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Orlando

**Featuring the
Governor's Summit
on Disabilities**

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RICK SCOTT
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June 16, 2017

Dear Family Café Attendees:

Welcome to the 19th 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.

The Fighting for Florida's Future budget proposes \$3.3 million in new funding for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to provide employment services to more than 2,500 individuals with developmental disabilities who are ready to work. The Fighting for Florida's future budget also proposes more than \$7.4 million to place approximately 680 additional Floridians in to the waiver program. This is the fourth consecutive year that we are providing funding to enroll all individuals with critical needs to help them live, learn and work in their communities.

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 19TH ANNUAL **FAMILY C.A.F.E.**



Welcome to Orlando!

Dear Family Café Attendees,

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 have done our best to put together an exciting, engaging event in this our 19th year, and we think you will be impressed with the wide array of information and activities we've assembled. Our agenda of breakout sessions has grown, and now includes some 200 sessions. Many of them are organized into "tracks" by subject area. 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. No matter what type of disability you experience, what stage of life you're in, or what disability topic interests you, you are sure to find sessions that speak to your needs.

We also have a series of keynotes that address essential topics in the disability community. On Friday, we will kick things off with former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham and attorney and government relations expert Chris Hand discussing their book, *America, the Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall – and Win*. Their insight into how to get your voice heard will definitely be worth hearing for every disability advocate. Next up will be mental health self-advocate Erin Callinan, author of *Beautifully Bipolar*. She will share her story of hope and recovery on Saturday morning. On Sunday, the final keynote will feature self-advocate Jennifer Adams from SHIFT: Motivation Beyond Limitations. She will share a powerful message to help you in your journey towards discovering your identity in the context of self-advocacy.

In addition to our series of keynotes, The Annual Family Café will once again include The Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities. The Family Café has always encouraged Floridians with disabilities and their families to develop relationships with their elected representatives and get involved in the policy making process. The Governor's Summit on Disabilities creates a space to make that happen, with Governor Scott, legislators and state agency representatives sharing their vision for Floridians with disabilities, and hearing directly from attendees about their needs and concerns. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity!

When you're not in a session, enjoying a keynote, or taking part in the Governor's Summit, please take some time to visit our Exhibit Hall, which includes dozens of booths, including a host of self-advocate owned and operated Micro-Enterprises. We also encourage you to enjoy the adaptive recreation activities provided by our friends at the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association, visit the FFAST Assistive Technology Room, and watch the great self-advocate performances throughout the weekend.

There's a lot going on this weekend, too much to mention here. We sincerely hope that your participation in The 19th 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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June 16, 2017

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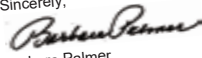
Welcome to the 19th Annual Family Café and Governor's Summit on Disabilities. On behalf of the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities, I want to encourage you to make the most of this conference with the wonderful educational and networking opportunities provided here.

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 55,000 people with spina bifida, autism, intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Phelan-McDermid syndrome, and Prader-Willi 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 find solutions to meet the diversity of needs that each individual faces. APD has an online Resource Directory at APDcares.org which may offer community solutions when government resources are not available. We welcome you to come by the APD booth while attending the conference for additional information.

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 wonderful conference. Again, I hope you enjoy your time here!

Sincerely,


Barbara Palmer
Director

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April 6, 2017

Dear Family Café Participants:

Welcome to the 19th 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 our Agency can offer.

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

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June 16, 2017

Dear Family Café Attendees,

Welcome to the 19th Annual Family Café. The CareerSource Florida network is proud of its partnership and continuing participation in this important 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 disabilities in their job search, and the employers seeking to hire them.

A diverse and inclusive workforce is essential to our state's increasing competitiveness. 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.

Congratulations on this year's conference and best wishes for continued success!

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June 16, 2017

Dear Conference Attendee:

Welcome to the 19th 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. Staff from the Florida Department of Education and its sponsored projects will 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 and discover new information and resources to take home.

Sincerely,

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June 16, 2017

Dear Family Café Participants,

The Florida Department of Education Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is always proud to be part of this exceptional conference where people with disabilities, their families and friends can come together to learn about the resources that are available to them.

As the VR Director, my staff and I look forward to meeting you at this year's conference and sharing information about our programs and services that can help you define and meet your employment goals. In state fiscal year 2015-16, 5,194 Floridians with significant disabilities found or kept a job through the work done by VR staff and our community partners. People with disabilities want to work, and we want to give them the tools they need to achieve that goal. I hope you will attend our presentations and learn more about: VR's transition youth services for students ages 15-21 years old; supported employment services for individuals who need extra support on the job; and our new job retention services for eligible individuals who require services or equipment to keep their job. I will also be on hand to talk to you directly and answer any questions you may have.

The conference is always an exciting time for networking, information sharing, and just having fun! I hope you enjoy it!

Sincerely,

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Rick Scott
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Celeste Philip, MD, MPH
Surgeon General and Secretary

March 23, 2017

Dear Family Café Participant:

Welcome to the 19th Annual Family Café! As Florida's Surgeon General, I am honored to be a part of such a meaningful event that provides so many resources for Floridians with special abilities and their families. Family Café is a great opportunity to learn about the products, services and organizations that help all people achieve their greatest potential, regardless of ability.

The Florida Department of Health is proud to participate in the Family Café, and we offer several programs that support Floridians with special needs—some of which are featured here. One of our top priorities at the Florida Department of Health is to ensure that all Floridians have an equitable chance at living their healthiest life, and I hope you have a chance to learn about some of our programs.

As this conference grows every year, you will have the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. Enjoy your time here while learning about all the resources and programs available to you and your families!

Sincerely,

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Dear Family Café attendees,
Welcome to the 19th Annual Family Café!
At the Department of Children and Families, we know that it takes more than a single government organization to ensure every family, regardless of their needs, has the opportunity to thrive. When we come together, we are stronger and can provide even greater, coordinated support for Florida's families.
We have many partners that share our mission, and this commitment makes a positive impact on those with disabilities every day. Whether a family is connected to helpful resources, finds support from other families in similar situations, or learns about how to gain access to those who can help, each organization represented here can help make a difference in the lives of those we all serve.
We are proud to again partner with the Family Café and I hope the information you learn and relationships you build here benefit your families and communities in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
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April 17, 2017

Dear Family Café Participants,

The Florida Division of Emergency Management understands the importance of building strong relationships with the disabled community and is proud to be a part of the 19th Annual Family Café. This event supports those relationships and provides participating families the opportunity to learn valuable information regarding disaster preparedness.

Every family should have an emergency plan in place should disaster strike, as even basic preparations can potentially save lives and property. Our staff at this year's Family Café will be providing a great deal of useful facts, advice and planning recommendations regarding disaster preparedness. I encourage all those in attendance to take advantage of the opportunity and learn as much as possible by engaging with DEM's representatives and asking any questions you may have.

For even more valuable information regarding disaster preparedness, hazardous weather and emergency management, visit www.FloridaDisaster.org. In addition, information on the Florida Special Needs Registry can be found at <https://snr.floridadisaster.org>, including how to register. Please make sure you have registered yourself or any family members who might need assistance evacuating or sheltering during an emergency.

I am sincerely looking forward to this year's event. We at the Division are always seeking ways to better prepare and protect all our state's residents. Through hard work, diligence and coordination with our government, private sector and nongovernmental organization partners, the Division will ensure Floridians can weather any storm.

Sincerely,

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We also encourage you to enjoy the...

- **Adaptive Recreation Activities** provided by our friends at the **Florida Disabled Outdoors Association**
- Visit the **FAAST Assistive Technology Room**
- Watch the great **Self-Advocate Performances** throughout the weekend





Conference at a Glance



Sessions presented in Spanish, or with Spanish-speaking presenters, are printed in **RED**.

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FRIDAY JUNE 16, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Registration Open, Registration Desk**
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open, Regency Ballroom**
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Tennis, Hoverball, and Archery**
Regency Ballroom
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Employment Expo, Regency Ballroom**
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Dental Screening, Regency Ballroom**
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **FAAST, Inc. Assistive Technology Room**
Regency Ballroom Q
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project Sensory Room**
Orlando Ballroom L & M
- 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Opening Session & Keynote Address**
Plaza International Ballroom
- 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Registration Open, Convention Registration**
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup**
Florida Ballroom B & C (English and Spanish)
- 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Royal DJs, Foyer**
- 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Wildlife Show by Gatorland**
Regency Ballroom
- 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Brazilian Voices, Foyer**
- 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. **Brazilian Voices, Foyer**
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **The 19th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities, featuring Governor Rick Scott**
Plaza International Ballroom

Some of the sessions at this year's event have been organized into "tracks" based on subject. This key will help you to identify "tracked" sessions.



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Wheelchair and scooter rental is available at Registration Desk.

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



Helping Military Families with Special Needs Through the Lifecycle (Panel Part 1) (1:30-3:30)
Celebration 5



Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup
Florida Ballroom B&C



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

Get Help If You Have Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrom, or PN (Perpheral Neuropathy)
Celebration 2

Small Steps Towards a Healthier Weight
Celebration 3



Free and Me: Why We Teach Sailing
Celebration 4



Special Needs Trust Working with ABLE Accounts
Celebration 6



How to Become a Professional Job Seeker
Celebration 7

Improving Child Outcomes for All Children
Celebration 9

Stories of Success: Post-Secondary Education for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
Celebration 11



The Mighty Mandy Ree, Finding Your Voice in Self-Advocacy
Celebration 12



Teen CERT
Celebration 13



The #JobCreators Movement: Making Self-Employment Viable for Everyone!
Celebration 14

Working with Children on the Autism Spectrum
Celebration 15

Guardianship and Guardianship Alternatives
Bayhill 17

Homeschooling Children with Special Needs
Bayhill 18

Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome
Bayhill 19

Government Benefits and How They Work for People with Disabilities and Their Families
Bayhill 20

Navigating the Paperwork Maze
Bayhill 21

Disability Rights Florida, quienes somos nosotros?

Bayhill 22

Handwriting and Disability: Perspectives from the Inside

Bayhill 23

Color Me Calm

Bayhill 24

Inclusion Using the Florida Access Points for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

Bayhill 25



IEPs for Dads

Bayhill 26

Parents Helping Parents and the Gardiner Scholarship

Bayhill 27

FDLRS Parent/Guardian Webinar Series

Bayhill 28

How to Get Out of Survival Mode and Back to Living Life on Your Terms!

Bayhill 29



Mental Health and Secondary Transition: What Families Need to Know

Bayhill 30

Listen Twice as Silence Speaks

Bayhill 31

Human Trafficking

Bayhill 32

Self Determination – A Path to Success

Bayhill 33

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

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



3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meet Your School Liaison Officers

Celebration 5

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



ARC Smoke Detector Project

Celebration 1

A Family Discussion: College is a Realistic Goal!

Celebration 2

Introduction to Active Parenting: Setting Your Child Up for Success in Today's World

Celebration 3



My Money and Making a Plan; What is Good and Bad Debt?

Celebration 6



Choosing Work

Celebration 7



How to Help Every Child Have Success in Daycares, Preschools, or Childcare Settings

Celebration 9

Arts for All

Celebration 10

Navigating the Transition Process and Vocational Rehabilitation

Celebration 11



Advocacy: Learning to Stand

Celebration 13



See a Need, Fill a Need

Celebration 14

22Q Roundtable

Celebration 15

Shaping Behavior with Apps for iPad

Celebration 16

Guardian Advocacy (Tutelaje de Abogacía)

Bayhill 17

K-12 School Choice Scholarships

Bayhill 18

Preparing for Self Support Now and In the Future

Bayhill 20

Navigating the Response to Intervention (Rtl) Process

Bayhill 21

Behavioral Health Services within the Community and School

Bayhill 22

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

Bayhill 23



Dads, Yes We Can!

Bayhill 24

Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter

Bayhill 25

Loving Your Life

Bayhill 26

Respite in Florida

Bayhill 27

The History of Disabilities

Bayhill 29



Mental Health Roundtable

Bayhill 30



Navigating Employment Services

Bayhill 32

iConnect: the Future of Electronic Consumer Records

Bayhill 33

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, *Foyer*

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brazilian Voices, *Foyer*

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



Disaster Preparedness (Get a Plan)

Celebration 1

Jump Back in the Pilot's Seat and Fly!

Celebration 2

Behaviorally Challenged Students—Advocating for Appropriate Supports and Services

Celebration 3



Encouraging Physical Activity for Children with Disabilities

Celebration 4



Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Celebration 5



ABLE United: The Basics on ABLE Accounts [Smart Money]

Celebration 6



Explorion Leads to Discovery: New Supports for Community-Based Employment

Celebration 7

The Florida Navigator: Your Map to Access State Agency Disability Services

Celebration 8



Low Tech (Recycled Toy Ideas) and High Tech Tools (iPad) for Infants and Toddlers

Celebration 9



Money Management: A Financial Education Workshop

Celebration 10

Transition Basics: Focus on Graduation Requirements and Postsecondary Options

Celebration 11



2017 Legislative Update and Advocacy Tips

Celebration 12



Come and Chat with The FYC

Celebration 13



Making an Informed Employment Decision by Knowing Your Employment Options

Celebration 14

Making the Most of Your IEP Meeting

Celebration 15

**La Importancia de Manejar Emociones Eficazmente para Padres, Educadores,
y Cuidadores de Niños con Discapacidades (The Importance of Managing Emotions Effectively
for Parents, Educators and Caregivers of Children with Disabilities)**

Celebration 16

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Calling all Advocates! Partners in Policy-Making Wants You!

Bayhill 17

ABC's of Special Needs Trusts and Guardian Advocacy

Bayhill 18

Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Bayhill 19

Fair Housing – It's Your Right!

Bayhill 20

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

Bayhill 21

Pink Art Party

Bayhill 22

Driving with Autism

Bayhill 23

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

Bayhill 25

Healthy Living

Bayhill 26

"You Need a Screwdriver, Not a Hammer": The Tools for Coping with an Atypical Child

Bayhill 27

Taking the Drama out of Parenting

Bayhill 28



Trauma and Individuals with Disabilities

Bayhill 30



WRAP for the Community

Bayhill 31

Understanding APD Services

Bayhill 33

5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Brazilian Voices, Foyer

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The 19th Annual Governor's Summit featuring Governor Rick Scott,
Plaza International Ballroom**

at a Glance

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

Registration Open, Registration Desk

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

Zumba, Regency Ballroom Foyer

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Regency Ballroom

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dental Screening, Regency Ballroom

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Podiatry Screening, Regency Ballroom

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tennis, Hoverball, and Archer, Regency Ballroom

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FAAST, Inc. Assistive Technology Room, Regency Ballroom Q

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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- 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Keynote Address: Beautifully Bipolar, Plaza International Ballroom
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Little ELITES hosted by Special Olympics, Manatee Springs
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. ProjectFREE RisingStarz Lauren Rittenhouse
Lobby Level Foyer
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Brazilian Voices, Foyer
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Royal DJs, Foyer
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Wildlife Show by Gatorland, Regency Ballroom
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Scuba Diving Without Barriers, Quiet Pool
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration Open, Registration Desk

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

- 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Grease by Synchrony Arts Group, Barrel Spring II
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Early Steps Playgroup, Orlando Ballroom N
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. ProjectFREE The RockERs, Foyer
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. FRIENDS Choir, Foyer
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Arts and Crafts, Orlando Ballroom N

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

- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. South Pacific by Rising STARZ Performance Group
Plaza International Ballroom
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. FRIENDS Choir, Foyer

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

- 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

- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meet Princess Belle, Regency Ballroom
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Children's Music and Dance with Patty Shukla, Foyer
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Family Entertainment featuring DJ Scully,
Plaza International Ballroom

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 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
Celebration 1

Meet Dr. Verra-Tirado, Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services,
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Celebration 2

at a Glance

Love Covers

Celebration 3



Making Attractions and Waterparks More Accessible

Celebration 4



Helping Military Families with Special Needs Through Transfers and Transitions During the Military Lifecycle (Panel Part 2)

Celebration 5



Benefits and Tax Savings For Families With Special Needs

Celebration 6



Everyone Can Work—Come Discover How

Celebration 7

APD Provider Training and the Train Florida Learning Management System

Celebration 8



Jeremy's Journey – Through Early Steps and Beyond

Celebration 9

NextGen DNA Sequence-Mediated Personalized Medicine for Individuals with Disabilities

Celebration 10

Going to College and Excelling as a Student with Disability

Celebration 11



Blogging and Writing About A Disability

Celebration 12



You Are Worth It!

