this library can be used to identify which technologies will best support students with disabilities to participate and progress in this core curriculum. The Universal Design for Learning technologies can be used to identify effective, instructional pedagogies that support highly effective learning environments. The AT & UDL Loan Library is a part of the Technology & Learning Connections (TLC) Team of the Problem Solving/Response to Intervention Project at the University of South Florida. Statewide technology support services for accessible instructional materials, accommodations, assistive and instructional technologies, Universal Design for Learning, and virtual learning/assessment have been integrated into the PS/RtI Project to provide district and school based problem solving teams with guidance on the implementation of a highly effective, universal, differentiated core curriculum based on the Common Core State Standards. The PS/RtI Project is a part of Florida's MTSS Projects.

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Are Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans Special?

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Over 350,000 Floridians are insured by Medicare and Medicaid at the same time. Unfortunately, confusions between Medicare and Medicaid health benefits often result in fragmented, poor quality care. The establishment of Medicare Advantage (MA) managed care organizations Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) offered the promise of increased care coordination and specialized care management. But do they work like they are supposed to? Are D-SNPs a greater value than non-HMO Medicare? This presentation will explain the basics of Medicare and Medicaid, the value of Medicare Advantage D-SNPs, and the legal requirements for these managed care plans to improve patient care.

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Motive, Obsession, and the Mind of Child Predators

Saturday, June 11

4:00

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The mind of a predator is a dark place. What is their motive for wanting to prey on children? For those that prey on children it is more than just a compulsion. This presentation will focus on understanding the obsession these predators have with children of all ages, and unravel the motives behind the acts of abuse, kidnapping, and

even human trafficking. This presentation will also take a look at on how to protect one's children from these predators and implement other safeguards for the communities in which we live.

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Inspiration & Encouragement for Military and Veteran Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 11
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Bayhill 32

Deployment into active duty and re-entrance into civilian life can be challenging transitions for Military families. Robert E. Streater, III, MA (U.S. Army Veteran) offers words of encouragement through personal stories and biblical truths. In Inspiration & Encouragement for Active Military and Veteran Families with Special Needs, the audience will explore tools to help them deal with transition issues, such as post-traumatic stress, financial hardships, wounded relationships, and raising a child with special needs. This workshop is custom designed from the perspectives of both a military service person and a parent of a child with a special needs. This insightful workshop not only offers encouragement to military families, but also includes suggestions on how others can provide support.

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Scuba Diving Without Barriers

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4:00
Quiet Pool

Dr. Gabrielle Gabrielli will build upon last year's Family Café 2015 Scuba Diving Demonstration. Participants will receive an interactive lecture on Scuba Diving without Barriers: basic safety, equipment, and the certification process for a sport that can be enjoyed across all ages and all abilities. Some participants will have an opportunity to try basic scuba diving principles in the hotel pool. Come join the fun!

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Intro to Stand Up Paddle

Saturday, June 11

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Quiet Pool

Stand Up Paddle (SUP) is a unique sport with much to offer people of all abilities. This session will show you how you can participate. Presented by Special Olympics of Florida.



Intro to Surfing

Saturday, June 11

4:00

Quiet Pool

Through adaptive surfing, Oceans of Hope seeks to expand the horizons of outdoor recreation for those who have been challenged by life. They will show you how to get fit and have fun at the same time! Presented by Oceans of Hope.



Assistive Technology Used by Youth

Saturday, June 11

4:00

Regency Ballroom Q

Assistive technology is used by many youth with disabilities. In this session, the members of The Florida Youth Council would like to share with you their experiences with assistive technology and give you more information on what technology may be the right fit for you. This session will be taking place in the Assistive Technology room and will include demonstrations by the members of the FYC.

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5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

The Comfortable with Myself Fashion Show, Foyer

Family Entertainment, Plaza International Ballroom

SATURDAY



Entertainment Highlights



BRAZILIAN VOICES

Since its inception in 2008, Brazilian Voices Arts & Healing Program has brought the natural healing power of music to local hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, support centers for cancer patients, and The Annual Family Café

- Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Brazilian Voices, Foyer**
- Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. **Brazilian Voices, Foyer**
- Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Brazilian Voices, Foyer**

PYRAMID PLAYERS

Once again, the Pyramid Players from five Florida cities will entertain between sessions in the hallway. The Players, who present everything from a rock band to wheelchair dance, will be joined this year by clowns and magicians from Panama City.

- Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- Saturday, 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 P.M. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**



ROYAL DJs

The Royal DJs are a group of differently-abled DJs who love to play tunes for others and spread a message of happiness, inclusion, acceptance, and positivity. Music is a universal language and connects us all!

- Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Royal DJs, Foyer**
- Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Royal DJs, Foyer**
- Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Royal DJs, Foyer**

ARTS & CRAFTS

Come create starfish sand sculptures with VSAFL Teaching Artist Deborah Knispel. Kids of all ages will enjoy super sensory fun molding wet sand and mixing and pouring white cement to make permanent keepsakes.

- Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts, Regency Ballroom O**



MS. WHEELCHAIR FLORIDA—HEATHER TAYLOR

Come see Ms. Wheelchair Florida 2016, Heather Taylor, throughout the weekend in the Exhibit Hall!

- Friday & Saturday **Ms. Wheelchair Florida, Regency Ballroom**



RisingSTARZ Theater Group For Young Adults With Disabilities Presents

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Saturday, June 11, 2016
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RISING STAR PERFORMANCE ARTS GROUP

Experience this adapted version of the fun, feel-good musical, Mamma Mia, with beloved songs from ABBA (and a few extras thrown in)!

Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m *Mamma Mia, Plaza International Ballroom*




THE COMFORTABLE WITH MYSELF FASHION SHOW—RA'SHAD

Comfortable With Myself (CWM) is a non-profit organization that encourages those with disabilities to learn how to be more comfortable with who they are. Help us spread the word and encourage others to live happy and fulfilled by BEING COMFORTABLE with who they are regardless of what others may say!

Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. *Fashion Show, Foyer*
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. *Fashion Show, Foyer*

ALEX AND FRIENDS

Since the age of 10, Alex Perez has been involved in learning music and mastering his instrument, the bass. Alex's CD "Alex & Friends" reminds everyone to "Keep On Working" to provide motivation, encouragement and hope to families having loved ones with a disability.

Please check out Alex in the Exhibit Hall throughout the event.

Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., *Foyer*
Saturday, 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Foyer*



EVERYONE CAN ZUMBA—BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

ANYONE AND EVERYONE CAN ZUMBA! Our motto is "there are no wrong moves, just unexpected solos." Join us for a morning of fun and exercise!

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. *Zumba, Regency Ballroom Foyer*
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. *Zumba, Regency Ballroom Foyer*

MEET PROFESSOR TINKERMEISTER

Come meet Prof. Tinkermeister and see his weather experiments in the Exhibit Hall on Saturday!

Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. *Exhibit Hall, Regency Ballroom*



DJ SCULLY

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Plaza International Ballroom

Get ready to dance with DJ Scully! Looking to continue the tradition of non-stop dancing and fun, DJ Scully will bring his high-energy music selections to the

18th Annual



Whether it's the Cha-Cha Slide, Cupid Shuffle, Wobble or more, you're bound to have a blast, so bring your boogie shoes!



SUNDAY June 12, 2016

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., *Plaza International Ballroom*

CHAMPIONS REBUILT: THE COURAGE TO BE DIFFERENT WITH DORIAN WILLES

Dorian Willes is a person with a disability, a survivor of gun violence, a body builder, a Paralympic athlete that competes in the sport of skeleton, and a parent of a child with a disability. From a life of gangs and drugs, Dorian has undergone a radical transformation to become a world class athlete and model of resiliency and determination.

Join us as he shares his story in 21 bullet points: one for each of the bullets that struck him and changed his life forever. Each bullet represents a decision that impacted his life, and set him on the course from a life of drugs and gang violence to an existence based on health, wellness, and inspiring others.

As he takes us on his journey, Dorian will talk about how the decisions he ultimately made changed his life forever, as he faced the challenges of being both a person with a disability, and a parent of a child with his own disabilities. Learn how he embraced his disability and his circumstances to fulfill his dreams, and become a champion rebuilt.

The Family Café will be raffling off two Windows 10 PC computers at this keynote!

