

WELCOME TO ORLANDO AND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY CAFÉ!

AWESOME!

Dear Family Café Attendees,

Since our beginning 20 years ago, The Family Café has relied on The Family Café Planning Committee to help make sure The Annual Family Café reflects the values, needs, and concerns of Floridians with disabilities. The Planning Committee is comprised of self-advocates, family members, fellow non-profits and state agency partners. It plays a central role in planning every aspect of The Annual Family Café, and making sure the event provides 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 this year, and we think you will be impressed with the wide array of information and activities we've assembled. Our agenda of breakout sessions features 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, Birth to Age Five, and our newest addition, Assistive Technology. To help you navigate the tracked sessions, we've added a new "track index" in the front of the program, that lists every session in a given track and tells you what page to turn to to find its description. 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 author Steve Browne. He will share his story of the journey he has taken as a parent of a child with cerebral palsy, which he shares in his book *How To Raise A Rocket Scientist for Fun and Profit*. Next up will be athlete, self-advocate and activist Mia Ives-Rublee. She will discuss her work with the Women's March Disability Caucus, and the process of connecting the disability and social justice communities. On Sunday, the final keynote will feature self-advocate Micah Fowler, star of the ABC Network sitcom *Speechless*. Micah and his sister Kelsey will talk about

their experiences of chasing their dreams, and challenging assumptions about people with disabilities.

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, incoming Senate President Bill Galvano, 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 the dozens of booths in our Exhibit Hall, which includes a wide array of organizations, 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.

It's been our great pleasure and honor to create the truly unique space for people with disabilities and their families that The Annual Family Café represents for the past two decades, and we are so very pleased that you are on hand to celebrate our 20th anniversary with us. We sincerely hope that your participation in The 20th Anniversary 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,



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Dear Annual Family Café Attendee:

Welcome to the 20th 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.

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 atmosphere at this conference. Again, I hope you enjoy your time here!

Sincerely,

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June 15, 2018

Dear Family Café Participants:

Welcome to the 20th 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 we are excited to be on hand to help celebrate their 20th Anniversary.