Celebration 13

Legal & Financial Issues For Your Child with Special Needs

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Parent Panel: Life Does Not Come With a Handbook!

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A Life-Span Approach for Individuals with Cerebral Palsy

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Words That Can Hurt

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Moms to Moms

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Just for Dad

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Advocating for Your Child: A Guide to the IEP Process

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Driving Independence - Adaptive Skills for Driving

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Life is One Big Transition ... Learn How to Effectively Manage Transition By Accessing Resources through Disability Rights Florida

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Living with Epilepsy /Epilepsy 101

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Creating a Family Network: For Families, By Families

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Living Your Life Outside the Box

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Let's Talk About Gender Differences Among People With Disabilities

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Successfully Managing Anxiety 101: One Step at a Time

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Unlocking Potential

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Social Security Work Incentives

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Meet the APD Director

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Early Steps Playgroup

Orlando Ballroom N

Celebration of Life Ceremony

Rainbrow Springs

12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. ProjectFREE The RockERs, Foyer

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. FRIENDS Choir, Foyer

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. South Pacific by Rising STARZ Performance Group
Plaza International Ballroom

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts, Orlando Ballroom N

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



Special Needs Registry and Special Needs Shelters

Celebration 1

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

Celebration 2



Thinking About Independent Living? Things to Consider in Preparing to
Move to Independence

Celebration 3



Aquatic Therapy and Drowning Prevention Incorporating with
Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS) for Special Needs

Celebration 4



Resources for Military Families

Celebration 5

at a Glance



Provide for Your Special Needs, and Plan for Your Retirement

Celebration 6



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

Celebration 7

The Remediation Process

Celebration 8



Accessing Resources and Understanding Systems (Birth to Five)

Celebration 9

Sensory Friendly Concerts: Join the Fun

Celebration 10

Is Your Student Interested in College?

Celebration 11



So You Want to Start a Self-Advocacy Group? Trials, Triumphs, and Tips

Celebration 12



Money and the Real World

Celebration 13



The Importance of Starting a Business

Celebration 14

School Choice Options For Children with Disabilities

Celebration 15

Florida's AT&UDL Loan Library

Celebration 16

Guardianships – Why They May Be Necessary and How They May Be Avoided

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Touch, Listen and Learn! Functional Literacy Skills for Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

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Delegate Roundtable: Autism

Bayhill 19

Cerebral Palsy Update: Evidence Based Treatment

Bayhill 20

Becoming Expert Learners and Connecting Families to Mentors in Middle and High Schools

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How to Create a Comprehensive Special Needs Plan

Bayhill 22

Understanding and Supporting Your Child with Dyslexia

Bayhill 23

Project Self-Advocate Leadership Training: Becoming Leaders

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Advocating for Students with Invisible Disabilities

Bayhill 25

Partnerships for Health's Sake - Health Care Transition From Pediatric to Adult Services

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A,B,C's of Success

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Love Covers

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The Anime Connection: Utilizing Japanese Anime and Related Media to Teach Disability Awareness

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NAMI Family-to-Family

Bayhill 30

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

Bayhill 32

Introduction to Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+)

Bayhill 33

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. FRIENDS Choir, Foyer

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



Pets and Service Animals in Disaster

Celebration 1

Excellent Greatness Women's Forum

Celebration 2

One Tool for Successful Interactions with Police: The Wallet Card

Celebration 3



Exceptional Moves for Exceptional Families

Celebration 5



ABLE United: Navigating Your Benefits

Celebration 6



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

Celebration 7



Traveling the Seas of Families, Feelings, and Emotions

Celebration 9

Music, Movement, & Media for Active Learners!

Celebration 10

Transition Planning: High School and Beyond

Celebration 11

at a Glance



AACID - Advocates for Adult Children with Intellectual Disabilities

Celebration 12



It's All About Social Interaction

Celebration 13



Getting Hired! Today's Talent, Tomorrow's Success

Celebration 14

Empowerment Strategies for Coping with the Chronic Stress of Disabilities and Longterm Illnesses

Celebration 15



Providing a Lifetime of Support

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When Being Mom (or Dad) Stops Being Good Enough

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Become Successful in Advocacy by Practicing Leadership Skills

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Orthopedic Treatment of Cerebral Palsy

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Standards Based Education for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

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How Best to Manage the Complexities of Life for an Adult with a Disability:

What Legal Tools are Available and How Best to Utilize Them

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Dadvocates

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Section 504 and ADA Rights in Public and Private Schools

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Zika: A Case Study for Examining Florida Systems of Care for Children with Special Needs

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My Journey as a Sportscaster

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Stop, Drop, and S.L.O.W. (Saving Love Our Way)

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Giving Families a Voice in Our System of Care

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Using Mindfulness to Decrease Stress and Increase Happiness

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Finding Employment and Employees

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Introduction to Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+)

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**Aquatic Therapy and Drowning Prevention Incorporating with Surviving
Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS) for Special Needs.**

Quiet Pool

at a Glance

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



Disney Pillowcase Project

Celebration 1

Getting to Know the Florida Division of Blind Services

Celebration 2

What Students and Families Need to Know About High School Graduation Requirements

Celebration 3



Inspiration & Encouragement for Military and Veteran Families with Special Needs

Celebration 5



ABLE United: Planning Your Financial Future

Celebration 6

Providing Person-centered Services in Home and Community-based Settings

Celebration 8



Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards—Birth to Kindergarten

Celebration 9

Social Security and Healthcare Benefit Issues for Transition Age Youth

Celebration 11

Let's just Do It!

Celebration 12



IEP Jeopardy

Celebration 13



2 The Road to Work

Celebration 14



Sticks and Stones May Break Your Bones, But Words Can Always Hurt You:

Protecting your Children Against Bullying

Celebration 17

The Importance of Guardianship for Adults with Special Needs

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Compartiendo Con Amor Salud y Aelgria

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OMG: Open Mic Gumbo!

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Creating Capable Kids: What Parents can do to Create School Success

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Inclusion ROCKS!!!

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Understanding Your Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) Medicaid Waiver iBudget Algorithm Allocation, Your Allocation Implementation Meeting (AIM), and Significant Additional Needs Requests (SAN)

Bayhill 24

at a Glance

Family Experiences with Orofacial Clefts Services and Supports in Florida
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The Criminal Justice System and People with Disabilities
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Parent Options When You and the School Disagree
Bayhill 28



Journey Through Advocacy: Parent and Self-Advocate Perspectives on Navigating the Advocacy Path
Celebration 29



Yoga for Physical and Mental Health
Bayhill 30



Financial Empowerment—Earn, Learn, and Save
Bayhill 31



Accessible Florida Parks Including APD's Billy Joe Rish Park
Bayhill 32

Getting Creative with CDC+: How to tailor CDC+ to Best Meet Your Needs
Bayhill 33

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.Pyramid Players, *Foyer*

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.Children's Music and Dance with Patty Shukla, *Foyer*

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.Family Entertainment featuring DJ Scully
Plaza International Ballroom

at a Glance

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

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Keynote Address featuring Jennifer Adams,
Plaza International Ballroom

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12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closing and Door Prizes
Plaza International Ballroom

Friday, June 16, 2017

11:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

America, the Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall – and Win

If you're mad as hell at the political process and don't want to take it anymore, you're not alone. In 2015, a Pew Charitable Trusts survey found that 74 percent of Americans believed that most elected officials didn't care what people like them thought. In the 2016 presidential election, people vented those frustrations with their votes. The November results confirmed that Americans are tired of politics as usual.

While it is not surprising that Americans would channel their frustrations into contenders pledging to end business as usual, you don't have to pin your hopes for change on candidates. Nor should you throw in the towel on democracy, and simply assume that you can't fight City Hall. In *America, the Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall – and Win*, former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham and attorney Chris Hand show us how to discover, build, and flex our citizenship muscles. In their step-by-step guide, Graham and Hand empower Americans to become change agents for the betterment of their communities.

Do you want to be a participant, rather than a spectator, in the arena of democracy? Is your goal to preserve health care options? Persuade your local government to improve access for people with disabilities? Better advocate for families? Then please join Graham and Hand for a conversation about America, the Owner's Manual that will give you the confidence that you can make governments work for you, not the other way around. As Graham and Hand write, citizens "do have a say about what the government does—if they learn, master, and practice the skills of effective citizenship."

A limited number of complimentary copies of ***America, the Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall – and Win*** will be distributed at this keynote.



Bob Graham was elected governor of Florida following 12 years of service in the Florida Legislature. During two successful terms as governor, he was nationally recognized for reforms in education, environmental protection, and economic diversification. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1986, serving as a member of the Senate Finance, Environment and Public Works, and Veterans Affairs Committees. He continues his work in environmental protection as chair of the Florida Conservation Coalition and leads efforts to enhance citizen engagement and train the next generation of public leaders through the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida.



Chris Hand is a partner at the Florida law firm of Eavenson Fraser Lunsford & Ivan, where he advises clients on how to improve their long-term outcomes with government. Hand previously served as speechwriter, press secretary, and campaign press secretary for Senator Graham and as campaign manager for Florida's former statewide elected chief financial officer, Alex Sink. From 2011 to 2015, Hand served as Chief of Staff for the consolidated City of Jacksonville. In that role, Hand managed Mayor Alvin Brown's Office team with oversight for policy, advocacy, communications, outreach and scheduling.

8:00 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.	Tennis, Hoverball, and Archery, <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.	Dental Screening, <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>Orlando Ballroom L & M</i>
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Pyramid Players, <i>Foyer</i>
1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Pyramid Players, <i>Foyer</i>
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Registration Open, <i>Convention Registration</i>
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup <i>Florida Ballroom B&C (English and Spanish)</i>
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Royal DJs, <i>Foyer</i>
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Pyramid Players, <i>Foyer</i>
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Gatorland Wildlife Show/Active Leisure for Life!, <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
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 19th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities, featuring Governor Rick Scott, <i>Plaza International Ballroom</i>

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

Friday, June 16, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Orlando Ballroom L & M

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 Playgroup

Friday, June 16, 1:30-4:00

Florida Ballroom B&C

The Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Early Steps Program invites families of infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays to attend a family-fun playgroup. We will have over 4,000 square feet of space to offer activities that include family photos, face-painting, puppet shows, adaptive books and toys, story time, and free play. During this event, families will have access to resources in the Early Steps Program, network with other families, and learn from Early Steps Family Resource Specialists and State Office staff. Children must be accompanied by an adult during the event.

Kelly Rogers

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Helping Military Families with Special Needs Through the Lifecycle (Panel Part 1)

Friday, June 16, 1:30-3:30

Celebration 5

An overview of support for military family members through the lifecycle will be presented by a panel of agency representatives to raise awareness of the resources. The panel will consist of representatives from military and civilian organizations that work with military families throughout the state of Florida. This interactive panel discussion will highlight available supports to military families with special needs through the lifecycle stages of birth through five, school age, and adulthood. During the second half of the session, there will be additional opportunities for participants to discuss in depth and gain hands-on assistance from the panel member experts.

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



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

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 1

This session 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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Friday

Get Help If You Have Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or PN (Peripheral Neuropathy)

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 2

If you have fibromyalgia (FM), chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), or peripheral neuropathy (PN), there are several ways to get help from: (1) online support and online groups, (2) community support groups that meet face-to-face, (3) printed media, radio, and TV advertisements of medical treatments, (4) participating in or seeking a test drug study, and (5) finding a community exercise facility. We are also presenting information from USF's Neurology Clinic in our assigned room. People can hear 20 minutes from each group, leaving 20 minutes for group questions, comments, and overall review.

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Small Steps Towards a Healthier Weight

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 3

Living a healthy, active lifestyle is important to persons of all abilities. People with disabilities may find it difficult to eat healthy, control their weight, and be physically active. This may be due to a variety of challenges, such as a lack of healthy food choices, medications that can contribute to weight gain, weight loss or changes in appetite, physical limitations that can reduce a person's ability to exercise, or even pain. 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 easy tips and tools for incorporating healthy lifestyle choices for persons with disabilities and their caretakers.

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Free and Me: Why We Teach Sailing

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 4

We will be talking about how sailing and paddle boarding help young people with autism or other special needs feel more independent, and helps with their self-esteem.

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Special Needs Trust Working with ABLE Accounts

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 6

We will discuss an overview of Special Needs Trusts and how they can benefit families with a child with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities. We will also tie in Florida's new ABLE accounts and how to make these accounts more effective and beneficial when coupled with Special Needs Trusts.

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How to Become a Professional Job Seeker

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 7

Come learn the important fundamentals designed to organize an aggressive approach in becoming employed. You will be given activities that you can take home and utilize immediately in efforts to sell yourself and build the confidence required to win the job you want.

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Improving Child Outcomes for All Children

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 9

As one of the largest grantees for Head Start in the Southeastern United States, LSF, supports the special needs of children with disabilities and their parents. This workshop will focus on: Using a holistic approach that includes partnerships with parents as the child's first and most important teacher; Parents and staff working together to deliver comprehensive services in early childhood health, development, and education; Assessing, evaluating, reporting, analyzing, sharing, and planning the child's level of performance and growth; Developing individual goals with parents based on the child's assessment, and aligned with school readiness goals.

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Stories of Success: Post-Secondary Education for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 11

Attending college has long been considered a rite of passage for young adults. This should be no different for individuals with disabilities. The benefits of a college education are boundless. Join us as we share stories of the struggles and successes that students in FAU's Academy for Community Inclusion have encountered during their freshman year of college. Learn about the impact that higher education has, not only for individuals with intellectual disabilities, but for their families and communities as well. Go Owls!

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The Mighty Mandy Ree, Finding Your Voice in Self-Advocacy

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 12

Mandy Ree is a self-advocate who blogs about her life as a legally blind woman for her own blog *Legally Blind Bagged*, and also writes stories for website called *The Mighty*. In this presentation, you'll learn more about how Mandy found confidence in herself to become a self-advocate and share her stories with the world. Mandy will also share vital tips for those who want to share their stories on line as well.

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Teen CERT

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 13

This workshop will provide an overview of the CERT and Teen CERT programs in Florida and how individuals can get training and be involved.

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The #JobCreators Movement: Making Self-Employment Viable for Everyone!

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 14

With countless programs focused on employment, self-employment for someone with a developmental disability is rarely considered an option. Research and data clearly show a growing trend of individuals who not only pursue self-employment, but do so successfully! Statistics not only show that it is possible, but more importantly, demonstrate why self-employment leads to greater gains in the pursuit of independence both monetarily and socially. We will educate individuals with disabilities, their parents, caregivers, and professionals, about the pursuit of self-employment as a feasible alternative to traditional employment for anyone with a disability, regardless of the severity of impairment.

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Working with Children on the Autism Spectrum

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Celebration 15

This workshop will help parents that have students with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder). We will focus on what the students CAN do, and build on their strengths, using the works of Temple Grandin. We will be discussing things such as behavior issues, sensory issues, problems making friends, or being bullied. In addition, we will talk about strategies we can use to help our kids with ASD be successful in school!

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Guardianship and Guardianship Alternatives

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Bayhill 17

In this presentation, we 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, 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 rights of the adult who may require assistance in making decisions in his or her life.

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Homeschooling Children with Special Needs

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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Homeschooling is a viable option for children with special needs. For children with a variety of disabilities, a secure, safe environment can prove invaluable. There are numerous resources available to home educate our children with special needs.

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Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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 with a family of an older one. The best education you can get is from another parent.