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Zumba , <i>Regency Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open , <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Closing and Door Prizes , <i>Plaza International Ballroom</i>

RUBBER DUCK RACE 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., *Pool*

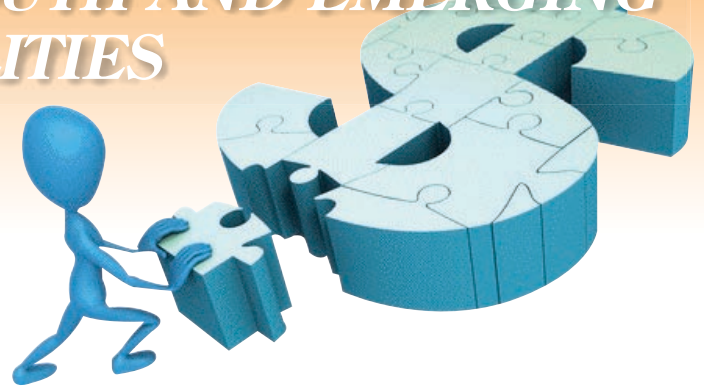
Quack... Quack... Imagine not one, not a dozen, but hundreds of ducks racing down the "lazy" river towards a finish line where you (and hundreds of other humans like you) cheer on your adopted duck hoping, it will finish first and you win the Big Prize. Prizes include Gatorland passes, a giant floating duck, and more!

Here's how you can participate: During The Family Café, purchase your little rubber ducks (just like the one in your bathtub) at the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association booth. FDOA will keep the ducks all together and you will be provided with your duck number. At 9:30 AM, the ducks will be placed in the river at the starting line and they float down the river to the finish line. If your duck is one of the winners, you will be one of the lucky recipients of an amazing prize. There are only 500 ducks, so don't miss your chance!!



THE 9TH ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMIT: A CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH AND EMERGING LEADERS WITH DISABILITIES

As summer comes to an end, join The Florida Youth Council for ONE BIG LAST HURRAH at The 9th Annual Youth Summit (AYS) on August 6-7 in Orlando!



The Annual Youth Summit is a place for **young people with disabilities between the ages of 15 and 30** from communities across the state of Florida to come together to learn, share, and network. This two-day event is hosted by The Florida Youth Council (FYC), a group of youth and emerging leaders with disabilities who have a passion for encouraging leadership and advocacy among their peers. The FYC is all about youth empowerment and youth involvement, and the entire Annual Youth Summit is planned **by youth, for youth!**

The 9th Annual Youth Summit will bring together over 200 youth and emerging leaders to attend engaging youth-only sessions on a wide variety of topics, including transition, workplace preparedness, and post-secondary schooling. We also have a great, youth-friendly keynote and fun social activities planned for The Summit, including a dance party to cap off the festivities. There will be plenty of opportunities for attendees to network, and share their thoughts, experiences, and aspirations.

The 9th Annual Youth Summit will be held at The Florida Hotel and Conference Center on Orlando **August 6-7, 2016**. If you are not requesting financial assistance please contact The Florida Hotel and Conference Center directly at 407-859-1500 to make reservations. The room rate is \$104 per night. Limited financial assistance is available. For more information about the event, or to register, contact **The Florida Youth Council** and **The Family Café** at **888-309-2233**, or visit www.FloridaYouthCouncil.com.

Come to the Florida Youth Council booth in the Exhibit Hall and register for The 9th Annual Youth Summit.

We'll see you there!

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 - Saturday, June 11: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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- **Hover Ball Target Shooting** provided by *Removing the Barriers Initiative* – throughout the conference
- **Climbing Wall** provided by *On the Edge Children's Foundation* on Saturday, June 11: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
- **Adaptive Tennis** provided by *WHAM IT!* – throughout the conference & demo on Saturday, June 11: 2:00 pm

Quiet Pool – Upper Pool Deck / Recreation Level on Saturday, June 11 : 4:00 pm

- **SCUBA Demo** provided by *Gabrielle Gabrielli*
- **Paddleboarding Demo** provided by *Special Olympics*
- **Surfing Demo** provided by *Oceans of Hope*

Rubber Duck Race

Sunday, 9:30 AM at the Pool Slide

Purchase your ducks at the FDOA Booth! Prizes include Gatorland passes, a giant floating duck and more!