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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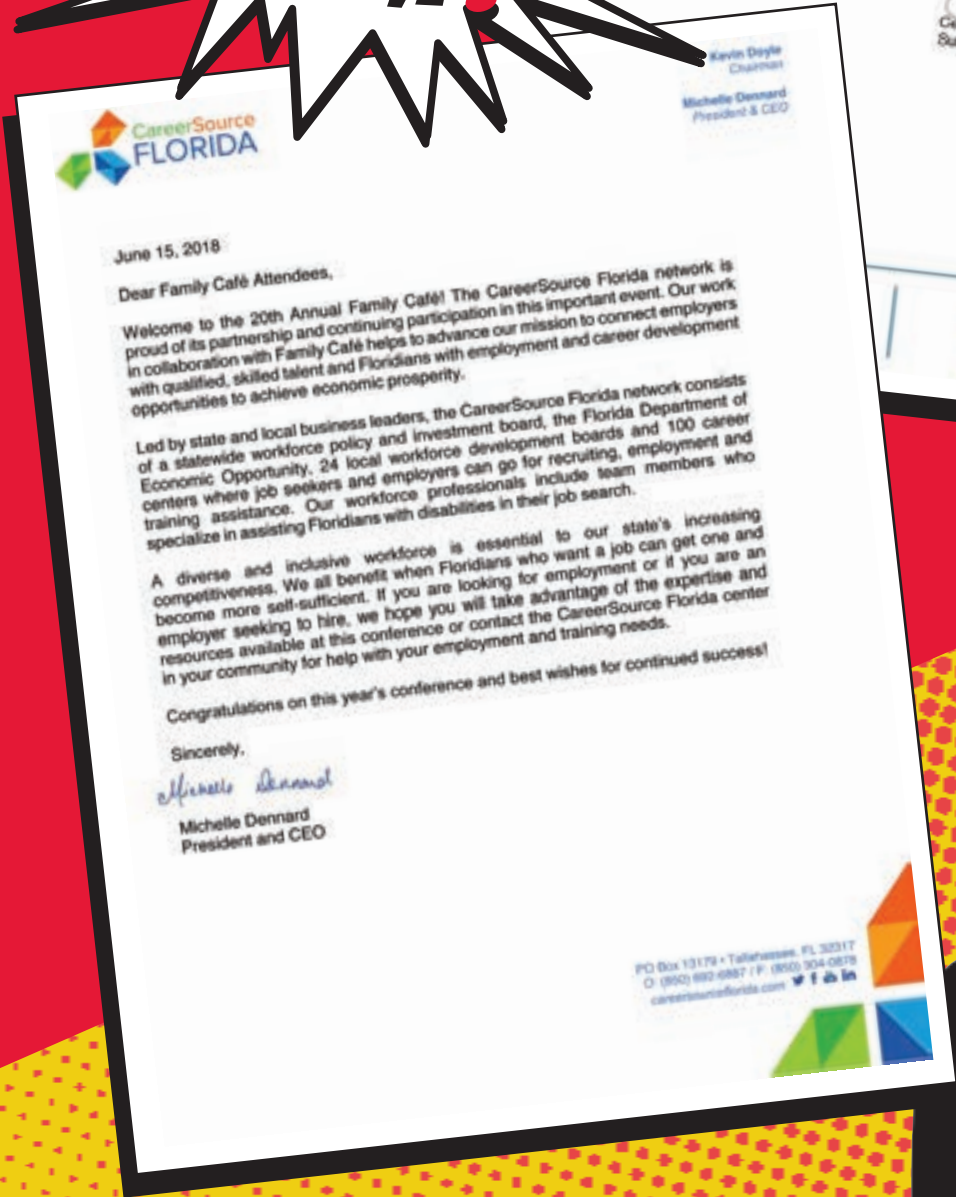
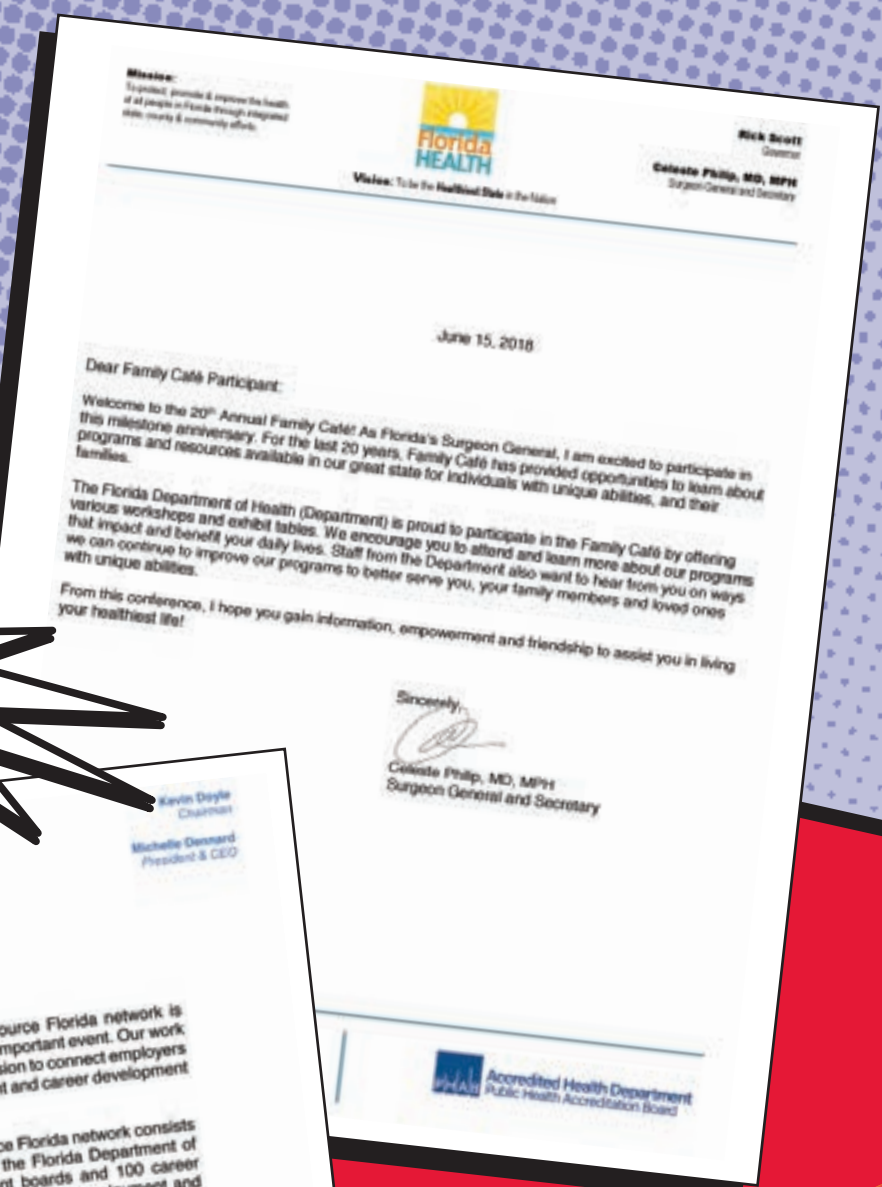


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Dear Family Café attendees,

Welcome to the 20th Annual Family Café!