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Government Benefits and How They Work for People with Disabilities and Their Families

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Bayhill 20

This workshop takes a detailed look at each of the government benefits available to people with disabilities—Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, Social Security Disability Insurance, Social Security for Disabled Adult Children, and Medicare. We cover eligibility criteria and the application process, how the programs differ, what they cover, and how various work incentives can allow recipients to maintain needed services while working to their highest capacity.

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Navigating the Paperwork Maze

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

Bayhill 21

Presenters will take participants on a journey exploring resources and tools included in a binder that will untangle the paperwork maze. Parents will create a resource binder that will contain a collection of educationally relevant documentation and activities that will assist parents in maintaining records and facilitate a greater sense of partnership between schools and home. Parents of students with disabilities at all grade levels will be provided with a binder that includes all tools necessary to organize, guide, and empower them to actively engage in the planning of their child's educational career.

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Disability Rights Florida, quienes somos nosotros?

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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Disability Rights Florida is the state of Florida's protection and advocacy agency, which works to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities in the state of Florida. If you are not familiar with our agency and the ways we can help you, then this presentation is just right for you. This presentation will be in Spanish to cater to the Spanish-speaking population. During this presentation you will learn who we are, who we serve, and what services we provide.

Disability Rights Florida es la agencia de protección y defensa del estado de Florida, que trabaja para proteger los derechos de las personas con discapacidades en el estado de Florida. Si no está familiarizado con nuestra agencia y las maneras que podemos ayudarle, esta presentación es solo adecuada para usted.

Esta presentación será en español para atender a los que hablan español. Durante esta presentación conocerá quiénes somos, a quién servimos, y qué servicios ofrecemos.

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Handwriting and Disability: Perspectives from the Inside

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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Prepare for surprises! Adults with one or more neurological disabilities share their “lives with handwriting” – why it still matters to them, what their struggles were with mastering this skill (including the vexing matter of reading cursive!), and which self-remediation strategies empowered them to help themselves and eventually help others with handwriting issues. Their differing perspectives raise questions: How can handwriting instruction become more accessible to all students? When may a program or technique become unintentionally counterproductive? How can methods, styles, and techniques be adapted to each learner, instead of expecting the learner to fit the method?

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Color Me Calm

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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This is a unique and interesting presentation highlighting the benefits of live therapeutic music/sound therapy with “Chromo” or color therapy. Learn how different colors, even in food, can positively affect our wellness, reverse stress, ease digestion, equalize brain waves, and more! Experience what a session of “Color Me Calm” is like and learn about colors and sounds for brain balance and wellness.

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Inclusion Using the Florida Access Points for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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This professional development opportunity will allow parents and educators to understand the Florida Standards, the access points and essential understandings, and how they can be used to scaffold instruction for students with significant cognitive disabilities in the general education setting. Topics will include access points, inclusion, presumed competence, diploma options, the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment, and many resources will be shared.

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IEPs for Dads

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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This workshop will demystify the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process for fathers to easily understand, enabling them to become active participants. Wilbur Hawke is the father of two sons, one with a disability, and he was a stay at home dad after his youngest became sick at just six months old. He navigated hospitals, pediatricians, the early intervention program, and the public school system successfully. He was responsible for his child's IEP and did all the meetings until his son was old enough to make his own decisions. He has taught parents how to access the special education process based on this personal experience for more than twenty years. His goal is to help dads (and moms too) to understand how to do non-emotional, clearly-documented, collaborative business with a focus on outcomes.

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Parents Helping Parents and the Gardiner Scholarship

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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In 2014, as parents of new recipients, we had no consistent source of information on how to use this scholarship. Many other parents were in the same boat. We started a Facebook support group to share information. We have over 1,000 members, parents and providers, helping each other learn how to use the scholarship, submit claims, and get help when a problem arises. This is a no-drama group that works for positive changes in the scholarship. If you have or are seeking this scholarship, find out if this group is right for you.

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FDLRS Parent/Guardian Webinar Series

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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This presentation will provide an overview of the webinar series that is being offered to parents and guardians of students with disabilities. The webinar series is broken into five parts and includes:

1. Understanding the world of Exceptional Student Education
2. Understanding the Individual Education Plan
3. Instructional Practices
4. Connecting Families with Agencies and other resources
5. Family and School Partnerships

Participants will have an opportunity to review the components of the webinar with the presenter and ask questions to gain further understanding.

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How to Get Out of Survival Mode and Back to Living Life on Your Terms!

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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When my youngest son was born with a rare life-threatening disorder that made him ventilator-dependent for life, survival mode was my only story and I thought I'd be stuck there forever. I gave it my all but I increasingly felt overwhelmed, angry, exhausted, isolated, anxious, and depressed. I realized over time that I could only give for so long before my mind and body gave out. Staying in survival mode wasn't sustainable, nor healthy. I had to rediscover who I was, what I needed and wanted out of life, and how to make that happen in this "New Normal."

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Mental Health and Secondary Transition: What Families Need to Know

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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Youth with mental health disabilities are often at risk for dropping out of high school, leading to poor post-school outcomes, such as employment and post-secondary education. This presentation will provide an overview of the role mental health plays in secondary transition for students with emotional/behavioral disabilities (E/BD) or mental health concerns, including key elements of a successful transition. Utilizing expertise from two discretionary projects, one focused on supporting students with E/BD (SEDNET), and one focused on secondary transition (Project 10), the presentation will be tailored to identify resources and supports available to students and families during secondary transition.

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Listen Twice As Silence Speaks

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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LISTEN . . . STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! AS a caregiver, how effective are you in communicating with extended family, doctors, school personnel, therapists, clergy, and employers on behalf of the silent speakers? Experience what it means to listen twice as much with eyes, ears, and body, to adequately partner with an advocate for non-verbal individuals. Develop the skills and techniques necessary to enhance non-verbal interpretation and communication. This hands-on session provides strategies and skills to support successful relationships and healthy interactions.

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Human Trafficking

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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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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Self Determination – A Path to Success

Friday, June 16, 1:30-2:30

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This panel will discuss the challenges and successes of three individuals who have encountered ups and downs along the path of life, and who have found some innovative ways to live their lives. The panel will also discuss the importance of speaking up for yourself and working in partnership with employers, state agencies, and the community to live a fulfilled life. Specific information will be shared about working with Vocational Rehabilitation.

The panel members are all individuals who have lived their lives to the fullest and have taken 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. Learning to budget your iBudget waiver dollars has been a part of that journey. Denise Arnold, the Deputy Director of Programs for APD, brings many years of experience in the field to serve as moderator.

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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



Gatorland Wildlife Show/Active Leisure for Life!

Friday, June 16, 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Regency 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 wildlife native to Florida. Meet the reptiles, mammals, and birds up close and in person, that you don't see every day!





Meet Your School Liaison Officers

Friday, June 16, 3:30-4:30

Celebration 5

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 need to maximize the educational opportunities to ensure academic success for all military associated children.

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



ARC Smoke Detector Project

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 1

In response to an awareness that they discovered responding to single family fires, Red Cross has initiated a project to place smoke detectors in the homes of individuals. This workshop will describe the project, present some of the stunning results, and demonstrate how to get involved.

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A Family Discussion: College is a Realistic Goal!

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 2

Inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) programs, for individuals with intellectual disabilities, continue to emerge in large and small Florida communities. This dynamic growth has resulted in 15 (and counting) Florida college programs.

While participants will learn about these college programs and the resources (<https://www.FCIHE.com>) and supports available through the Florida Consortium on Inclusive Higher Education (FCIHE), they will be asked to provide their input on the needs of students with intellectual disabilities and their families to access and succeed in college and career pathways. This input will help to inform the Consortium's support to Florida's students and families.

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Introduction to Active Parenting: Setting Your Child Up for Success in Today's World

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 3

Rearing children in today's turbulent society can present challenges for parents. We want to protect and prepare our children to survive and thrive in today's society and give them the tools they need to succeed. In this session, learn some of the tools from the Active Parenting™ curriculum, including styles of parenting, the importance of giving children choices, and building relationships with our children.

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My Money and Making a Plan; What is Good and Bad Debt?

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 6

The My Money Program, created by the Florida Department of Financial Services, is a financial literacy program designed for individuals with developmental disabilities. This financial education curriculum will provide information and resources to help empower every Floridian with the knowledge to work towards financial independence. The module Good and Bad Debt teaches students about the different kinds of debt, types of loans, credit cards, how to manage purchases made on credit, understanding the credit bureau system, and how to build good credit.

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Choosing Work

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Celebration 7

Everybody Works Everybody Wins: The top 10 reasons why working while disabled may be for you!

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Learn About the Family Care Council

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 8

The Family Care Councils (FCCs) are groups of volunteers who advocate for people with developmental disabilities and their families. In 1993, the Florida Legislature created the FCCs (Chapter 393.502, Florida Statutes) in each service area of APD to advise the agency, develop a plan for the delivery of family support services within the local area, and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of services and supports provided under the plan. Official FCC members are appointed by the governor. Each council consists of individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as, parents, siblings, grandparents, and guardians of people with developmental disabilities who qualify for APD services. Each council is made up of 10 to 15 members. The council membership reflects the geographical areas and the various disabilities, ethnicity, and ages served by the agency. All interested persons are encouraged to become committee members of their local councils.

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How to Help Every Child Have Success in Daycares, Preschools, or Childcare Settings

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 9

All parents want their children to be successful in their preschool, daycare, or child care centers. But sometimes your child struggles and as a parent, this can make you feel stressed and frustrated. We will discuss many ideas to help every child be successful in these settings and problem-solve any struggles that your family is facing. If you work in this setting, these strategies will be helpful to you too. These ideas are easily implemented without taking extra time out of your day. Let's focus on creating a win-win situation for the family and staff!

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Arts for All

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 10

Create art with your child! The arts provide children wonderful forms of self-expression and communication, especially for children with disabilities. This workshop focuses on visual art tools and materials that can be purchased or adapted so that all children can have meaningful artmaking and creative expression opportunities. This session will be part lecture and part exploration time with the materials and tools. By the end of the session you will realize you do not have to be an artist to make art with your children.

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Navigating the Transition Process and Vocational Rehabilitation

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 11

This presentation will focus on empowering individuals as they go through the transition process from school to employment or post-secondary education. Topics will include: transition planning and TIEPs (Transition IEPs), Vocational Rehabilitation, the Client Assistance Program, and updates to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The main goal of our presentation is to provide attendees with information related to transition so they can advocate for appropriate services from their IEP teams and vocational rehabilitation counselors.

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Advocacy: Learning to Stand

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 13



In advocacy, the most important tool is your voice. With this, you can let people know what issues or problems that you have. You can do this in various of ways such as through social media, letters, emails, and other different ways. Perhaps the one thing that effective advocates have is their ability to stand enduringly. Meaning, they don't back down from their stance nor change it. From this presentation, you will learn how to voice your message and to be persistent with it. By learning this tool, you can be effective and cause change on any level.

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See a Need, Fill a Need

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 14

If you've dreamed of a career in Hospitality, yet aren't sure where to begin, look no further than CareerSource Palm Beach County's Hospitality Program of the Palm Beaches. Learn how CSPBC developed this first of its kind program to assist individuals with unique abilities in learning the fundamentals of lodging operations. Students earned a national certification from the American Hotel and Lodging Institute upon graduation. Through a combination of classroom-based and hands-on learning, students developed the skills needed to help support the 60,000+ Hospitality positions in Palm Beach County to lower the unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities, which is almost three times higher than for those without barriers to unemployment.

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22Q Roundtable

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Celebration 15

Do you or someone you love have 22q11.2 Syndrome? Whether you know it as 22q, VCFS, DiGeorge, or Shprintzen Syndrome, it is now believed to be the second most common genetic syndrome (1:1,000 live births). Yet most people have never heard of it. Come talk with parents and people with 221 who will understand! We will share our experiences, and help you answer questions, gather information, and meet others facing similar situations. Learn more about what the future holds for you or your loved one, while becoming part of our 22q family.

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Shaping Behavior with Apps for iPad

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Celebration 16

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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Guardian Advocacy (Tutela de Abogacía)

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

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Guardian Advocacy is a process under §393.12 of the Florida Statutes for family members, caregivers, or friends of individuals with a developmental disability to obtain the legal authority to act on their behalf. This presentation aims to explain what guardian advocacy is, who qualifies for the protection of a guardian advocacy, and how to apply for a court appointment as a guardian advocate.

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K-12 School Choice Scholarships

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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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Preparing for Self Support Now and In the Future

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This presentation is geared toward those with disabilities who want to go to work or back to work and are able to do so. Social Security has two disability programs: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). In this presentation we will discuss the difference between the two programs, and explain the many work incentives available to individuals who have disabilities and are entitled to a benefit on one or both of these programs. Some of the work incentives provide encouragement to go to work now, while others can help prepare for work in the future.



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Navigating the Response to Intervention (Rtl) Process

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In this presentation we will focus on educating parents on the Response to Intervention (Rtl) process. We will explain what the Rtl process is, how parents can be involved in it, and what happens next. The main goal of this presentation is to equip the attendees with the basic knowledge to be prepared to handle discussions with a school district related to the Response to Intervention and Eligibility Process.

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Behavioral Health Services within the Community and School

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

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Disability Rights Florida will teach you how to navigate and obtain behavioral health services in the community and in schools. The presentation will focus on wrap around services, community based services, accessing services in the school setting, and trauma informed care. The main objective is to provide the essential tools to advocate for needed behavioral health services.

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

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

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Unexpectedly, individuals whose disabilities affect socialization often report that they have been taught (and required to use) social strategies that impeded (rather than furthering) developmentally appropriate socialization in various contexts. The presenters (disability professionals who themselves have disabilities which affect socialization) use samples and exercises to share their observations and experiences (professional as well as personal) with situation in which the recommended "appropriate behavior" failed to take account of social context and other realities which may make certain

standard social skills strategies unusable—or even dangerous—for at least some individuals with disabilities who are required to learn and apply these.

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Dads, Yes We Can!

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

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This session is for dads only, please. Cody Colchado is a passionate and energetic presenter who intertwines his personal story of vision and hearing loss with insights he has gained from parenting. Cody speaks to balancing his relationship and time with his son who has a cranial facial disorder called Moebius Syndrome and with his daughter who does not have disabilities. Cody blends wit, humor, and strength, as he engages dads to share their challenges and successes on staying involved and taking an active role in family life. Cody draws from his career as a champion powerlifter, martial artist, coach for athletes with disabilities, and a motivational speaker. Cody became the first American to win the title of World's Strongest Disabled Man in Iceland 2015. Resources for information on supporting youth with dual sensory loss will be shared by Emily Taylor-Snell as part of the Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf-Blind Collaborative Mission.

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Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

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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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Loving Your Life**Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00***Bayhill 26*

This interactive and motivational workshop will inspire you to be happy everyday as a mom of children with special needs. Taking care of you, while you take care of others is a priority, and it starts by making a choice. In this mini course we will walk you through the challenges that are holding you back from being the best person you can be. You will come away with the simple tweaks you need to make that will immediately change your life. A workbook will be available.

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Respite in Florida**Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00***Bayhill 27*

In this informative presentation, you will learn of the critical statewide need for respite care, the various types of respite care, as well as the role you may play in increasing awareness of the need for respite care. Additionally, you will learn about the Florida Lifespan Respite Alliance and ways you may benefit from and participate in the FLRA.

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The History of Disabilities**Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00***Bayhill 29*

Disabilities are a natural part of life and have been throughout human history. This PowerPoint presentation goes back to the dawn of man and covers how disabilities were viewed and how people with disabilities were treated by various societies throughout history.

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Mental Health Roundtable

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Bayhill 30

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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Navigating Employment Services

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Bayhill 32

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. In this session, we 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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iConnect: the Future of Electronic Consumer Records

Friday, June 16, 3:00-4:00

Bayhill 33

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities has embarked on an exciting new project. iConnect is a software system that will allow consumers and families to see their electronic records and keep up-to-date with the services provided to you. Essential to this data system is the electronic verification of services and electronic visit verification (EVV) to ensure services are delivered as approved by the agency.

APD serves a consumer base of approximately 54,000. Additionally, there are approximately 1,000 Waiver Support Coordinators and over 5,000 provider companies, both large and small, with an employee base of approximately 35,000 to 50,000 workers.