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Come and join us in this year's Celebration of Life Ceremony, honoring our loved ones who have passed away - honoring their gifts, talents and contributions in making our world a better place. This inspirational ceremony includes music, art and poetry. Everyone will have the opportunity to share the gifts of their loved one. And to include their loved one's memory on the ceremonial Tree of Life planted in a turned buttonwood vessel commissioned for this annual celebration.

The group will also weave together with rainbow colored yarn a symbolic Web of Life - representing that unified energy field where we are all connected as one. The Web of Life reminds us that we are never really separated from our loved ones. Dr. Paula Petry will share about her own journey back from grief - how it is that we can move forward from loss with joy in our hearts. Dr. Petry will lead the group in a guided meditation into the upper realms to receive messages that will bring each person the inner peace and joy they are seeking.

PROGRAM FACILITATORS



Paula Petry, Ph.D. is an intuitive energy medicine practitioner. Her work is motivated by her deep desire for a world where all beings feel safe, loved and nourished. Although Paula spent many years in academia and engaged in public policy, she feels that the road to nourishment is not these external avenues but rather an inward one, a journey to the soul. Her daughter's death and subsequent divorce launched her onto a healing path that has given her insight and wisdom that she shares with a healing kindness.

Paula had held a faculty position at the University of Miami's School of Medicine, directing a training program to help children with special health care needs.

Earlier she formed a non-for-profit that continues to empower families who have a child with a disability.

Dana Pezoldt has her master's degree in Expressive Arts from the University of South Florida and has worked in hospice and pediatrics for more than 13 years. She is currently a special projects administrator with the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs. She has worked on the Department's All Kids Included initiative for ten years making the arts inclusive for children of all abilities. Dana has consulted on N.T. Hope, LLC expressive arts projects and the Family Cafe for several years.



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Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Regency Ballroom Q
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Regency Ballroom Q

WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT)?

AT is any item, piece of equipment, software, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the function of individuals with disabilities.

WHAT IS FAAST?

FAAST is a resource to provide Floridians free access to information, referral services, educational programs, and publications in accessible format on extensive topics related to disability rights, laws/policies, and funding opportunities for assistive technology. Our Mission is to improve the quality of life for all Floridians with disabilities through advocacy and awareness activities that increase access to and acquisition of assistive services and technology. We value each individual's right to achieve their highest potential and possibilities!



Come meet the FAAST Staff and connect with a representative from your area who can help meet your assistive technology needs!

Get hands on demonstrations of assistive technology that interests you!

Join us for three breakout sessions in the AT Room!

- Camera Mouse Assistive Technology with Broward Children's Center Friday at 1:30.
- Assistive Technology Advocacy with Disability Rights Florida, Friday at 4:30.
- Assistive Technology Used by Youth with The Florida Youth Council Saturday at 4:00.