For more than two decades, the Family Café has been instrumental in providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities, particularly in improving communication with families and loved ones, providing support to challenges, and creating policy-making processes. The Family Café strives every day to provide families an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship, and empowerment by serving as a facilitator of communication and a source for information.

The Department of Children and Families is a proud partner of the Family Café. With a shared mission of protecting the vulnerable, we understand the need to provide assistance to the approximately 3.5 million Floridians with disabilities and their families. When we come together, we are stronger and can provide even greater, coordinated support for Florida's families.

As the Family Café commences its 20th anniversary, I encourage you to attend as many sessions as you can to learn about new opportunities available to you and your family and to learn how your participation can help to make a difference to others.

Sincerely,

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Dear Family Café Participants,

At the Florida Division of Emergency Management, our mission is to work together to ensure that Florida is prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from them and mitigate against their impacts. Part of ensuring that Floridians are prepared is to build relationships with all Floridians. The Annual Family Café supports those relationships and provides participating families the opportunity to learn valuable information regarding disaster preparedness.

As the last two years have demonstrated, Florida is the most hurricane prone state in the nation. Every Floridian should have an idea of the risks that they face at home, and an emergency plan to enact if an emergency does occur. Your plan should include a disaster supply kit filled with items you may need if the power is out, or if you cannot access a disaster store, bank, or pharmacy in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

This year's Family Café once again features a disaster preparedness track, with a wide range of experts providing valuable information about how you can best prepare yourself, your loved ones and your home in case of emergency. Our staff at this year's Family Café will also be available in partnership with Volunteer Florida in the exhibit hall. 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 additional information regarding disaster preparedness, hazardous weather and emergency management please visit www.FloridaDisaster.org. In addition, I encourage all attendees to explore information about the Florida Special Needs Registry at <https://snr.floridadisaster.org>. Please make sure you have registered yourself or any family members who might need assistance evacuating or sheltering during an emergency.

At the Division, we are always seeking ways to better prepare and protect all Floridians. With your help, we can build a culture of preparedness throughout our great state to help all Floridians weather the storm.

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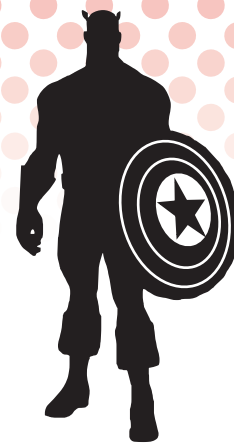
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FRIDAY!

JUNE 15, 2018

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

HOW TO RAISE A ROCKET SCIENTIST FOR FUN AND PROFIT: THE SPECIAL LESSONS LEARNED FROM RAISING A SPECIAL NEEDS DAUGHTER



On a cold winter day, in a little town in the mountains, a baby girl is born dead. Revived, brought back to life, her mother rescued from almost the same fate, the little baby not only survives but begins to thrive, in her own way, and at her own pace. Living with cerebral palsy, slowly she learns the basics of how to live, to walk, to talk, to find ways to adapt to a world made for normal people, ordinary people. Taught from an early age to believe in the magic of Disney, that if one truly believes, if one can dream it, one can do it, the little girl grows into a woman. In this keynote speech, author and lecturer Steve Browne will cover the highlights of his daughter's incredible story, going from death to life and on to the stars. What were the lessons learned? And how can you think about maximizing the quality and options life has to offer to those people with special needs in your life? Come hear an incredible story that unfolds primarily through the eyes of a father who, in the end, has to admit that he did not so much raise his daughter... as she raised him.



Steve Browne is a frequent writer, lecturer and motivational speaker to the gaming industry. He has published two books on gaming service and sales. *How To Raise A Rocket Scientist for Fun and Profit* is his first novel. He holds a BA in English and Creative Writing from the University of Colorado. He lives in Nevada with his wife Robin and has two children, Katie May and Chris.

A limited number of complimentary copies of *How To Raise A Rocket Scientist For Fun and Profit* will be distributed at this keynote.

FRIDAY!



- 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*
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- 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 4:00 p.m.** **Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup**, *Regency Ballroom P*
(English and Spanish)

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- 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** **Pyramid Players**, *Foyer*
- 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** **Wildlife Show by Gatorland**, *Regency Ballroom*
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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**
- 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.** **Brazilian Voices**, *Foyer*
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** **The 20th Anniversary Governor's Summit on Disabilities**,
featuring Governor Rick Scott, *Plaza International Ballroom*

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

Friday, June 15

10:00-6:00

Closed for lunch from 1:00-2:00

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 15

1:30-4:00

Regency Ballroom P

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 offering activities that include family photos, face-painting, puppet shows, adaptive books and toys, story time, and free play. During this event, families will be able to network with other families and interact with Family Resource Specialists and State Office staff. Children must be accompanied by an adult during the event.