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

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brazilian Voices, Foyer

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**



Disaster Preparedness (Get a Plan)

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 1

This will be a traditional Get A Plan workshop that will focus on resources to Get a Plan, Build a Kit, Be Informed.

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Jump Back in the Pilot’s Seat and Fly!

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 2

Join nationally renowned speaker and entrepreneur Evan Piper for an inspiring presentation on how simple life changes reap enormous benefits. After an airplane accident left him in a wheelchair, Evan applied his unique business success formula to create attitudes and principles that empowered him to achieve, grow, and succeed. He remains an active and successful entrepreneur, and he still flies a plane with hand controls of his own design. Attendees leave with a new outlook and confidence that they can take immediate action to improve their lives.

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Behaviorally Challenged Students—Advocating for Appropriate Supports and Services

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 3

Students with behavioral health needs are often removed from the classroom, missing out on important instructional time. Many students are suspended, expelled, baker acted, or arrested for manifestations of their disability and their behavior is often misunderstood. This presentation will focus on how to advocate for appropriate supports and services, 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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Encouraging Physical Activity for Children with Disabilities

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 4

The Disability and Health Program is currently adapting and implementing an evidence-based Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program (CSPAP) designed to improve the physical activity opportunities for children with mobility limitations and/or intellectual disabilities. The CSPAP is designed to teach children to use every opportunity to be physically active before, during, and after school. In this presentation, we will focus on how the Disability and Health Program is working with schools to adapt this initiative for children with disabilities and incorporating them at school and at home.

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Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 5

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. It addresses the difference in requirements among states involving immunizations, the entrance ages for kindergarten and



first grade, exit exams, and graduation requirements. It also includes provisions 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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ABLE United: The Basics on ABLE Accounts

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30
Celebration 6

The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act allows individuals with disabilities 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. ABLE United, Florida’s qualified ABLE program, provides new opportunities and can change the way you plan for short-term expenditures and establish long-term savings. In this session, we’ll discuss everything you need to know about the ABLE act and how you can start achieving a better life experience through ABLE United.

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Exploriarion Leads to Discovery: New Supports for Community-Based Employment

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30
Celebration 7

The HCBS settings Final Rule has set new parameters for the characteristics and qualities required for community-based employment services. MCOs are embracing the challenge. One of these services is Exploration, designed to help an individual make an informed choice about whether he or she wants to pursue individual, integrated employment or self-employment. The service includes introductory activities to identify interests and skills and includes business tours, job shadowing or informational interviews, and is highly individualized. In this presentation, Amerigroup will share some of their experiences with utilization of this new service and the impact it is having on community-based employment.

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The Florida Navigator: Your Map to Access State Agency Disability Services

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 8

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) has several tools to assist families in finding resources in their community and state services programs. This session will share where families can access these tools and how to navigate through the different resources.

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Low Tech (Recycled Toy Ideas) and High Tech Tools (iPad) for Infants and Toddlers

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

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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Money Management: A Financial Education Workshop

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 10

A Financial Education Workshop for Youth – Do you have plans to get your own place, go to college, buy a new car, to take a vacation, or to buy a new television? Learn how to create a spending plan to manage your finances and achieve your goals. In this workshop, each youth will also create a dream board to visualize what they want to save for and how they will achieve their goal.

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Transition Basics: Focus on Graduation Requirements and Postsecondary Options

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 11

In this presentation we will review research on the importance of family involvement, different diploma options and graduation requirements, self-advocacy and self-determination, a variety of postsecondary options, and resources supporting family involvement in transition planning. The goal of this training is to help students with disabilities, their families, and other community partners, understand the various graduation options and review some postsecondary possibilities.

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2017 Legislative Update and Advocacy Tips

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 12

The presentation begins with a report on the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council's 2017 Legislative Platform and all the legislative outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from the 2017 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 2018 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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Come and Chat with The FYC

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 13

Come sit and talk with The Florida Youth Council. We would love to get to know you while you learn about what The Florida Youth Council is, what we do, and who we are as individual council members.

Pizza will be served.

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Florida Youth Council



Making an Informed Employment Decision by Knowing Your Employment Options

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 14

The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) has opened up the doors of opportunity for all students with disabilities, ages 15-21, by identifying specific services that will help them successfully transition from high school. Vocational Rehabilitation has embraced this notion by creating a menu of services that



help students reach their post-school outcomes. Section 511 of WIOA is of particular importance to youth 24 and under because it requires individuals to complete various activities before they are employed at a subminimum wage. These activities ensure youth are well informed and have a choice in regards to employment services and career options. This session will take a deeper look into WIOA and explain how Pre-Employment Transition Services and Career Counseling Information Services lead to individuals making an informed decision about their future.

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Making the Most of Your IEP Meeting

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 15

This presentation will give you a look into an IEP meeting from both sides of the table. The presenter is not only a parent of a child with special needs, but also a Florida educator. We will cover how to maximize your time in a meeting. We will review what questions you might want to ask that you have not thought of before. We will also discuss what you can do after the meeting is over. Tips and strategies to ensure that your student is getting the best education possible will be shared.

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La Importancia de Manejar Emociones Eficazmente para Padres, Educadores, y Cuidadores de Niños con Discapacidades (The Importance of Managing Emotions Effectively for Parents, Educators and Caregivers of Children with Disabilities)

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Celebration 16

Parents of children with ASD are extremely strong, both emotionally and mentally. As parents, we should be teachers, counselors, and a comforting shoulder. We have to be such a source of unconditional love that is so necessary for our children. However, sometimes it becomes difficult to remember to stay positive. We learn quickly that raising a child with autism can offer many challenges, frustrations, and sometimes anxiety. Our positive aspects can be completely buried under our own emotions. Come and learn how Emotional Intelligence can serve as a skill to see, use, understand, and manage both our own and our children's emotions and feelings, which is so necessary to better protect and support our children.

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Calling All Advocates! Partners in Policy-Making Wants You!

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 17

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. Based on a national model, the Partners goal is to develop productive partnerships 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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ABC’s of Special Needs Trusts and Guardian Advocacy

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 18

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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Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

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 with a family of an older one. The best education you can get is from another parent.

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Fair Housing – It's Your Right!

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 19

The Fair Housing Act of 1968 is still alive and well, but most people are not aware of their rights under the act. Today, discrimination is more subtle. Learn how to recognize if you have been discriminated against. Also, did you know that persons with disabilities are covered under the Fair Housing Act? You may be eligible to receive a Reasonable Accommodation or Reasonable Modification and not even know it.

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

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 21

In this presentation we 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 basic knowledge to be prepared to handle discussions with a school district related to the provision of ESY services.

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Pink Art Party

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 22

Calling all ladies! Prepare for the Pink Party with a powerful purpose! Get ready to “Sip-and-Share” as paint brushes and markers come alive! Join us as we use creative visual art to expose and express the emotional, spiritual, and physical masks you and other women wear on a daily basis. Certified Life Coach Specialists will lead the charge to help you explore the huge impact on care-giving and individuals with special needs.

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Driving with Autism

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 23

Mike DiMauro is an adult with autism who likes to travel the east coast of the United States and Canada. Mike has driven up and down the east coast several times in his life and would like to share his experiences about driving and traveling with autism.

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

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 25

This workshop for moms explores reasons why dads do the things that they do related to family involvement. The session looks at why dads sometimes seem to disengage from emotional or stressful family situations. Then the session will look at strategies that can be used 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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Healthy Living**Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30***Bayhill 26*

This program will help you bridge the gap between patient and doctor relationships for people with disabilities.

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**“You Need a Screwdriver, Not a Hammer”:
 The Tools for Coping with an Atypical Child**

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30*Bayhill 27*

An unborn child once asked, how will I survive in the world? I will not be like other children. My walk may be slower, my speech hard to understand. I may look different. What will become of me? The answer: have no fear. You will have exceptional parents. They will love you because you are special. Though your path throughout life may be difficult, your reward will be great. You were made for a cause, and everyone around you will change from ordinary to special, the moment you're born! Come discover what you need to help your child along the way!

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Taking the Drama out of Parenting**Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30***Bayhill 28*

Are you tired of tantrums? Can't get your child off the ground? One of the most stressful aspects of parenting is dealing with challenging behaviors. Taking the drama out of parenting will provide parents with tools to effectively deal with behavioral challenges. Strategies are supported by research and based on behavior analytic principles. Procedures are designed to support the caregivers and teach skills to replace challenging behaviors.

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Trauma and Individuals with Disabilities

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 30

This presentation will introduce a brief overview of trauma and why everyone should be aware of its importance: 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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WRAP for the Community

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 31

WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) is a unique and easy way to take charge of our own recovery. This workshop will talk about the basic components of WRAP. The facilitators will discuss how they are working to train and educate adult peers, youth peers, and community providers, and the importance of self-care across the board. Discussion will also focus on activities used to engage youth and adult participation in the groups.

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Understanding APD Services

Friday, June 16, 4:30-5:30

Bayhill 33

Learn how APD works in partnership with local communities and private providers to assist people who have developmental disabilities and their families. Discuss how APD provides assistance in identifying the needs of people with developmental disabilities for supports and services. Identify creative supports that may be available for individuals with a development disability. Acquire how one can become a client with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and learn the benefits of being a client. Companionship services, personal assistance, job coaching, personal trainer, and self-advocacy training are just a few.

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5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.Brazilian Voices, Foyer

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.....The 19th Annual Summit on Disabilities, Plaza International Ballroom



Friday, June 16, 2017

6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. PLAZA INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

THE 19TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON DISABILITIES

Join us for The 19th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities featuring Governor Rick Scott.

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 leaders from State Agencies that serve Floridians with disabilities. Together, they will share their vision for our state's service delivery system, and their thoughts on building more inclusive, accessible communities throughout Florida.

The 19th 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 19th Annual Summit on Disabilities!



The 19th annual Governor's Summit on disabilities will feature a musical performance by **Staar Fields** a singer/songwriter, radio host, and mother of her 10 year old son Gabriel who was diagnosed with autism. Although Gabriel is nonverbal Staar has used her music to reach him and to encourage people and families across the country. Staar is excited about spreading her message of Hope and raising awareness of what it's like having a child with special needs. For more information please visit www.staarfields.com



Be Prepared Have a Family Emergency Plan

An emergency or disaster may present unique challenges for people with disabilities and 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)
- Arrange an out-of-town contact
- Communicate needs and capabilities with my support network
- 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



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Saturday, June 17, 2017

9:00 A.M. TO 10:30 P.M. PLAZA INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

Beautifully Bipolar: An Inspiring Look Into Mental Illness



Join Erin Callinan for a conversation about her experience living with, and recovering from, bipolar disorder.

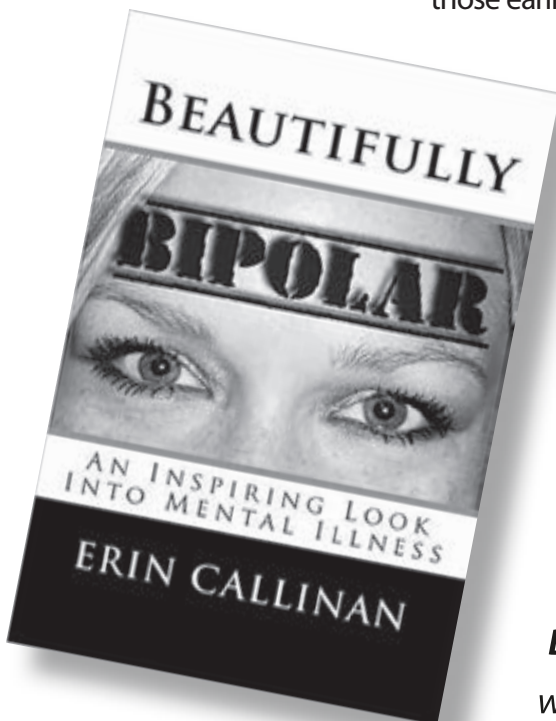
From 2001-2004, Erin endured incredibly difficult manic and depressive episodes. She found herself needing an outlet. Fortunately, she kept a journal as a means to process the various feelings of pain, confusion, understanding and growth she was experiencing.

Several years later, after relocating to Phoenix, AZ, she had the opportunity to live by herself for the first time. That change gave her the clarity to write. To reflect. To be. Undisturbed and on her own. She encountered more emotional growth and confidence than she ever knew she needed. She finally had the chance to confront the great sadness she felt when she reflected back on her life. She read through her journals from those earlier years, relived those horrific memories, and faced them head on.

She knew she had a story to tell. In May of 2013, she published *Beautifully Bipolar: An Inspiring Look into Mental Illness*.

In her keynote, Erin will share the story of the trauma she experienced, the suffering her family felt, the sadness that still lingers, and the path she traveled to wellness. Her powerful story illustrates the depths of bipolar disorder and the many ways that mental illness affects the lives of so many people. Please join us, along with Erin's parents, to share in her inspiring journey of healing.

*A limited number of complimentary copies of **Beautifully Bipolar: An Inspiring Look into Mental Illness** will be distributed 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.	Dental Screening, <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Podiatry Screening, <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Tennis, Hoverball, and Archer, <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>Orlando Ballroom L & M</i>
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Little ELITES hosted by Special Olympics, <i>Manatee Springs</i>
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Wildlife Show by Gatorland, <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Scuba Diving without Barriers, <i>Quiet Pool</i>
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	ProjectFREE RisingStarz Lauren Rittenhouse, <i>Lobby Level Foyer</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 3:00 p.m.	Registration Open, <i>Registration Desk</i>
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Grease by Synchrony Arts Group, <i>Barrel Spring II</i>
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Early Steps Playgroup, <i>Orlando Ballroom N</i>
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.	ProjectFREE The RockERs, <i>Foyer</i>
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Pyramid Players, <i>Foyer</i>
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	FRIENDS Chorus, <i>Foyer</i>
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Arts and Crafts, <i>Orlando Ballroom N</i>
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	South Pacific by Rising STARZ Performance Group, <i>Plaza International Ballroom</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.	FRIENDS Chorus, <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
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Meet Princess Belle, <i>Regency Ballroom</i>
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Pyramid Players, <i>Foyer</i>
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Children's Music and Dance with Patty Shukla, <i>Foyer</i>
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Family Entertainment featuring DJ Scully, <i>Plaza International Ballroom</i>

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

Saturday, June 17, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Orlando Ballroom L&M

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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Little ELITES hosted by Special Olympics

Saturday, June 17 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Manatee Springs

Little ELITES is an entry-level sports program that bridges the gap between the Special Olympics Young Athletes program (ages 2-7) and competitive Special Olympics sports (ages 8+) concepts and models. The program is ideal for children in 2nd-5th grade who have an intellectual disability (ID) or developmental disability (DD) diagnosis.

Special Olympics Florida offers an inclusionary sports play program for children who are between the ages of 2-7 (grades pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade) called Young Athletes. We currently have 10,000 Young Athletes participants involved and the program is continuing to grow. As children age out of Young Athletes, there can be a lack of Special Olympics Florida sports opportunities for children who are in grades 3-5. This is where Little ELITES comes in! Through Little ELITES, children who age out of Young Athletes can continue to work on their skills in specific sport(s) through structured school-based means of participation and eventually compete within the community. Ultimately, the goal is to keep young children and their families engaged in the Special Olympics Florida support network for life.

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Scuba Diving Without Barriers

Saturday, June 17, 10:30-12:30

Quiet Pool

Dr. Gabrielle Gabrielli will build upon last year's Family Café 2016 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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Gatorland Wildlife Show/Active Leisure for Life!

Saturday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Regency 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 wildlife native to Florida. Meet the reptiles, mammals, and birds up close and in person, that you don't see every day!