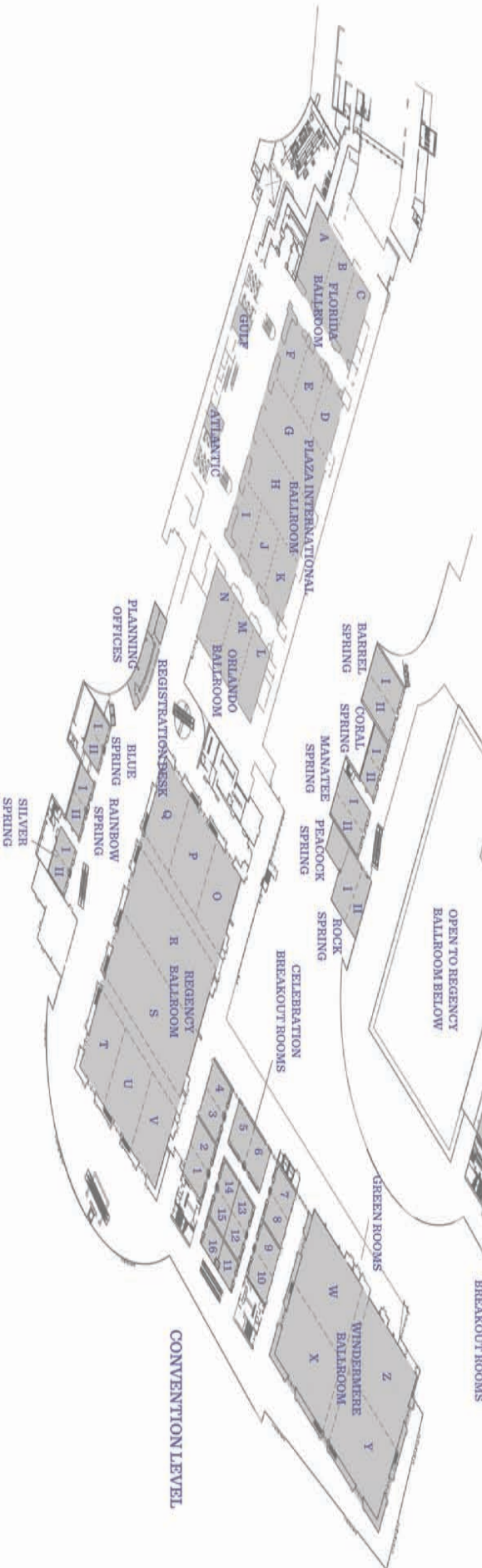
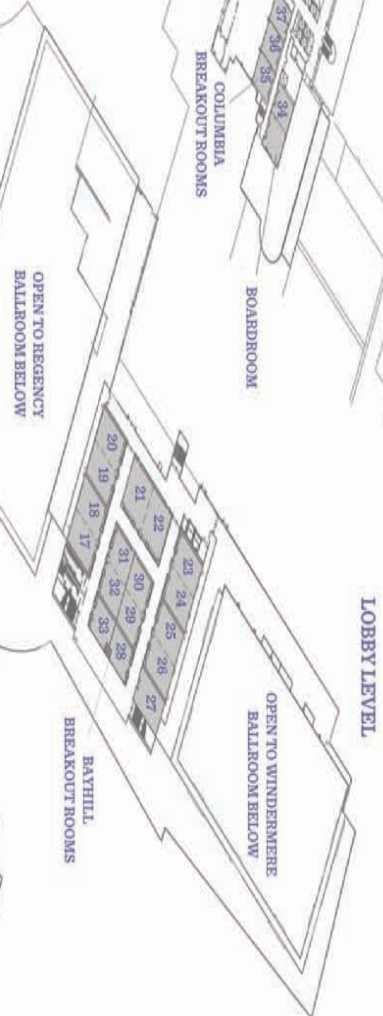
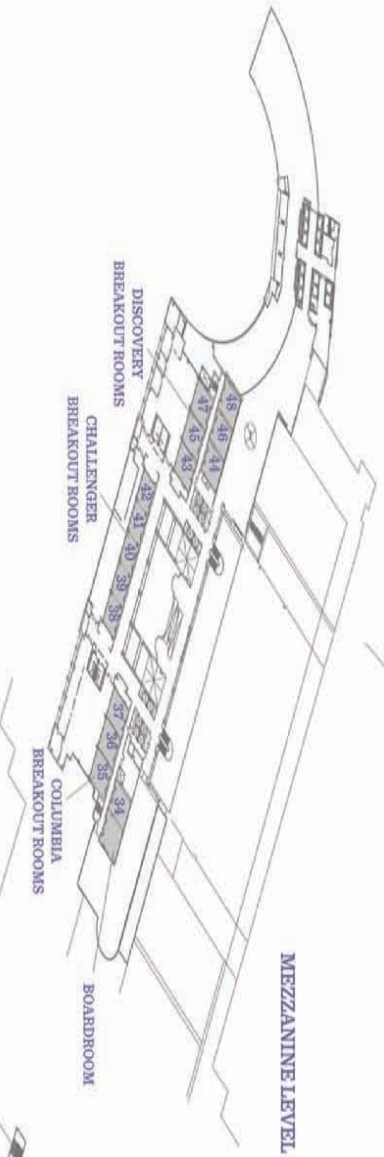