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What Are Some Untapped Disability Services in the Sunshine State, and How Can They Benefit Me and My Family?

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Celebration 1

Floridians with disabilities are often unaware of services available to them free of charge from state agencies and private nonprofit organizations. This panel presentation will highlight services for persons with impaired vision, hearing loss, other physical disabilities, and mental processing challenges. Agency representatives and clients with experience navigating disability services and with community advocacy backgrounds will offer real-world advice and applications. Questions from the audience will be addressed, with Spanish language interpretation available. Following the presentation, eligible persons may apply for services. This is your chance to hear from our experienced and informed presenters.

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

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Celebration 2

We will cover how to build an evacuation disaster kit through the use of hands-on materials and how to plan for disasters year round. We will teach you how to think outside of the box, to use recycling and free items you already have in your house in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session, you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten, and abandoned within your house. You will also learn how to use items you can get for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit. Finally, learn how to plan for a disaster in the event you have to evacuate, or if you have to shelter in place. We will cover what to do before a storm, during a storm, and how to survive after the storm for three days using a power generator, solar, trash cans, and a washing machine.

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The Silent Epidemic: Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Celebration 3

Statistics reveal that a majority of individuals with developmental disabilities will be victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation at some point in their lives. Bringing forth awareness is key in helping to develop and implement preventative measures to protect the health and safety of those individuals. This presentation will provide an overview of APD's Zero Tolerance Initiative to end abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

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Search for Resources

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Celebration 4

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities has created two web-based tools to assist individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The Community Resource Directory connects individuals with disabilities to available resources and organizations, as well as events in their respective areas. The directory features more than 8,000 resources, zip code search functionality, and door-to-door directions via Google Maps. Additionally, the agency recently launched the Florida Navigator, a tool designed to inform users on state government programs available in Florida. This tool provides a simplified path of information where users may tailor the results to their specific needs.

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Orthopedic Treatment of Cerebral Palsy

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Celebration 5

This lecture discusses the multiple musculoskeletal issues that arise in the growing child with cerebral palsy. Treatment of both the walking child and the sitting child are discussed. The topics include spinal deformity, hip pain, crouched gait, and toe walking, among others. Time will be available for questions.

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Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Celebration 6

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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Fresh Start Consumer Network of Florida

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1:30-2:30
Celebration 7

The Fresh Start Consumer Network of Florida (Statewide Consumer Network), established in 2006 and recognized/funded through SAMHSA in 2009 as Florida's Statewide Consumer Network, focuses on its primary purpose of expanding its advocacy for culturally and linguistically competent services to underserved populations by developing and promoting activities and trainings throughout Florida, educating and empowering peers, and building new infrastructure that prioritizes peer and provider collaboration. This presentation will focus on education on Recovery Oriented practices, educating the community on the efforts promoted by Fresh Start Consumer Network, with a focus on establishing sustainable mechanisms for integrating the consumer "voice" in behavioral health systems and service delivery by preparing consumer leaders throughout the State of Florida through no-cost training, role modeling, and mutual peer support, in efforts of transforming the status quo towards a Recovery Oriented System of Care. Fresh Start also strives to promote skill development, with an emphasis on leadership and management, empowering consumers through training and support to ensure they are the catalysts for transforming the behavioral health and related systems in Florida, and to promote/increase peer services and the number of Peer Specialists in Florida's behavioral health system of care that is truly person centered.

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Advocating for Your Rare Disorder

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Celebration 8

The National Organization for Rare Disorders Florida Volunteer State Ambassadors will speak to you about how to advocate for issues important to your family. Take your personal passion to improve the life of a loved one and turn it into effective advocacy on any level. Learn how to prepare an 'ask' and what should be done to prepare. This session will also provide examples of events you can hold in your local community to raise awareness about rare disorders or the issue affecting you/your loved one. Facts, figures, and talking points about rare disorders will be included as part of this presentation.

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Dyslexia: Get the Facts

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Celebration 9

Dyslexia affects up to 1 in 5 children in the United States. Myths about dyslexia are prevalent among parents and educators, and may be one cause of delayed identification and remediation of reading difficulties. Parents are often the first to notice their children's difficulties and require accurate information to assist them in advocating for their children's needs. In this engaging presentation, participants will learn the facts about dyslexia within the context of typical and atypical reading development. Topics will include contemporary research on the cause, characteristics, appropriate intervention and assessment, and policy related to the identification and diagnosis of dyslexia.