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 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

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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 use of free items you already have in your house that can be used in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten and abandoned within your house. You will also

learn how to use items you can get for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit and then finally 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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Meet Dr. Verra-Tirado, Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 2

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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Love Covers

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 3

I am a mom and a wife first, then a life coach second. Having four children of my own—one with special abilities—and a husband, I understand the challenges that arise from trying to find balance in and manage everyday life. Marriage alone is hard. When you add a child or children to the mix, it becomes even more difficult. But, having one or more children with special needs adds emotional, financial, and physical strains on relationships. Discover the 10 Tips of Healthy Relationships and strategies for a stress-less home. Reignite the passion in your relationship and unlock your inner power to transform your life. Remember, if you do not place your oxygen mask on first, you will not be around to put anyone else's on. So, join me to get ready to Dare. Ignite. Transform!

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Saturday



Making Attractions and Waterparks More Accessible

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 4

This presentation will be an interactive workshop where you will be able to make suggestions to the team who is working to create Florida's first aquatic adventure experience that is intentionally therapeutic and fully inclusive of people with a large variety of disabilities. Give input into the design of the world's first two-story slide that is intentionally inclusive of a person who is quadriplegic. Plus, learn how one area attraction became a pace setter for the industry in inclusive adventure.

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Helping Military Families with Special Needs Through Transfers and Transitions During the Military Lifecycle (Panel Part 2)

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 5

Frequent relocations or changes in active duty status are a routine part of military life. A panel of agencies will present an overview of the support that is available to military family members with special needs to help them plan, organize, and initiate transfers between duty stations and locations or transition from active duty to inactive status. During the second half of the session, there will be additional opportunities for attendees to participate in detailed discussions and gain hands-on assistance from the panel member experts.

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Benefits and Tax Savings For Families With Special Needs

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 6

Parents of children with special needs incur a variety of expenses for their child or adult, including therapies, educational training, personal care aides, transportation, home modifications, medical supplies and special diets. Many of these expenses may be tax deductible, but are often overlooked by other 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 taxes. This session includes an important overview

of Life Planning tools for the most protected future for your child, including information on public benefits, trusts, guardianships, Medicaid, SSI and SSDI. We will also give updates on all the new A.B.L.E. 529 accounts across the United States, which allow up to \$100,000 in savings while still retaining SSI and Medicaid.

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Everyone Can Work—Come Discover How

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 7

In this presentation we will cover Vocational Rehabilitation services that can be provided to individuals with disabilities. We will cover services including supported employment, discovery, and customized employment, as well as programs such as Project SEARCH, Intensive Post-Secondary Education, and High School/High Tech.

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APD Provider Training and the Train Florida Learning Management System

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 8

TRAIN Florida is a learning management system (LMS) for professionals. It is offered by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Public Health Foundations (PHF). TRAIN Florida catalogues training courses, registers students, provides access to online courses, gathers and tracks employee training information, and assists providers, managers, and supervisors in assessing training needs. Learn how to become an APD TRAIN Florida Administrator. Join us as we discuss the special features of the TRAIN Florida Learning Management System.

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Jeremy's Journey – Through Early Steps and Beyond

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 9

Presented by an Early Steps 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. Jeremy is now in high school and is on the Principal's List. He has learned (by watching his mom) how to advocate for himself and sometimes expresses himself through puppeteering. He is also an avid Star Wars fan. The Force is strong with this one.

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NextGen DNA Sequence-Mediated Personalized Medicine for Individuals with Disabilities

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 10

New breakthroughs, spawned by the explosion of knowledge facilitated by the sequencing of the human genome, have enabled physicians to determine genetic risk factors among individuals and their families for specific disabilities. Listen to a physician and research geneticist discuss how genetic testing can be used to determine a child's susceptibility to developing specific disabilities, and how this information can be used by families and providers to better serve individuals with disabilities in the early stages of their lives, and maximize their potential.

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Going to College and Excelling as a Student with Disability

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 11

Attending higher education, with or without a disability, is one of the most significant decisions that a young person will make. Earning a University/College degree is generally recognized as one of the best ways to achieve independence and self-sufficiency. While all universities and colleges have nondiscriminatory practices with regards to admissions, academic supports and student life opportunities for individuals with disabilities, each program does have its strengths and weaknesses—just like it does for students without disabilities. Therefore, attendees will learn how to better evaluate the thousands of higher education choices based on their academic area of interest, programmatic needs and related personal challenges. This presentation will specifically

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cover academic accommodations, experiential learning, student life, housing, and independent living. It will also profile how some current students at Florida State University (FSU) are excelling and overcoming (architectural, programmatic, communication, and attitudinal) barriers at a preeminent institution within the state. In sum, attendees will learn that they too can attend, benefit from, and excel in higher education.

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Blogging and Writing About A Disability

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 12

This session will discuss the following:

- How to Start Writing a Blog
- Where to Host Your Blog for Free
- Writing Tips and Techniques
- Blogging Software
- How to Promote Your Blog
- What to Write About

Each of our stories is very important. Each of us has a unique way of looking at both our disabilities and how to live with those disabilities. Come and learn how to blog. Come and learn how to share your experiences with others.

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You Are Worth It!

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 13

In this session, The Florida Youth Council will be discussing your strengths and weaknesses to show you that your strengths will always outweigh your weaknesses. The goal of this session is to raise your self-esteem and remind you that you are perfect just the way you are!

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Legal & Financial Issues For Your Child with Special Needs

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 15

In this session we will cover: the need for a 100-year plan; Legal Documents including Pre-Need Guardianship, Guardianship, Guardian Advocacy, and Special Needs Trusts; Qualifying for both Medicaid and Medicare; the easy way to meet the annual reporting requirements for SSI and Guardianship; and maximizing your child's lifetime 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 percent of the parent's social security once the parent starts drawing social security and the amount increases to 75 percent upon the death of the parent.

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Parent Panel: Life Does Not Come With a Handbook!

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Celebration 16

This lively panel of young parents have vision loss, hearing loss, and deaf-blindness. They will share some of their experiences, strategies, technologies, and tips on adaptations they use for daily living and care of their children. They lead full lives with work, fun, and family! Resources for information will be shared by the panel moderator as part of the Florida and Virgin Islands Deaf-Blind Collaborative mission.

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A Life-Span Approach for Individuals with Cerebral Palsy

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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Without question, the ongoing studies of cerebral palsy have resulted in many strides being made towards optimizing programming and outcomes for those living with it. One fact that has become increasingly evident is that individuals with cerebral palsy, and other developmental challenges achieve greater overall success when a life-span approach to services is adopted. Please join us for an enlightening and informative discussion of one agency's move towards a life-span approach to services for those with cerebral palsy and related disabilities.

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Words That Can Hurt

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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The purpose of this presentation is to talk about people first language as an alternative to hurtful, traditional ways of referring to people with disabilities that are dehumanizing. We will focus on teaching new vocabulary and how to teach other people to use people first language when out in the community.

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Moms to Moms

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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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 what is of interest to you!

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Just for Dad

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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Many times we dads sit in the background. Our wives like to be in charge of the IEPs 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 time to brag on your child. The wives are not allowed in this session; it is for dads only!

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Saturday

Advocating for Your Child: A Guide to the IEP Process

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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This presentation will assist parents and children with information necessary to advocate for themselves during the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process. This includes reviewing the components of an IEP, identifying the parties who attend IEP meetings, breaking down relevant law, legal terminology and standards used in creating IEPs. We will also review dispute resolution resources available in high conflict situations during IEP development. Our goal is to empower families to effectively participate in the IEP development process.

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Driving Independence - Adaptive Skills for Driving

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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Driving is an important life activity that is pursued and cherished by many. Driving is also a public safety issue for the community and a big responsibility for the driver and his or her family. Driver Rehabilitation is a specialty to evaluate a person’s safety and ability behind the wheel and to help differently abled clients become independent drivers. It involves evaluating and prescribing the right solutions, practices, and equipment to enable someone to drive. Testing includes many aspects required for independent and safe driving; cognitive, physical, visual skills, motor function and coordination, understanding of driving requirements and traffic interpretation, and understanding car care and responsibilities as a driver. This class

will discuss modifications for driving, including vehicle adaptations from simple to complex equipment, and to deal with behavioral and cognitive issues to become safe and independent. There is tremendous potential for Differently Abled Persons to drive. Before making assumptions whether a young person should drive, individuals and families should seek consultations with a Driver Rehab Specialist.

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Life is One Big Transition . . . Learn How to Effectively Manage Transition By Accessing Resources through Disability Rights Florida

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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Don't know where to start to find help or what resources are available in your area? Let Disability Rights Florida assist by providing you with the right tools and resources to empower you to become a strong self-advocate for your child or yourself. Learn strategies for self-advocacy, ADA rights, and more.

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Living with Epilepsy /Epilepsy 101

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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Living with epilepsy and seizure disorders can be challenging. We will share how to advocate for your (or your loved one's) rights in the areas of education, employment, housing, healthcare, and other aspects of dealing with seizure disorders. We will also discuss how epilepsy and seizures can affect your day-to-day life and the various resources available to empower individuals with epilepsy and their families.

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Creating a Family Network: For Families, By Families

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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The University of Florida, the Department of Health, and other state partners are working on an initiative to create, grow, and sustain a Family Leadership Network. Today's presentation will review both organizations' activities to bring family and patient-centered care into Florida's health care delivery system. The presenters will discuss efforts to engage and equip families to be advocates and leaders at all levels of decision-making; not just at the patient-level, but also in health care programs and policies. The presenters include the University of Florida pediatric Pulmonary Center family partner, the brain child for the Florida Network of Family Leaders.

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Living Your Life Outside the Box

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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Getting out of the house and exploring may seem challenging when you have a child with special needs. Join Staar 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 encourage you to live your life outside the box. For more information visit www.giveawayfoundation.org.

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Let's Talk About Gender Differences Among People With Disabilities

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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People with disabilities can have very different life experiences due to gender differences, and some disabilities affect males and females differently. Listen to two adults with varying disabilities—a male and a female—describe the different issues, challenges, and experiences they have had living with their unique disabilities due to their gender differences, and discuss the importance of understanding gender differences among people with disabilities when spreading disability awareness.

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Saturday



Successfully Managing Anxiety 101: One Step at a Time

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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This informative workshop is designed for anyone who suffers from a common mental illness known as anxiety disorder, or for anyone who has a loved one who suffers from the disorder. This presentation will introduce a brief overview of anxiety disorder and reveal why enhanced knowledge on the subject is important. We will explore signs, symptoms, and triggers of the disorder. Participants will also get an opportunity to explore their current levels of anxiety individually. In addition, participants will get an opportunity to share their experiences in group sessions. Finally, participants will get to experience simple hands-on techniques to assist in reducing anxiety.

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Unlocking Potential

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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The Peer Support Coalition of Florida is the statewide network for peers in Florida. Learn more about the history of the Coalition, its accomplishments in the past year, where the Coalition is heading, and how you can get involved to continue supporting peers and the peer movement across the state. This presentation is meant for anyone. Be prepared to learn some fun facts and you may just be lucky enough to walk out with a prize in hand.

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Social Security Work Incentives

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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Social Security Work Incentives (SSWI) are special incentives that allow individuals receiving Social Security Benefits to maintain their benefits and work in a competitive job. This session will explain the different types of SSWI's available. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of how an individual can maintain their Social Security Benefits while working through different stages in their life.

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Meet the APD Director

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

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Florida Governor Rick Scott appointed Barbara Palmer director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in August 2012. Over the past four years, APD has offered 6,000 people on the waiting list community services through the iBudget Florida Medicaid waiver. Come and hear about Director Palmer's priorities for the agency.

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Early Steps Playgroup

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Orlando Ballroom N

Playgroups are open to ALL families with a child(ren) 0-5 years of age.

Playgroups provide Caregivers the opportunity:

- To socialize with families that can relate to what you're experiencing;
- To gain information on community resources;
- To find support from other parents and caregivers;
- To exchange ideas and solutions to the many challenges that arise

Playgroups offer children the opportunity:

- To interact with peers;
- To participate in group play;
- To take part in activities that help to stimulate development

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Celebration of Life Ceremony: Honoring Our Loved Ones

Saturday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Rainbrow Springs

When we lose someone dear to us we experience deep sadness—longing to know they are fine and that we indeed will see them once again. Coming together into a healing circle—to honor and celebrate one’s loved one is a powerful way to remember and recognize that we are forever connected in what has been described by the Native Americans as the Web of Life.

In this year’s Celebration of Life Ceremony, everyone will have the opportunity to honor the gifts, talents, and contributions of their loved one—and to include their loved one’s memory on the Web Of Life. The inspirational ceremony includes music by the Brazilian Voices with drummer Jeff Deen and expressive arts. Dr. Paula Petry will share her own journey back from grief—and the science that is telling us that indeed life is eternal. She will lead the group in movement and song to help each person shift the sadness to joy.

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- 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. ProjectFREE The RockERs, Foyer
 - 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Foyer
 - 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. FRIENDS Choir, Foyer
 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. South Pacific by Rising STARZ Performance Group,
Plaza International Ballroom
 - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts, Orlando Ballroom N



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



Special Needs Registry and Special Needs Shelters

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 1

Florida has a robust special needs registry. This workshop will describe it, inform participants how to access it, and explain the importance of keeping the information current. It will also focus on special needs shelters: who can access, what is there, how they find one.

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

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 2

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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Thinking About Independent Living?

Things to Consider in Preparing to Move to Independence

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 3

Come join us for a frank discussion about independent living and the skills or supports needed to be successful. We will be sharing lessons learned from nine years of transitional independent living training and immersion programs.

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Aquatic Therapy and Drowning Prevention Incorporating with Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS) for Special Needs.

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00
Celebration 4

Tropical Miami Civitan Club Foundation (TropicalMiamiCivitan.US) with DavidHoyosSwimSchool (SwimmingLessons.US) Swim Academy Nada Mejor presents: Aquatic Therapy and Drowning Prevention with a live, free presentation teaching babies, young adults, and those young at heart with special needs. Rehabilitation in an aquatic environment provides patients with a unique medium for neuromuscular re-education and strengthening for children with medical and orthopedic conditions as well as neurological disorders that may reduce the ability to bear weight on the legs, tolerate impact exercise on land, or move against the forces of gravity. We create a special swim program that is designed to provide an educational and therapeutic environment for children with special needs. Surviving Accidentally Clothes Submersions (SACS) is incorporated in all of these important goals.

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Resources for Military Families

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00
Celebration 5

Being part of a military family can be filled with many surprises, challenges, and opportunities. Part of the military life is moving to new locations every few years or even more frequently. This can be a bit more challenging when there's a child in the family who has a disability. Fortunately, there is assistance available to support military families. Join us to learn about these organizations and resources. We are here to help!

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Saturday



Provide for Your Special Needs, and Plan for Your Retirement

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 6

We will discuss the essential elements of planning your financial futures with your special needs situation, touching on Guardianship, Wills, Trusts, ABLE accounts, Retirement, etc.

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

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 7

This session is geared 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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The Remediation Process

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Celebration 8

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) works closely with the contracted Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) to ensure Waiver compliance and quality assurance. Providers and Waiver Support

Coordinators participate in an annual Provider Discovery Review (PDR). Join us in this session to review APD's Remediation Process for PDRs, and gain insight on upcoming enhancements to the Remediation Process.

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Accessing Resources and Understanding Systems

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 9

Presented by an Early Steps Resource Specialist, this workshop will help parents who have children birth to five years old get a jumpstart on finding and accessing resources in their local community and beyond. We will also share personal experiences and thinking 'outside of the box' with how systems work (Early Intervention, IDEA, Insurance, SSI, etc.) and making the system work to benefit you and your family. My experience comes from walking the path a few steps ahead of you, sharing my story, and not taking "no" for an answer. Come and be inspired on how to advocate for your child.

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Sensory Friendly Concerts: Join the Fun

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 10

The Sensory Friendly Concert experience is a safe, non-judgmental place for people to enjoy a musical performance. Children and adults walk in reluctant, anxious, fearful, and in some cases, even protesting. By the end of a 45-minute concert, they are laughing, dancing, and many are on stage. We want to inform attendees about Sensory Friendly Concerts and their proven impacts. We'll also teach attendees how they could make a tangible, positive, fun difference in the lives of people who otherwise would not be able to experience the joy of sharing a live performance.