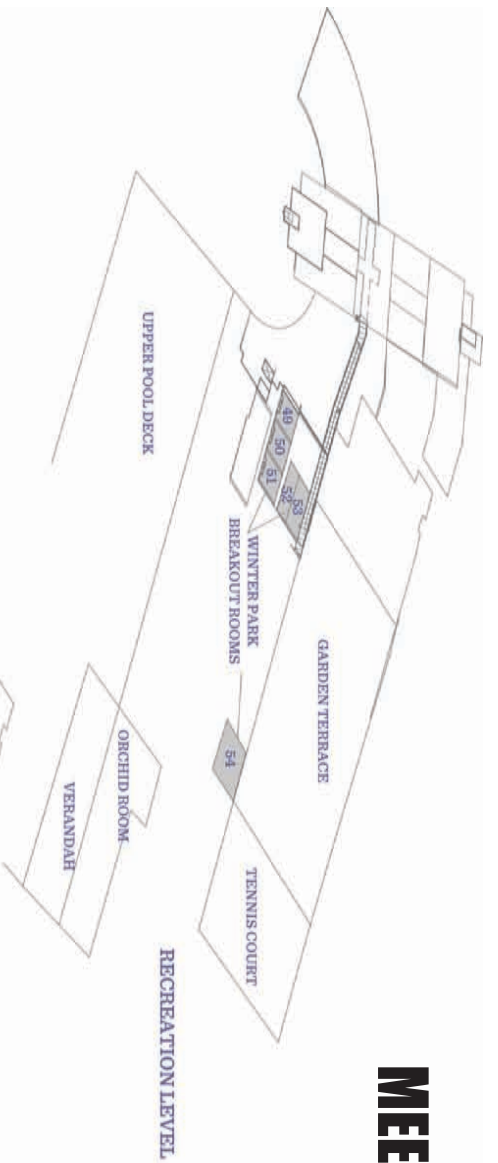
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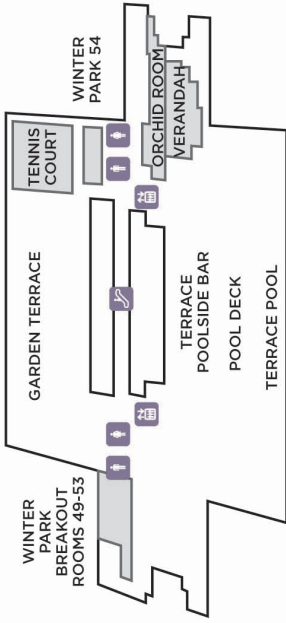