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“Really, Sadiq?”—Addressing Special Needs Mommy (Caregiver) Fatigue

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Celebration 10

“Really, Sadiq?” is an interactive, engaging, and fun presentation that tells the story of Tiffany Kelly and her 8 year old son, Sadiq, through the pictures of their life. Sadiq is an amazing, resilient, artistic, and comedic genius who had been diagnosed with ADHD/ODD and struggles with forgetfulness, behavior issues, teasing, socialization, and making and keeping friends. The objectives of “Really, Sadiq?” include: coping skills for parents (You want me to do WHAT??); helping educators help your child; and using you and your child's struggles as fodder for humor and loving relationships. Most of all, we want to hear what works for YOU, the real experts, when it comes to our children.

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The Autism, Anxiety, Disrupted Sleep Connection

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Celebration 11

Our presentation seeks to help people understand a common similarity that people on and off the Spectrum who experience anxiety, sleep irregularity, lack of focus, etc. experience. We offer some suggestions for foods to embrace and avoid as well as some commonly known nutrients to help support natural processes in the body. We also offer simple recipes for quick and easy meal replacement snacks. One recipe is for a smoothie, and one is for a Paleo-type snack ball.

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What is a Reasonable Accommodation at Work and How Do I Get One?

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Celebration 12

Many job seekers and employees are unfamiliar with the term “Reasonable Accommodation” and don’t know they have the right to ask for one. We share clear examples of situations where accommodation at work makes all the difference in the world. We show you how to ask for an accommodation and describe the process. Learn key resources to get more information about what types of items and ideas can help you be successful. Assistive Technologies (AT) are one type of accommodation. Join us and try out some easy to use AT devices during this interactive session.

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The Gardiner Scholarship and the McKay Scholarship

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Celebration 13

The Department of Education’s Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice will present information about the Gardiner Scholarship Program and the John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities. These programs were established to provide Florida parents and students with additional education options and they operate under the premise that parents should make decisions regarding their children’s education. The programs offer 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 the programs.

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Adulting 101: WIOA, Transition, and Finances for Students with Disabilities

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Celebration 14

In this session, we will discuss empowering individuals in making an informed choice regarding a young adult's transitional life choices. Topics include: transition, Florida's Vocational Rehabilitation agencies, the Ticket to Work Program, Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA), the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Protected Medicaid, and Postsecondary Education Services and Support. The main goal of our presentation is to equip the attendees with basic knowledge of services and programs for the transition-aged student/adult.

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Behavior Management Tips for Parents

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1:30-2:30

Celebration 15

This workshop will help parents with some behavior management techniques and strategies that will work to reduce problematic behavior. We will discuss techniques such as setting limits, staying calm when your child acts up, rules, consequences, and consistency, using the Dr. Fred Jones parenting series.

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How Work Incentives Can Work for You

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Bayhill 17

If you receive SSI and/or SSDI, and are considering employment, this workshop gives you an opportunity to learn more about the Work Incentives that may be available through Social Security to support your journey. We'll explore ways to access the different incentives available, some of the "safety nets" in place, and how to work with a Community Work Incentives Coordinator or Community Partner Work Incentives Counselor to develop a customized employment plan. Join us for this interactive session and take the exciting first step towards a rewarding career!

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IEP Jeopardy

Friday, June 15
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Bayhill 18

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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Rest Quest

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Bayhill 19

Are you exhausted? Drained? Depleted? This "special" journey can certainly consume our physical, mental, and emotional strength. Some days can simply be quite overwhelming. Using personal experiences and practical ways, we will explore how we can experience REST in all realms of our daily lives. We will learn ways to rest our bodies, recharge and recover our strength, and feel replenished for the journey ahead of us. Come and REST a while. You'll feel lighter, swifter, and have more endurance for the race that is before us.

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Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid Benefits Planning with Vocational Rehabilitation

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Bayhill 20

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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Your Dependent With Special Needs: Making Their Future More Secure

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Bayhill 21

Families with children and other dependents with special needs, no matter what the age or disability, face many serious questions about how to best prepare for their future well-being. This workshop addresses such critical issues as protecting government benefit eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), creating Special Needs Trusts and the importance of a Will. The workshop will also address the ABLE ACT, a new law that allows qualified individuals with disabilities to have tax-

free savings accounts. Taking steps now can help arrange for a loved one's well-being today and tomorrow.

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What's your Story? How to Video Blog

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Bayhill 22

Everyone has their own story, and what makes your story unique is you! Your personality, experiences, and life stories are what make you characteristically you and yes, people want to hear about them. By sharing, your video blog is helpful to both you and others. Come learn how to video blog and share your story!