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Is Your Student Interested in College?

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 11

This presentation outlines the university options for students with intellectual disabilities ages 18-26 at Florida International University in Miami, FL. Two inclusive programs will be outlined—Panther LIFE: Learning Is For Everyone; and Panther PLUS: Postsecondary Learning for Universal Success. Panther LIFE is a four-year postsecondary transition program serving students ages 18-21 in the Miami-Dade County Public School district. Panther PLUS is a two-year inclusive university program for students ages 22-26. Both programs share the goal of meaningful, paid employment upon program completion with an emphasis on independent living.

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So You Want to Start a Self-Advocacy Group? Trials, Triumphs, and Tips

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 12

In this presentation we will discuss how to successfully start and run a self-advocacy group from the perspectives of a long-time group leader and a brand new leader whose group is less than a year old. Amanda Baker, founder and president of the Elephant Herds Self-Advocacy Group in Panama City, Florida, and Kathy Leigh, founder and president of Soaring with Advocacy in Starke, Florida, will talk about the trials and triumphs encountered along the way in starting and cultivating an effective grassroots self-advocacy group. Both of their groups are part of Florida Self Advocates Network'D (FL SAND).

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Money and the Real World

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 13

Life after high school isn't easy! The Florida Youth Council will be discussing life after high school and the steps we took toward independence. That includes discussion about how to manage money and how to possibly locate disability-related services on your own. We will also discuss jobs and housing.

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The Importance of Starting a Business

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 14

Running a business is always hard to do, but with the proper help from your support team and savings from the grant money, you will have enough. Sometimes it might not be enough. This presentation will show the importance of starting a business.

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School Choice Options For Children with Disabilities

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Celebration 15

The choices for students with disabilities have grown exponentially over the past decade. Charter Schools, McKay Scholarships, and the new Personal Learning Scholarship program have allowed parents to select options that best meet the needs of their child. This workshop will present an overview of the different educational choice options available, how to determine the best placement for your child, eligibility and steps for enrollment, how the different options are funded, and what is different about a "choice" option versus a traditional public school.

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Florida's AT&UDL Loan Library

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Celebration 16

We believe in the power of technology to help all students achieve high academic standards! As a part of Florida's MTSS Project, the online resource loan 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

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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.

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Guardianships – Why They May Be Necessary and How They May Be Avoided **Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00**

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Guardianships are required in specific circumstances and should be avoided in others. Come find out the pros and cons of guardianships, and if they work better with Trusts and ABLE accounts to ensure your loved one is properly cared for, even after you are gone.

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Touch, Listen and Learn! Functional Literacy Skills for Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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Do you want to make reading and literacy activities fun and developmentally appropriate for children who are blind or visually impaired with additional disabilities? If so, please join Kay Ratzlaff and Andrea Wallace from the Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired for a hands-on session using everyday objects and experiences, as bridges to literacy development. Participants will learn strategies for developing the child's functional listening, touch, and visual skills, while building their vocabulary and concepts, as well as an awareness of print or braille.

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Delegate Roundtable: Autism

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One of the best ways to link parents/caregivers of children under the Autism Spectrum with current resources and education is to speak to someone who has “been there” and “done that.” This year at the conference, The Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other parents to share valuable experiences and proven strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability or have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

This roundtable is dedicated to Autism. Come and make new friends!

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Cerebral Palsy Update: Evidence Based Treatment

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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This presentation will offer an overview of the current state of medical knowledge and research to support a variety of different treatments for cerebral palsy and its associated symptoms. We will discuss therapy intervention, hip surveillance, spasticity management, the role of various therapy providers and community resources, as well as school. This presentation may fit in with related presentations by my colleague David Siambanes, D.O.

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Becoming Expert Learners and Connecting Families to Mentors in Middle and High Schools

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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The Florida State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG), works with middle and high schools to build college and career-ready graduates using Check & Connect Mentoring and the Strategic Instruction Model (SIM). Join us to learn how families can be active participants alongside teachers and mentors implementing these projects.

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How to Create a Comprehensive Special Needs Plan

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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I believe that everyone has the potential and the ability to be impactful in others' lives. This ability is what gives individuals a strong sense of purpose in life. However, planning for a loved one with special needs can seem confusing and overwhelming. Because of personal experiences as a sibling, I understand and can guide you through the process of creating a plan that will allow your child to live a purposeful and impactful life. You will learn the steps in creating a comprehensive special needs plan that addresses Life Planning, Resource Planning, Financial Planning, and Legal Planning.

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Understanding and Supporting Your Child with Dyslexia

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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This presentation will focus on understanding dyslexia and supporting your child both at school and at home. Information on dyslexia will be provided, including a common definition, characteristics, and a brief overview on current brain research. We will discuss the importance of a diagnostic reading assessment, the MTSS process, partnering with the IEP team, and accommodations and strategies for the classroom. You will learn about how to support students with dyslexia using free audio books and apps, multi-sensory activities, and other free resources for parents.

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Project Self-Advocate Leadership Training: Becoming Leaders

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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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.

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Graduates from our training will present about the SALT curriculum. They have advanced their leadership skills and are now trainers of the SALT curriculum. These self-advocate leaders will share how they are now seeking leadership roles and advocating for change in their local community. They will share their successes since participating in Project SALT and how they are acting as mentors and teachers of the curriculum.

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Advocating for Students with Invisible Disabilities

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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The law is clear that students with invisible disabilities—including Asperger’s, ADHD, and chronic medical conditions—can be entitled to accommodations, supports, and services that are protected from discrimination in school. Yet they often experience resistance from school districts, especially when they have good grades and test scores. This workshop will discuss specific strategies that can be utilized for obtaining 504 or ESE eligibility, securing appropriate supports that meet these students’ unique needs, and helping the students transition to future education and work. We will review the decisions and regulatory guidance that require schools to meet all the educational needs of students with disabilities.

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Partnerships for Health’s Sake - Health Care Transition From Pediatric to Adult Services

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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As national focus on college and career readiness increases and transition planning moves to earlier grades, the need to learn self-management of healthcare needs to the best of one’s ability is an important part of the process. This vital—yet often overlooked—aspect of transition planning is necessary for youth with complex care needs. The American Academy of Pediatrics and other national healthcare and disability-related organizations recognize it as a significant issue. The good news is much can be done early and often at school, home, and with one’s medical professionals to facilitate a safe healthcare transition.

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A,B,C's of Success

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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Cody Colchado is a dynamic presenter who intertwines his personal story of vision and hearing loss, moving from defeat to overcoming multiple setbacks, to graduating from college and going on to being a 25+ time world champion powerlifter. Cody became the first American to win the title of World's Strongest Disabled Man in Iceland in 2015. Cody will share his A, B, C's for Success that resonates so strongly with the young and young at heart! Cody will also be available to autograph free posters for participants. Resources for information on supporting youth with dual sensory loss will be shared by Emily Taylor-Snell as part of the Florida and Virgin Island Deaf-Blind Collaborative Mission.

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The Anime Connection: Utilizing Japanese Anime and Related Media to Teach Disability Awareness

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Bayhill 29

Many people with disabilities enjoy Japanese anime and related media, and are members of the Japanese anime fan community. Listen to two anime fans with disabilities—an anime convention staff member and a high school “theater kid” who enjoys anime—discuss how Japanese anime and related media can be utilized to teach awareness about varying disabilities, how “anime clubs” in schools can help students with disabilities find social acceptance, and describe how people with disabilities can build lasting friendships within the Japanese fan community.

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NAMI Family-to-Family

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

Bayhill 30

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

Saturday, June 17, 1:00-2:00

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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 do 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 opr service reduction.

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Introduction to Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+)

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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. FRIENDS Choir, Foyer



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



Pets and Service Animals in Disaster

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 1

This workshop would talk about plans for pets and service animals in times of disaster, the importance of having a disaster plan for the animal, and an overview of what to expect at a pet shelter.

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Excellent Greatness Women's Forum

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 2

This session is to salute and celebrate all female caregivers of families with special needs. Join us as we exchange ideas and views in an uplifting atmosphere charged energy and encouragement. Let us rally together to inspire one another and strengthen the greatness within each of us, regardless of any challenges that we may face in our lives. We are strong, determined, and motivated women who rise up each day to fulfill our purpose—infusing our good with great and our average with excellence! You are invited to be in the midst of an empowering environment filled with learning, sharing, and caring . . . and oh, a few surprises too!

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One Tool for Successful Interactions with Police: The Wallet Card

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 3

This is a training for high-functioning teenagers and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) or Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD), and their families, about how to interact successfully with law enforcement. We will introduce the Wallet Card, one of Disability Independence Group's signature projects, created in partnership with the Coral Gables Police Department and UM-NSU CARD. The purpose of the Wallet Card is to assist an individual who may have difficulties communicating or expressing themselves in an emergency situation and to assist first responders in identifying an individual's disability-related needs to help them better understand the circumstances.

Saturday

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Exceptional Moves for Exceptional Families

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 5

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. 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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ABLE United: Navigating Your Benefits

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 6

ABLE United, Florida's qualified ABLE program, allows individuals with disabilities to save up to \$14,000 tax-free without impacting government benefits such as SSI, SSDI, or Medicaid. Funds in an ABLE account can be used on a wide variety of future expenses including transportation, housing, and education. 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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Part II: Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 7

This session will be geared toward professionals, support coordinators, employment coordinators, etc., or those who have some knowledge of the subject matter.

In this session 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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Traveling the Seas of Families, Feelings, and Emotions

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 9

Traveling the Seas of Families, Feelings and 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 Intervention System. The training is 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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Music, Movement, & Media for Active Learners!

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 10

This interactive session will get you moving to new curriculum-based music by international YouTube sensation children's musician Patty Shukla. Not only will she share participatory songs that are exciting and developmentally appropriate, you will leave with internet expertise to find new music on your smart devices. Learn colors, counting, shapes, days of the week, months of the year, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, social behaviors, professions, sight words, sign language, and much more through Patty Shukla's all original music.

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Transition Planning: High School and Beyond

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 11

In this presentation we will focus on navigating the Transition process for students with disabilities, their parents, and caregivers. This is a co-presentation with a youth advocate who has successfully navigated the transition from High School to Postsecondary and an Education Attorney. Students and parents will learn the importance of preparing an appropriate transition plan. We will also cover accommodations to assist the student in accessing appropriate postsecondary options and accommodations, and a discussion of the importance of related services and assistive technology. The presentation will allow for an open dialogue between the presenters and participants.

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Saturday



AACID - Advocates for Adult Children with Intellectual Disabilities

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 12

AACID – Advocates for Adult Children with Intellectual Disabilities: Come learn how this advocate group went from 12 to 130 family members in just 2 short years. Learn how to establish your own group, and the techniques that will make it successful, from its monthly meeting to its outreach in the community.

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It's All About Social Interaction

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 13

The Florida Youth Council will be discussing appropriate ways to interact with peers, family members, and figures of authority in person and over the Internet. We will emphasize the do's and don'ts of the Internet as well as romantic relationships.

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Getting Hired! Today's Talent, Tomorrow's Success

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 14

The CareerSource center can meet the needs of a diverse range of individuals including people with disabilities. Learn more about workforce services, tools, and programs offered in local career centers. Discover how CareerSource is ready to meet your needs and provide access for all.

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Saturday

Empowerment Strategies for Coping with the Chronic Stress of Disabilities and Longterm Illnesses

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Celebration 15

Personal perspectives from a peer advocate living with multiples disabilities, this presentation is based on the core social work principles for empowerment: Strengths' Perspective; a person-in-environment perspective; life-review; biblio-therapy techniques; practice of resilience; person-centered planning; integrated approach of wrap around services; and spirituality that promotes wellness practices like meditation, mindfulness, deep breathing, selfless service, and laughter yoga.

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Providing a Lifetime of Support

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

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Providing a Lifetime of Support: The special needs planning program for families of loved ones with special needs. In this session we will answer the most pressing questions in planning for your child's future.

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When Being Mom (or Dad) Stops Being Good Enough

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

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"But I'm his mother . . ." While your child's school, doctors, and other service providers are communicating with you now, when your child turns 18, they might not. Learn about the legal options to protect your decision-making authority and the family estate planning that is necessary when you have a child with special needs. We'll take the mystery out of what a guardianship or guardian advocacy really means, what might be less restrictive alternatives, along with the pros and cons of each and the associated costs. When we're done, you'll have the tools to make an informed choice to assist your loved one with decision-making in the future.

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Saturday



Become Successful in Advocacy by Practicing Leadership Skills

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Bayhill 19

Parent involvement is vital to the outcome of our children's progress in general. But, why is it important? What are the benefits? Most importantly, how can a parent practice good leadership skills to have success? During this session, I will share some tools and strategies that I have learned and practiced along the way—with success. I will help you to find out the answers to the question above as it relates to your individual situation. Join us for an interactive learning session.

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Orthopedic Treatment of Cerebral Palsy

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Bayhill 20

Orthopedic treatment options of conditions such as hip dislocation, scoliosis, and those to improve gait will be discussed.

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Standards Based Education for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Bayhill 21

Standards define what students should know and be able to do at each level of their educational experience. When used as a reference point for planning teaching and learning programs, standards help teachers set targets and monitor achievement, as well as develop programs that support and improve student learning. This session will share the power of a standards-based education for students using access points. The presentation will apply to students who are in ESE center schools and in general education schools' self-contained and inclusion settings.

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Saturday

How Best to Manage the Complexities of Life for an Adult with a Disability: What Legal Tools are Available and How Best to Utilize Them

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

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In this session we will cover:

- Evaluating the Status of an Adult with a Disability: mental capacity, disability, assets, and income
- Discussion of Advanced Directives, What They Are, and How to Use Them
- Use of Estate Planning Tools
- Options for Adults with Limited Capacity
- Use of Guardian Advocacy: To whom does it apply?
- When a Plenary Guardianship is Required
- Moving Guardianships from state-to-state
- What Other States Do to Assist Adults with Disabilities and Their Clients

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Dadvocates

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Bayhill 23

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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Saturday

Section 504 and ADA Rights in Public and Private Schools

Saturday, June 17, 2:30 to 3:30

Bayhill 24

This presentation will provide an overview of Section 504 and the ADA, both of which offer protections that are far more reaching than the IDEA. As many parents do not understand the full extent of their rights, the goal of this presentation is to provide parents with valuable information on 504 and ADA rights to assist their child in reaching their educational goals. This interactive workshop will provide participants with the tools and advocacy strategies needed to become an effective educational team member while advocating for their child's needs.

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Zika: A Case Study for Examining Florida Systems of Care for Children with Special Needs

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

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This presentation uses the Zika virus outbreak as a case study for examining systems of care that support pregnant women and families impacted by birth defects and developmental disabilities in Florida. As of November 2016, there have been 953 cases of Zika infection in Florida, including 170 involving pregnant women, and there were 28 infants born with confirmed congenital syndrome associated with Zika. An overview of the Zika virus outbreak, community awareness and outreach campaigns, and the implications for children and families will be provided. A description of the systems of care available for families of children with special needs (including complications associated with Zika infection) will be detailed—from epidemiologic surveillance to family support to intervention programs.

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My Journey as a Sportscaster

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

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My journey as a Sportscaster started at the age of 11, just watching sports on TV.

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Stop, Drop, and S.L.O.W. (Saving Love Our Way)

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

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Do you and your spouse or significant other find yourselves moving fast with no time to slow down? Between doctor visits, therapy appointments, and hospital stays, having children with special needs often feels like being on a roller coaster! There are so many twists and turns—some foreseeable, and some not. Amidst the chaos and noise accompanied with being a caregiver, how many times do we forget to take care of one another? Occasionally, we need to be reminded to SLOW DOWN! However, slowing down does not mean that we are stopping, but rather it allows us room to get focused. So, instead of giving 10 percent of ourselves to 10 different things, we can slow down and focus in order to give just one thing 100 percent!