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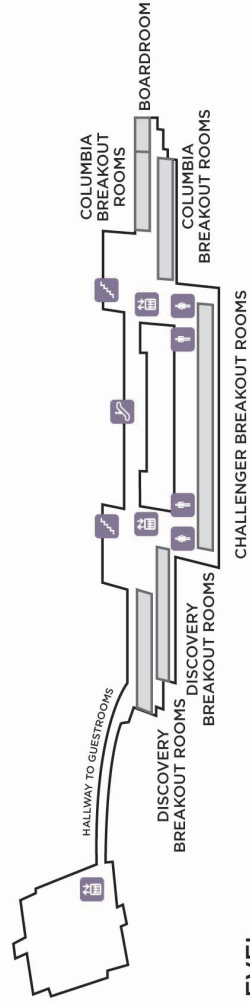
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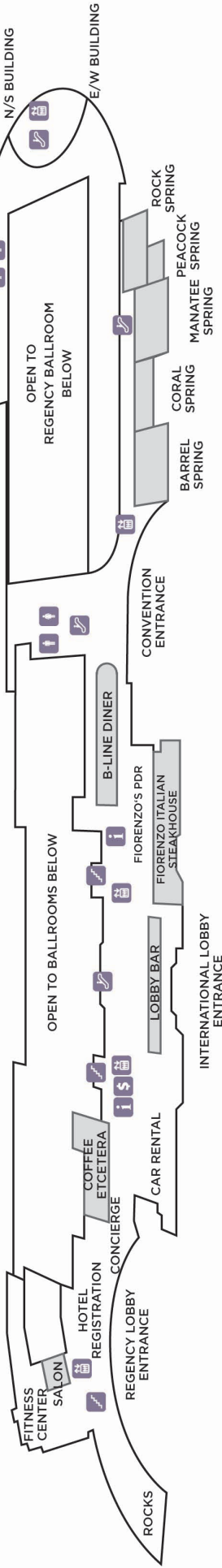
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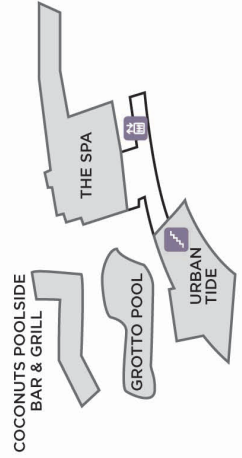
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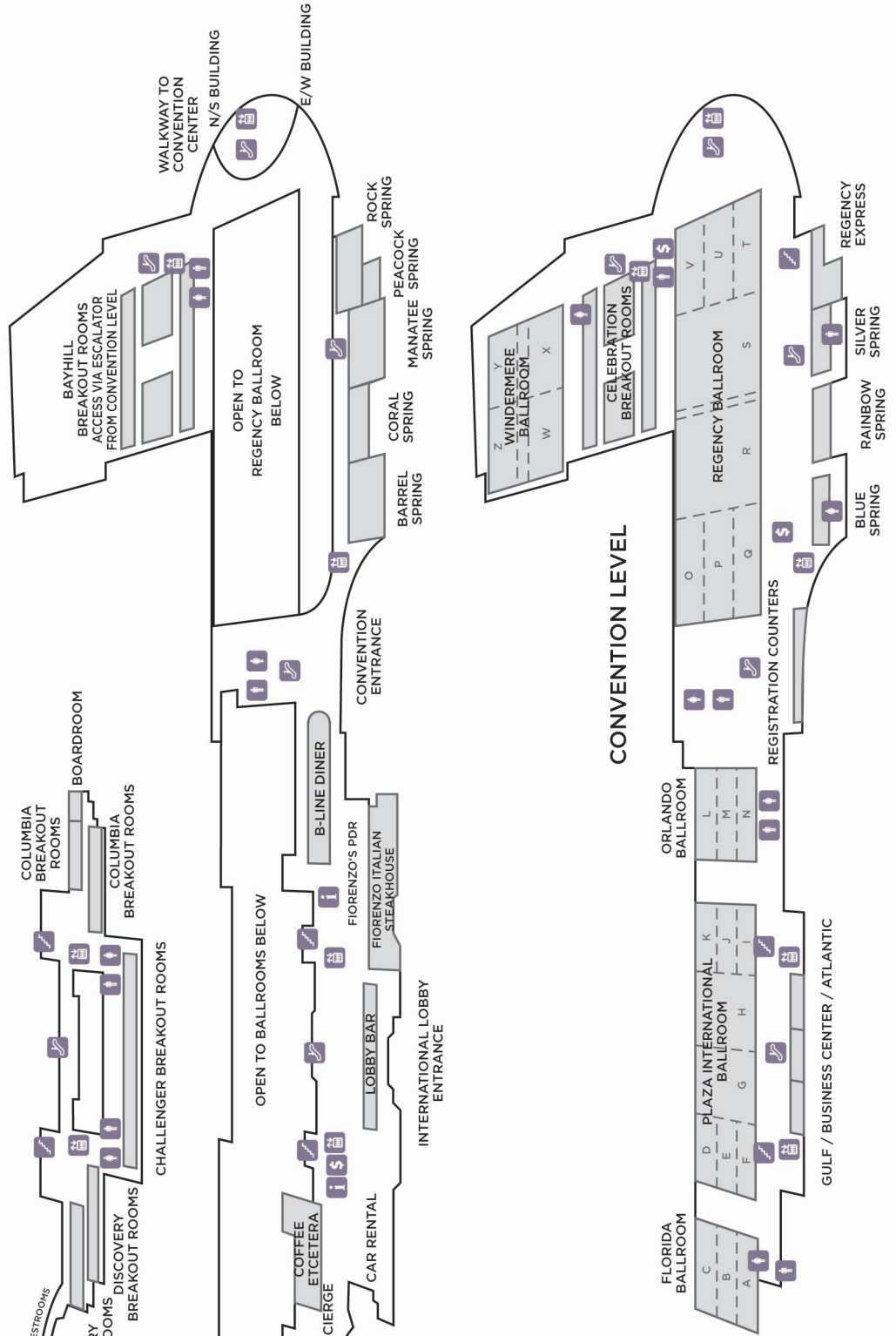
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