Here is what we will learn:

- What to talk about
- Who is your audience
- Equipment – Got a phone with a camera?
- Scripts – Tips and techniques
- Where to host your video blogs
- How to promote your video blog

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

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Bayhill 23

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

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Maximizing Advocacy and Positive Outcomes with Healthcare Providers

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Bayhill 24

In this presentation, learn how to increase positive healthcare outcomes during interactions with your healthcare providers, using specific strategies to build positive relationships with them. These ideas can help you be a part of the healthcare team making critical decisions about your health, and not just the patient receiving medical care. Self-advocacy and healthcare advocacy will be explored as well as their connection to each other at each visit. Tips on how caregivers can be a great asset during appointments will also be discussed. Join Christinne for an hour of important and useful information you won't want to miss.

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Hope, Love, & Me

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Bayhill 26

I'm living with a mission to inspire others with a compelling personal story of turning tragedy into hope. At 18, I was paralyzed from the neck down after surviving a car accident due to underage drinking. With this unique second chance in life, I now work with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and a Safety Council to educate individuals and masses. I am driven to bring awareness to the importance of responsible driving and decision-making, so one less person wakes up to tragedy. I am also driven to help others find the hope in their story.

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Chair Yoga for Children and Adults with Disabilities

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Bayhill 28

We will present on how the addition of chair yoga to our lighthouse programs has positively impacted clients, both children and adults. We will also ask attendees to participate in our hands-on chair yoga class.

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Imagining Success for All Families: Child Care Resource and Referral Can Help

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Bayhill 29

Imagine families of children with special needs successfully navigating the early education and care systems available in Florida. Imagine these same families being connected to an array of services and agencies where they receive the information, support, and resources they need. This will become a reality with the right collaboration. Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) connects families to community resources and financial assistance programs, provides consumer education, and assists families in locating quality care for their children. Family engagement is a top priority of CCR&R, working collaboratively with other supports, such as inclusion and infant and toddler specialists to support families and child care providers.

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Have We Found the Holy Grail? The Promise of Improved Behavioral Health Treatments

Friday, June 15
1:30-2:30
Bayhill 30

What if there was a safe and healthy way to reduce and possibly eliminate your behavioral health medicine? Open Dialogues offers the promise of improved behavioral health treatment. You will learn about the ground-breaking Finnish research for treating psychotic schizophrenia with minimal medicines (and, in some cases, weaned and eliminated entirely). If one out of every five Americans suffers from mental illness at some point and we are successfully able to treat psychotic schizophrenia with the positive results that I will share – just imagine how it could revolutionize behavioral treatment. Come to this pioneering seminar and learn about the hope for improved behavioral health treatment.

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How to Safely Navigate Technology (Focusing on Special Needs)

Friday, June 15

1:30-2:30

Blue Spring II

Mark Lepow, a parent of two children with special needs and a co-caretaker for a senior family member, will share helpful tips on how to help our loved ones enjoy technology SAFELY and SECURELY, whether going online or setting up a simple wifi network.

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



Wildlife Show by Gatorland

Friday, June 15

3:00-3:30

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!

3:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS!

What You Should Ask Your Special Needs Attorney

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Celebration 1

You've scheduled your consultation with your special needs attorney. Now what? Join us to learn how to maximize your one hour consultation with your attorney so you can leave the meeting feeling satisfied and accomplished. The objectives will be to: Learn what questions you should be asking so your consultation is an efficient and cost effective meeting; Know what programs you should be exploring or pursuing and how to navigate the application process; Understand a general timeline or order of operations on what to be thinking about when thinking about planning for your child with special needs.

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The End of Bullying Begins with You

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Celebration 2

This workshop addresses the need for everyone to take a stand against bullying and harassment of any kind. Bullying affects everyone. Discussions and interactive activities during the session include raising awareness of bullying and how anyone can take an active role in bullying prevention. Learn ways to be heard, effective methods to respond to bullying, how to discuss bullying with your child, and how to make a difference in your school district and/or community. It's time to stop bullying now!

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Self-Determination and Service Providers – Advocating Through Life's Journeys

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3:00-4:00
Celebration 3

This panel will discuss the challenges and successes of individuals who have had 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 service providers. The challenges of school, work, and the realities of day to day life and navigating through the decisions that make each person's life unique will be discussed. Focus on self-determination, how to you keep yourself on that path and in control of your life. Audience participation will be encouraged. Denise Arnold is the APD Deputy Director of Programs and brings many years of experience in the field to serve as the moderator.

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Application, Eligibility Determination, and Enrollment Requirements for Participation in APD Services

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Celebration 4

This session will provide helpful information about who is eligible to receive services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (“APD”), the application and eligibility determination criteria, and the enrollment requirements for participation in Florida’s Medicaid Individual Budgeting (iBudget) waiver. The session will also cover the Waiting List for enrollment on the waiver, the Waiting List Priority Categories, and what happens when there has been a change in circumstance in the person’s life or that of their caregiver(s). The presenter will describe the various methods for waiver enrollment, including crisis, waiting list offers, transitions from Intermediate Care Facilities/Skilled Nursing Facilities to the waiver, Community Based Care to the waiver, dependents of active duty military service members, and individuals with Phelan-McDermid syndrome.