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Giving Families a Voice in Our System of Care

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Bayhill 30

This presentation will provide an overview of what a System of Care and evidence-based Wraparound should be as well as the work being done across the state of Florida. We will have a brief discussion as to why it is important to know the culture of the families in our communities. This presentation will predominantly discuss the importance of having families and youth participate in the system of care by giving them a voice to share their experiences. One of the goals of the SOC project is to have families collaborate with providers as well as city, county and State policy makers in our communities to determine what improvements can be made to our existing system of care.

A true System of Care will allow for a family to share their story and provide hope for others.

Saturday

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Using Mindfulness to Decrease Stress and Increase Happiness

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

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Mindfulness is a way to train your mind to focus on the moment without judgment. Mindfulness is not connected to a religion or way of life—it's for everyone. Research on the benefits of meditation (including research specific to individuals with a disability (MS)) found that mindfulness resulted in decreased feelings of anxiety and depression, increased feelings of well-being, improved relationships, higher self-esteem, improved immune system functioning, and increased gray matter in the brain. Join us for this beginner's session on mindfulness and see how easily you can train your brain in just minutes a day.

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Finding Employment and Employees

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Bayhill 32

Florida Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature have continued to allocate funding to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to support individuals on the iBudget Waiver Waiting List in finding and maintaining competitive employment. This program is called the Employment Enhancement Project (EEP). This session will discuss the EEP and how APD can help individuals on the iBudget Waiting List receive services to obtain or maintain employment or participate in internship opportunities that can help them gain skills that increase their likelihood of gaining competitive employment. This session will also discuss how businesses can benefit from finding employment.

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Saturday



Aquatic Therapy and Drowning Prevention Incorporating with Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions (SACS) for Special Needs

Saturday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

Quiet Pool

Tropical Miami Civitan Club Foundation (TropicalMiamiCivitan.US) with DavidHoyosSwimSchool (SwimmingLessons.US) Swim Academy Nada Mejor presents: Aquatic Therapy and Drowning Prevention with a live, free presentation teaching babies, young adults, and those young at heart with special needs. Rehabilitation in an aquatic environment provides patients with a unique medium for neuromuscular re-education and strengthening for children with medical and orthopedic conditions as well as neurological disorders that may reduce the ability to bear weight on the legs, tolerate impact exercise on land, or move against the forces of gravity. We create a special swim program that is designed to provide an educational and therapeutic environment for children with special needs. Surviving Accidentally Clothes Submersions (SACS) is incorporated in all of these important goals.

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Disney Pillowcase Project

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Celebration 1

Following Katrina, Disney recognized that many children evacuated with only the clothes on their backs. The Pillowcase Project encourages kids to have a "kit" of things they can carry in a pillowcase in case they may need to evacuate. This workshop would focus on how that project works.

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Getting to Know the Florida Division of Blind Services

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Celebration 2

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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What Students and Families Need to Know About High School Graduation Requirements

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Celebration 3

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

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Inspiration & Encouragement for Military and Veteran Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00
Celebration 5

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 posttraumatic 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 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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ABLE United: Planning Your Financial Future

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00
Celebration 6

ABLE United provides new savings opportunities for individuals with disabilities without impacting federal benefits. 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. 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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Saturday

Providing Person-centered Services in Home and Community-based Settings

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Celebration 8

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services made several changes to the Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) Waiver Program on March 17, 2014 that affect people who are enrolled in the iBudget Waiver. In this presentation, we will discuss the changes in the HCBS Settings Rule, and how these changes affect iBudget Wavier enrollees.

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Family Resources to Support Early Learners

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Celebration 9

The Florida Department of Education Office of Early Learning will share information regarding available family resources to support young children's learning. This session will also provide an opportunity for participant input on resources families may need specific to inclusion and children with special needs to support early learning.

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Social Security and Healthcare Benefit Issues for Transition Age Youth

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Celebration 11

The purpose of this training is to help you:

- Identify relevant Social Security and healthcare benefit issues for transition age youth
- Learn techniques to support decisions about Social Security and healthcare benefit issues for transition age youth including:
 - Basic Eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Eligibility for Title II benefits (SSDI & CDB)
 - Use of the Social Security Student Earned Income Exclusion
 - Understand Social Security parent-to-child deeming and in-kind support and maintenance
 - Decisions about Social Security representative payeeship
 - Social Security Age 18 Redeterminations
 - Understanding Social Security Section 301 protection
 - Social Security Disability Insurance

- Medicaid, CHIP, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)
- Protected Medicaid
- Health Insurance Marketplace benefit
- Health coverage through a job

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Let's Just Do It!
Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00
Celebration 12

This session will help motivate everyone into "Lets Just Get It Done." We will discuss: 1 - Reasons we don't just do it, 2 - Actions for not doing it, 3 - Motivation, 4 - Advocacy, 5 - Getting results and being heard. Everyone is welcome to this session.

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IEP Jeopardy
Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00
Celebration 13

It's all fun and games! We want to test your knowledge of IEP meetings and/or IEP facts. The Florida Youth Council will be exploring our IEP guide with you as we play Jeopardy. Everyone likes games. So let's play and win some candy!

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2 The Road to Work

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00
Celebration 14

The Road to Work is a workbook that will help youth decide on a job or to start a micro-enterprise. There are many tools to getting a job in this book. Also, if micro-enterprise is the choice for you, there are many tools for how to customize your own company. Successful micro-enterprise owner David Taylor Jr. tells how to use the workbook and the workbook is free to those in attendance. Employment discovery must start early so you will have a job when you get out of school.

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Saturday

Sticks and Stones May Break Your Bones, But Words Can Always Hurt You: Protecting your Children Against Bullying

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00
Celebration 17

Has your child been a victim of bullying? Is your child unsure of how to respond to a bully? Studies have shown that children with disabilities are two to three times more likely to experience bullying. Find out the latest trends in bullying and cyberbullying in this session and what you can do to protect your children. The presentation will include new and relevant resources for bullying prevention and ways to improve your children's resilience and emotional health.

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The Importance of Guardianship for Adults with Special Needs

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00
Bayhill 18

If you are a parent who has a child with special needs, it is important to know your options when it comes to managing the medical and financial well-being of your child! Once your child turns 18, your legal relationship with him/her changes, because the state will presume your child has sufficient capacity to make decisions on his/her own, regardless of their individual abilities. Thus, it is necessary to explore legal guardianship and its various alternatives in order to ensure your loved one receives the care they deserve.

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Compartiendo Con Amor Salud y Aelgria

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 19

I will inspire and motivate parents with special children through my experience over the last 13 years, and give them tools to create family harmony and integration.

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OMG: Open Mic Gumbo!

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 20

Microphone? Check. Spotlight? Check. Audience? Check! Calling all poets, singers, musicians, comedians, fanatics, and visual art connoisseurs alike to join the celebration of art therapy! Come share and hear inspiring stories of hope, unconditional love, and perseverance. Learn free poetry techniques designed to provide creative outlets for stress. Are you ready? The stage is waiting!

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Saturday

Creating Capable Kids: What Parents can do to Create School Success

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 21

Today's parents face the challenges of many outside factors competing for their child's attention. What can parents do to help their child focus on the factors that lead to maximizing school success? Some strategies that make a big difference may surprise you!

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Inclusion ROCKS!!!

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 23

Inclusion of children with disabilities leads to inclusion of adults with disabilities in our communities and our work places. The best place to learn social, language, and interdependence skills is surrounded by others who can naturally act as role models. Attend this training to learn about the benefits of inclusion for ALL, the laws that support and promote inclusion, and how to foster a cultural change of inclusion in your child's school and home community.

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Understanding Your Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) Medicaid Waiver iBudget Algorithm Allocation, Your Allocation Implementation Meeting (AIM), and Significant Additional Needs Requests (SAN)

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 24

This session aims to provide advocacy tips and information to individuals who have received or will receive their iBudget algorithm allocation using the current algorithm calculator. The presentation will focus on topics which include: understanding how your iBudget algorithm allocation is calculated, preparing for your AIM meeting, how significant additional needs funding requests are used to calculate your final iBudget amount, and how to initiate an appeal if I am not in agreement with my iBudget cost plan amount.

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Family Experiences with Orofacial Clefts Services and Supports in Florida

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 26

The University of South Florida Birth Defect Surveillance Program (BDSP) examines birth defects prevalence, outcomes, and services access and utilization through epidemiological and community-based research in partnership with the Florida Birth Defect Registry (FBDR). This presentation of findings from our 2016-2017 orofacial cleft Family Experiences Survey examines prenatal, infant, and child experiences with family-centered care in diagnosis, services, and ongoing family supports. Implications for the future of care for families of infants born with orofacial clefts will be discussed. The survey will also be available to participants and providers to share their input.

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The Criminal Justice System and People with Disabilities

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 27

Adults and children with disabilities, some as young as five years old, are discriminated against and mistreated every day in the criminal justice system—higher arrest rates, higher conviction rates, stiffer penalties, and a lack of accommodations in jails—to name a few. This problem is one of truly epidemic proportions, but it is rarely covered by the media. This seminar will give a brief overview on the current situation facing people with disabilities in the criminal justice system, as well as current and proposed solutions to the issue.

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Saturday

Parent Options When You and the School Disagree

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 28

When disagreements occur over special education services or when you believe that the school is not meeting its legal obligations, there are various options available to help resolve these disputes. Ms. Katine will provide an overview of the dispute resolution options available to parents and guardians at the local, district and state levels.

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Saturday



Journey Through Advocacy: Parent and Self-Advocate Perspectives on Navigating the Advocacy Path

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Celebration 29

Parents are the voice of advocacy for their children from the start, regarding current needs and future plans. In turn, children gain self-advocacy footing with encouragement from both parents and practitioners. Empowering youth to successfully traverse the advocacy path takes time and planning, but it is worth effort.

After working as a special educator and in the federal government, Linda Starnes became a parent of two with varying abilities, advocating for and guiding them through multiple transitions. Joining her is daughter, Emily Starnes, a college graduate working in her chosen field. Gain current information, strategies, and insights on the advocacy journey.

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Yoga for Physical and Mental Health

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 30

Yoga is the “Union” between physical strength and mental focus. Exercises can be tailored to each person’s body size, mental and physical health condition. Yoga improves flexibility, strength, balance, sensory feedback, and coordination. The mental health aspect includes calming and focusing techniques to help prioritize tasks. No matter where you are with your health or body shape, come with a positive spirit and comfortable clothes (shoes optional). Get ready for a mindful and refreshing day!

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Saturday



Financial Empowerment—Earn, Learn, and Save

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 31

Join National Disability Institute for an overview of new opportunities for individuals with disabilities who want to work, improve their ability to manage their finances, and save money above the current federal asset limits. Information on free financial education programs, the ABLE Act, and the Earned Income Tax Credit will be provided. For individuals who receive Social Security Disability benefits, we will address the ways these opportunities allow you to work and save and keep some or all of your benefits.

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Accessible Florida Parks Including APD's Billy Joe Rish Park

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 32

Come learn about Florida Parks that have taken steps to be accessible to people with disabilities. Also learn about two Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) parks which were built specifically for individuals with disabilities and their families.

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Saturday

Getting Creative with CDC+: How to Tailor CDC+ to Best Meet Your Needs

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Bayhill 33

This session is for current CDC+ participants. The CDC+ Program is consumer driven and offers greater flexibility so that you can have increased independence and more control over services. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities will present ways you can use the CDC+ Program to best meet the needs and goals listed on your Support Plan by thinking outside the box and getting creative.

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- 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Pyramid layers, Foyer
 - 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Children's Music and Dance with Patty Shukla, Foyer
 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Family Entertainment featuring DJ Scully,
Plaza International Ballroom

Sunday, June 18, 2017

10:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. PLAZA INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

Discover Your Identity

Crowned Ms. Wheelchair America in 2014, Jennifer Adams holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a minor in Vocal Performance from Pacific Lutheran University in Washington, a Master of Arts in Counseling from Faith Evangelical Seminary and an Associate's of Applied Technology in Radio Broadcasting. Her motivational speaking company, SHIFT: Motivation Beyond Limitations, champions a message of acceptance, diversity, adaptability and innovation, and her non-profit organization, Making Dreams Come True, provides opportunities and resources to people with extra abilities by organizing sports adventures through partnerships with various adaptive sports programs.

Jennifer's passion is to encourage people with extra-abilities to take their gifts and talents out into the world and break down barriers of discrimination. "When we (people with extra-abilities) show the world our talents and strengths, disabilities dissolve and abilities shine forth."

Join her as she shares a powerful message that will provide guidance for the audience in their journey towards discovering their identity, in the context of self-advocacy.



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Duck Race 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Main Pool



Florida Disabled Outdoors Association (FDOA)

Quack... Quack... May the best rubber ducky win! Even ducks can participate in active leisure!! These ducks are fierce competitors. One could win you a big prize, and all help out the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association and The Family Café.

Imagine not one duck, not a dozen ducks, but hundreds of them racing down the water slide towards a finish line where you (and hundreds of other humans like you) cheer on your adopted duck, hoping it will finish first and win you 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 at the top of the slide and race down, across the pool to 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!!

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall, Regency Ballroom

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

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closing and Door Prizes, Plaza International Ballroom

Entertainment Highlights



BRAZILIAN VOICES

Brazilian Voices, a non-profit organization, is a women's vocal ensemble that performs at cultural community and philanthropic events. Brazilian Voices aspires to incorporate the best of Brazilian culture throughout the world. It has won the coveted International Brazilian Press Award for the past 10 years. Four years ago, they expanded their mission, creating an arts and healing group. They sing in hospitals and nursing homes, bringing hope and healing to patients at bed-side.

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



PYRAMID PLAYERS

Long-time Café favorites, The Pyramid Players, are back for another year. Four song and dance ensembles, from Tampa, Tallahassee, Fort Walton Beach and Pensacola, will captivate Café participants between sessions on Friday and Saturday. You don't want to miss these tributes to the abilities of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Foyer
Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Foyer
Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Foyer
Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Foyer

Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Foyer
Saturday, 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Foyer
Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Foyer
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., 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., Foyer
Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Foyer
Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Foyer



FRIENDS Choir

FRIENDS Choir is a music program for students with significant intellectual disabilities in Martin County. The singers come from 6 schools to Jensen Beach High School every week to practice. There are 10-15 typical students that assist at practice times. The goals for FRIENDS are:

- A place to exhibit the talents and abilities of students with disabilities
- A social atmosphere to get to know and learn about other students
- An awareness for others to see and appreciate what people with disabilities CAN do

FRIENDS began in 1989 and has grown consistently through the last 28 years. Come hear us sing!

Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Foyer
Saturday, 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Foyer

Entertainment Highlights



Arts & Crafts

Come join VSA Florida teaching artist, Deborah Knispel for creative visual art making activities designed to accommodate children and adults of all abilities from 1-5 PM. VSA Florida provides, supports and champions arts education and cultural experiences for an by people with disabilities in all 67 counties throughout Florida.

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

Orlando Ballroom N



Princess Belle

Come and meet Princess Belle in the Exhibit Hall!

**Saturday,
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



Children's Music and Dance with Patty Shukla

Come unwind after the breakout sessions with fun songs and dancing with YouTube sensation Patty Shukla in the Foyer!

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

Foyer



Ms. Wheelchair Florida – Katherine Magnoli

Come see Ms. Wheelchair Florida 2017 throughout the weekend in the Exhibit Hall!

**Friday & Saturday
Regency Ballroom**



Synchrony Arts Production Company

Experience this adapted version of the classic musical *Grease!*

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Barrel Spring II



Rising STARZ Performance Group

RisingStarz Theater Group was the 1st free performing arts program for adults with developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. We are the first rock band program "Free2Rock" in our area. Lauren Rittenhouse is an accomplished artist, actor, songwriter, and musician with over 25 years of experience performing. Join us for music and theater Saturday at The Family Café!

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Lauren Rittenhouse, Foyer

Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ProjectFREE The RockERS, Foyer

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

South Pacific, Florida International Ballroom



Everyone Can Zumba—Bring the Whole Family!

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

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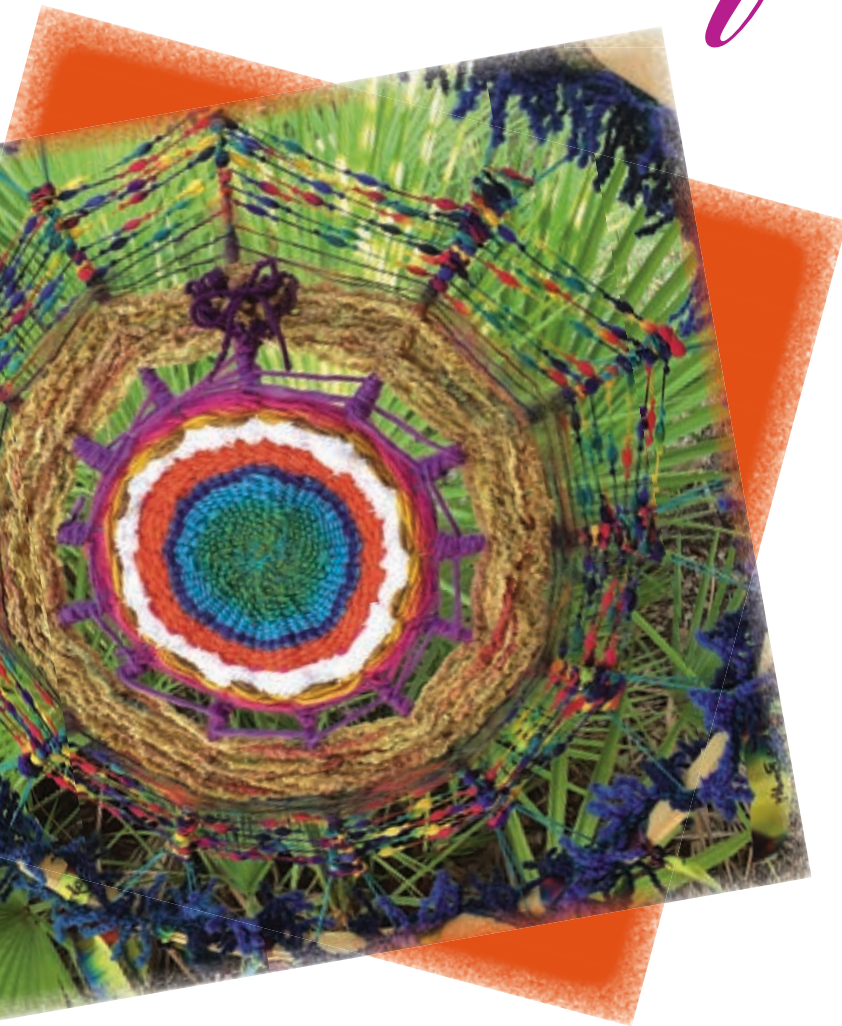
Saturday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
in the PLAZA INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM



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Celebration of Life Ceremony

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES



When we lose someone dear to us we experience deep sadness - longing to know they are fine and that we indeed will see them once again. Coming together into a healing circle - to honor and celebrate one's loved one is a powerful way to remember and recognize that we are forever connected in what has been described by the Native Americans as the Web of Life.

In this year's Celebration of Life Ceremony, everyone will have the opportunity to honor the gifts, talents, and contributions of their loved one - and to include their loved one's memory on the Web Of Life. The inspirational ceremony includes music by the Brazilian Voices with drummer Jeff Deen and expressive arts. Dr. Paula Petry will share her own journey back from grief - and the science that is telling us that indeed life is eternal. She will lead the group in movement and song to help each person shift the sadness to joy.

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, reconnecting with one's divine self. 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.

Joining Paula will be six members of the award-winning female vocalist group, Brazilian Voices - who will bring their melodic voices and the soothing sounds of Brazilian's Bossa Nova music. Drummer Jeff Deen, will join Brazilian Voices in creating a healing sound that will open the heart and heal the soul. Assisting with the expressive arts project will be Virginia Drake, an arts facilitator and spiritual healer.





THE 10TH 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 10TH ANNUAL
YOUTH SUMMIT (AYS) ON AUGUST 11-12 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, 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 **10th 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 **10th Annual Youth Summit** will be held at The Florida Hotel and Conference Center on Orlando **August 11-12, 2017**. 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

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Hosted by The Family Café and The Florida Alliance
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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)?

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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!

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- Gatorland[®] Animal Show

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(Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission)
- Hover Ball Target Shooting
(Removing the Barriers Initiative)
- Adaptive Tennis
- Adaptive Badminton
- Accessible Obstacle Course

Saturday, June 17 at 11:00 am

Quiet Pool at the Upper Pool Deck / Recreation Level

- SCUBA Demo provided by Gabrielle Gabrielli

Sunday, June 18 at 9:30 AM Pool Slide

- Rubber Duck Race 

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

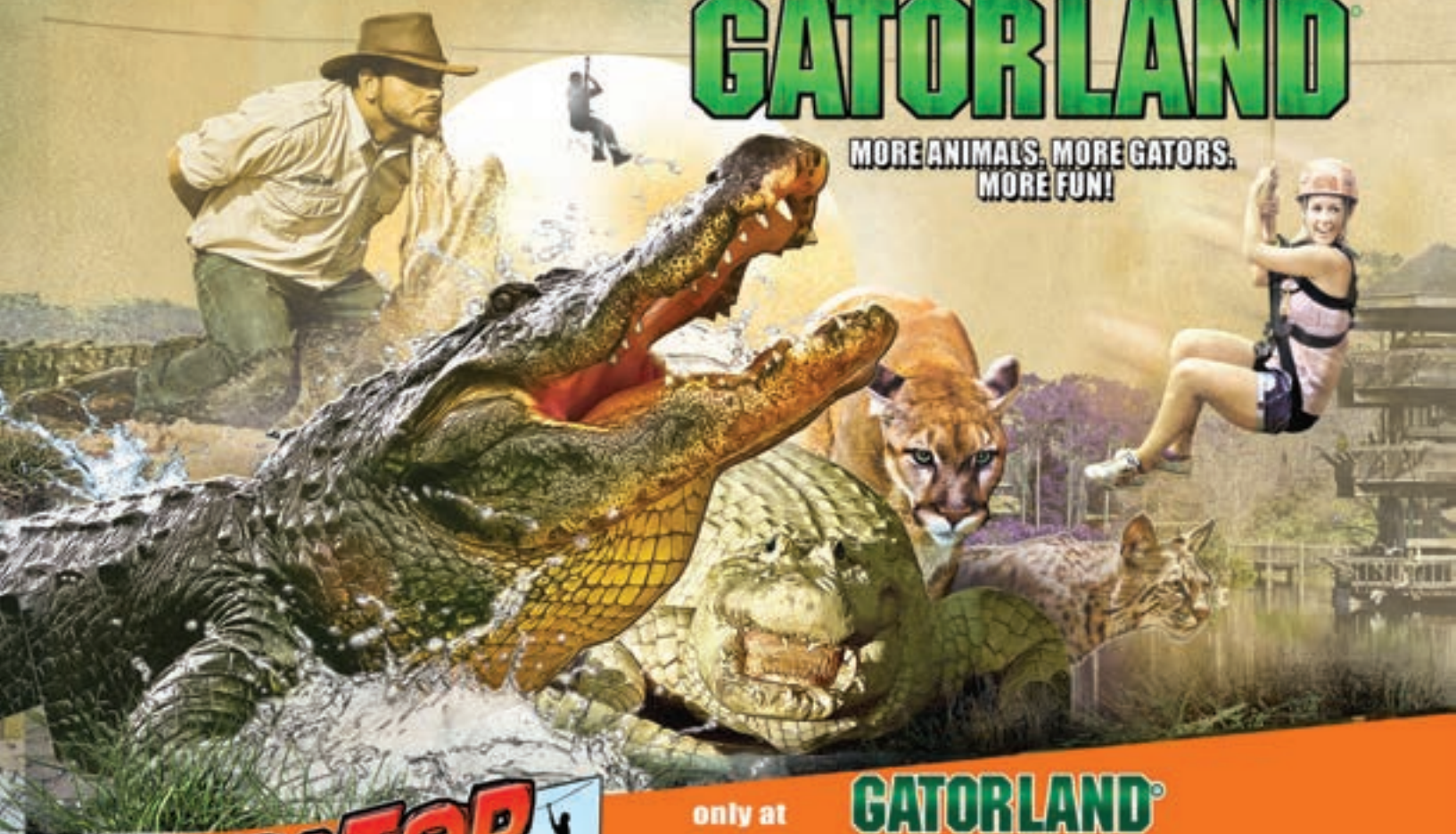


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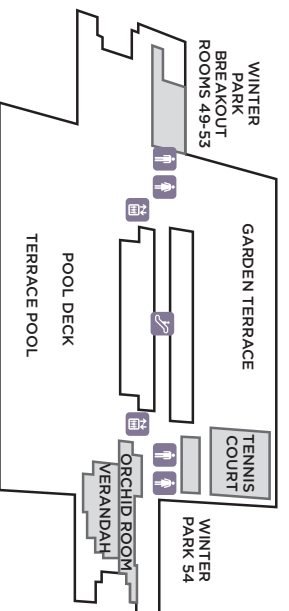
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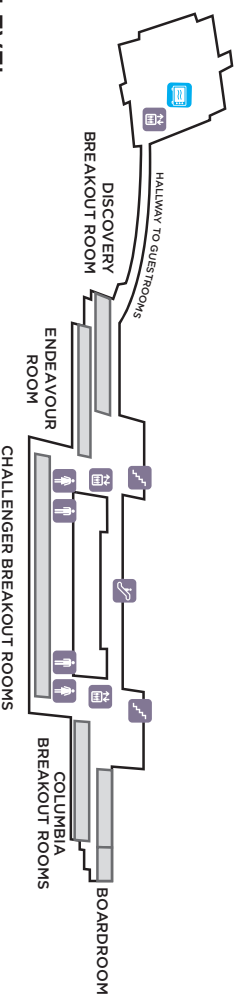
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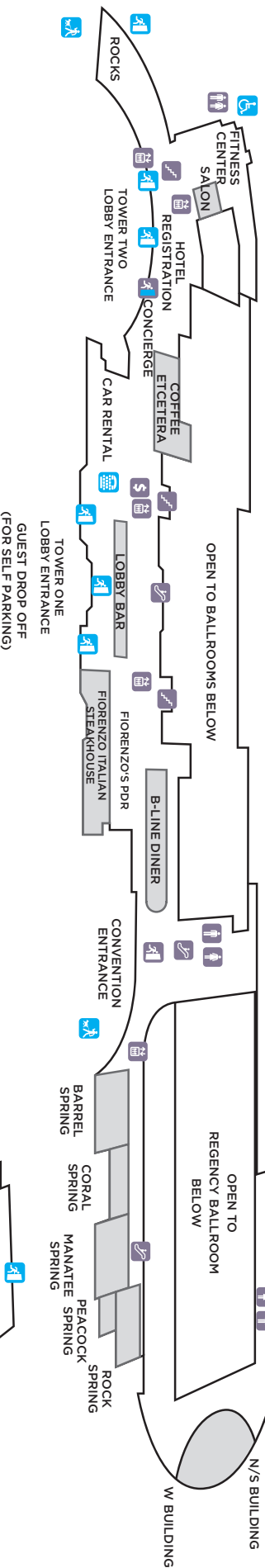


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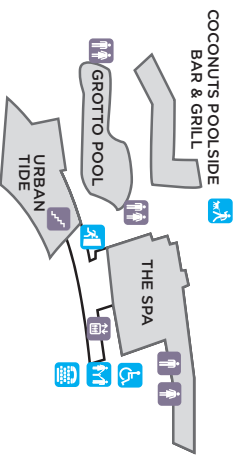
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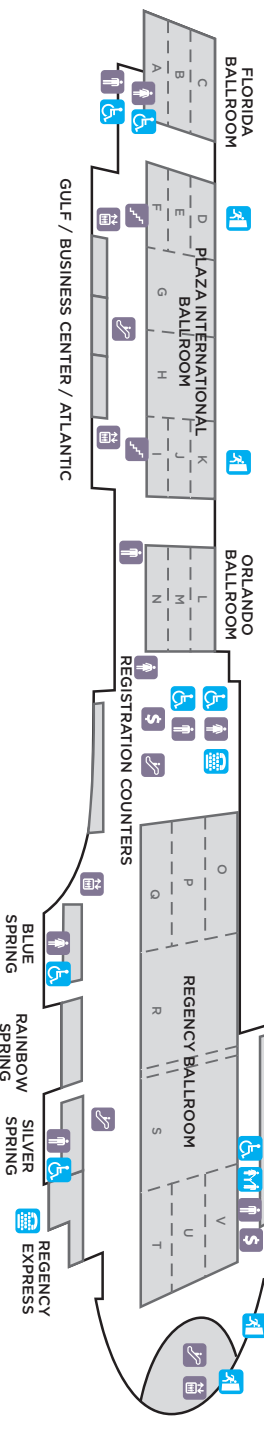
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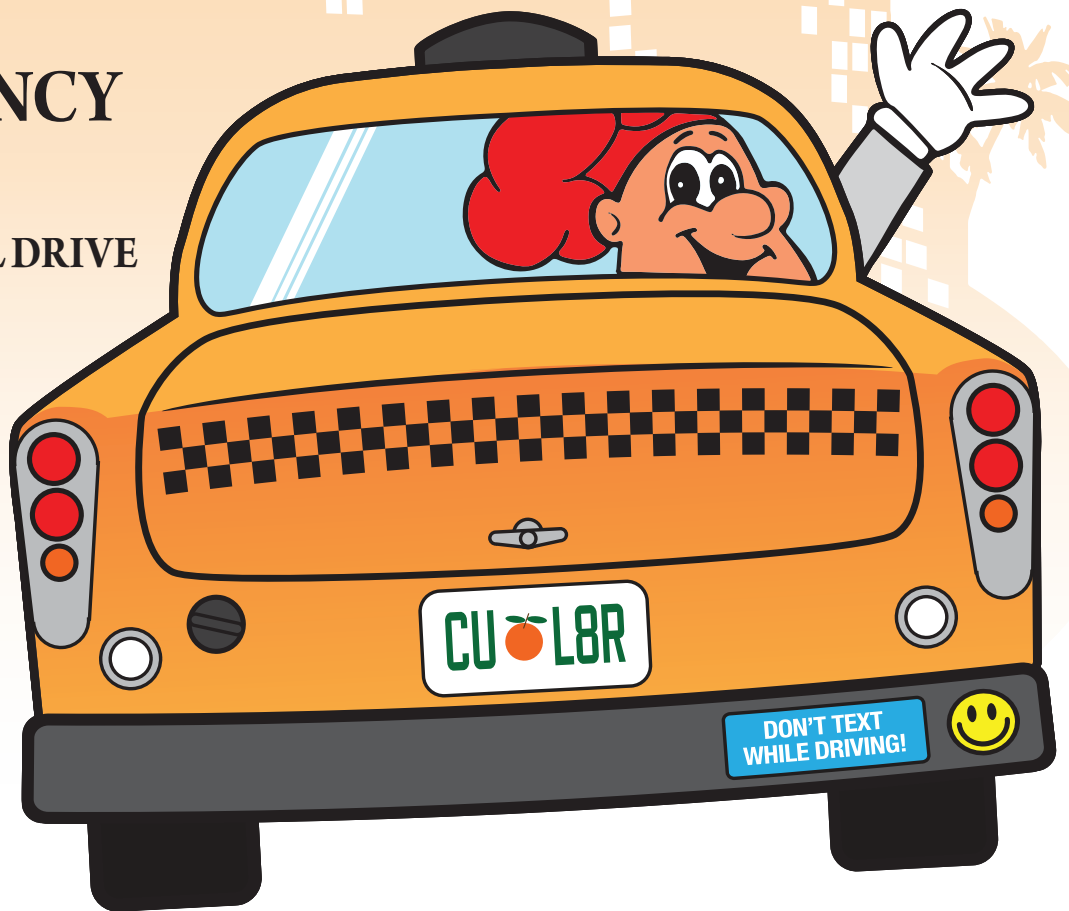
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