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Guardianship

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3:00-4:00

Celebration 5

This presentation will focus on legal decision-making assistance. In this session, we will cover alternatives to guardianship, guardianship, and guardianship advocacy. Participants will be introduced to materials from supporting choices, produced by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council and Guardian Trust, including Lighting the Way to Guardianship and Other Decision-Making Alternatives, Planning Ahead, and Developing Abilities. Discussion will focus on alternatives to guardianship and advance directives, getting involved in the IEP/ITP process, and materials to assist in building independence skills. Resources will be provided to assist persons with disabilities, families, and providers in navigating the legal options.

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Engaged-Active-Resilient (EAR)

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Celebration 6

No matter the duration, separation is very challenging for families of our military members. During these difficult times, it is important for these family members to stay active & positive, and that they are able to do so together.

The EAR (Engaged-Active-Resilient) session offers information about programs and activities available for families of active duty service members, as well as Guard & reservist members throughout the state of Florida. Explore various ways to communicate. Develop stronger relationships through activities and interests. Build trust and responsibility amongst family members of all ages. Positive and resilient military families equal a strong mission-ready force.

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Parents Helping Parents and the Gardiner Scholarship

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3:00-4:00

Celebration 7

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 2,000 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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AACID – Advocates for Adult Children with Intellectual Disabilities

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Celebration 8

Come learn how this advocate group went from 12 to 150 family members in just 3 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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Collaborating for Families' Success – Florida's Early Care and Education System

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Celebration 9

Imagine living in a state where systems work together and all services are seamless for families with young children. Florida has spent the last decade building an early learning system to support families. In this session, the Office of Early Learning will describe the efforts to create this collaborative system. We will provide an overview of the Florida Early Learning System and will focus on our reviewed Early Learning and Developmental Standards, Family Engagement and Support Program, Early Intervention Program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten Educational Program.

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22q Roundtable

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3:00-4:00
Celebration 10

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 22q 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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Color Me Calm with Sound Health

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3:00-4:00

Celebration 11

“Color Me Calm with Sound Health” is a unique marriage of “healing arts” modalities, science, and arts rolled into one. In this presentation, you will learn about the modalities used by the presenter to help her overcome traumatic brain injuries and poor health. This approach is really a happy blend of the creative healing arts, developed over many years, and used with at-risk, special needs youth and adults in a Behavioral Health hospital setting. You will learn of the many benefits of Color/Chromotherapy, enjoy the demonstration of Cheryl playing live therapeutic music with her Native American and silver alto “Magic Flutes,” and get to learn a few of the movements so you can take them home with you to practice for right/left brain integration!

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Behaviorally Challenged Students, Advocating for Appropriate Supports

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Celebration 12

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. Learn how to advocate for appropriate supports and services, and when to request a Functional Behavior Assessment and Positive Behavior Intervention Plan. Also covered will be restraint and seclusion and how to keep your child safe. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Getting Hired: A Job-seeker's Guide to Navigating the Hiring Process

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Celebration 13

This session will cover a general understanding of the ADA, knowing your rights as an applicant and employee, knowing how to apply for rehabilitation services, self-advocacy strategies to request a reasonable accommodation, what information to disclose during the interview process, how will being employed affect government subsidies, etc.

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Think Pawsitive: Service Animals, Emotional Support Animals, and Places of Public Accommodation

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Celebration 14

This session will explain the use of service animals and emotional support animals in places of public accommodation in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Topics will include: definition of a service animal, definition of an emotional support animal, and accessing places of public accommodations; schools, court houses, hotels, stores, public transportation, etc. as well as the use of service animals in housing scenarios. The main goal of our presentation is to equip the attendees with the basic knowledge of rights of the individual adult who may require assistance from a service animal in his/her life.

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Shaping Behavior with Apps for iPad

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Celebration 15

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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Disaster Preparedness

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Celebration 16

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

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Building Family-School Partnerships for Inclusive Education

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

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This presentation will provide an overview of what it means to be included in the school setting. We will provide tips on planning inclusive education, advocating for your child, working with your child's school on inclusive practices, and determining if inclusion is working for your child. A parent's role in the School Best Practices for Inclusive Education (BPIE) will be discussed, and FIN will provide updated materials to help parents and schools partner for inclusion.

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Transportation

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3:00-4:00

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The FYC is going to take you through the world of transportation and the different types of transportation that are out there for the disability community. So come and join us and learn how easy it is to have transportation at your fingertips with just a call!

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You Can Do It Too!

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

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I came from a home with eight brothers and sisters, and not a good background. When I was in school, I couldn't read, write, or spell very well. At one point in my life, I was selling drugs for a living. I began working in a youth program to better my job skills. As of now I am working with the homeless population at the Philip D. Lewis Center. I have attained a four year degree in Business and Supervision. Most importantly, all the things that I have been through have helped me to believe in myself. I am an individual whose personality desires to be successful in life. Also, I want to show other people with disabilities that it is possible to overcome obstacles and have a positive attitude throughout the process. I would like every person that hears my voice and gets a chance to talk to me to realize that their child, no matter how young or old, can overcome any obstacle they face.

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Benefits Planning with Vocational Rehabilitation

Friday, June 15

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Bayhill 20

In this session, we will discuss the importance of benefits planning as you pursue career goals and move toward self-sufficiency. Experts from Vocational Rehabilitation and certified Community Partner Work Incentives Counselors will provide basic work incentives information and general guidance on Social Security disability and other federal benefits and health care.

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Vision Planning: An Essential Element of Your Special Needs Planning Process

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Bayhill 21

Do you have a Vision Plan for your child? During this workshop style breakout session, you will learn why the Vision Plan is one of the most important aspects of planning. You will walk away with a completed Vision Plan for your child and their future. This essential step of the planning process describes what a great life for your child looks like and what the hopes and dreams are for his/her

future. The Vision Plan is necessary to start your planning process, as it guides the remaining steps and decisions in your Comprehensive Special Needs Planning Process. This session will be most impactful for parents and self-advocates who have not transitioned out of High School. ****Please bring a laptop, tablet, or mobile device that can be connected to the internet to complete the vision plan****

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Today's Tools for Future Success

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Bayhill 22

The session will provide valuable information about Social Security work incentives that are available to disabled beneficiaries and how they can be used to secure your future through employment. SSA has many different work incentive programs to fit the needs of disabled beneficiaries who desire to have a future of being self-supporting through work. There are work incentives available for both of SSA'S disability programs. Come and hear what's available to help you.

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Social Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Via Online, Tabletop, and Video Gaming: An Overview

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Bayhill 23

Many individuals with varying disabilities enjoy and engage in many different forms of gaming—whether it is tabletop, online, or video gaming. This has led to many individuals with disabilities attending gaming events and participating in online gaming sites, which have given them opportunities to improve their social functioning, and the opportunity to build friendships with people with and without disabilities through gaming. In this presentation, listen to a gamer with a disability discuss how people with disabilities can utilize their interests in gaming to develop greater social skills, build and make lasting friendships, and improve their overall social functioning.

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Realizing the Dream: Opportunities for Youth with Intellectual Disabilities in Postsecondary Education

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

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This session will provide an update on implementation of the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act, and the Center's work to implement and manage application for and approval of Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTPs), distribution of scholarships to eligible students with intellectual disabilities attending the programs, and award and distribution of start-up and enhancement grants regarding FPCTPs. Information regarding key program characteristics, student services, credentials and certificates, data collection on student success, and scholarship awards will be provided.

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The Secrets of “Letting Go” and Flourishing in a Planned Residential Community

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Bayhill 25

Noah's Ark has been a pioneer in making planned residential communities a reality in Florida. Ironically, the first residents moved into The Villages at Noah's Landing on "Independence Day" in 2016. There have been trials and tribulations and much has been learned. By attending, you will discover how best to prepare your loved one to live independently when you are no longer able to care for them. You will hear from actual residents how their quality of life has been enriched by moving into a community with their peers. You will discover a community many describe as "country club living."

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What Parents Need to Know about Graduation Requirements

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Bayhill 26

Graduation requirements change from time to time based on legislation. Each year, the Florida Department of Education publishes a flyer that describes the high school graduation requirements for students entering grade nine. This training was adapted from an online professional development course developed in partnership with the Project 10: Transition Education Network, the Florida Department of Education, and The Personnel Development Support Project at the Florida Center for Interactive Media. This training will focus on topics related to graduation requirements including college and career readiness skills; graduation rates for Florida's students with Disabilities; Florida high school completion options, including those restricted to students with disabilities; and the necessary criteria for students with disabilities to defer receipt of the standard diploma.

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Recreation for Networking, Wellness, and Fun, Oh My!

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

Bayhill 28

Recreation is not all fun and games. It provides not only physical wellness, but also training on vocational skills, socialization, personal development and most importantly – fun! This session will help you learn the benefits of recreation, the options, and where to find them in your community.

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Trauma and Individuals with Disabilities

Friday, June 15

3:00-4:00

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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? We will discuss 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 the definition of trauma-informed care. Available resources related to trauma-informed care will be provided.

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The Story of Logan and LoganTech

Friday, June 15
3:00-4:00
Blue Spring II

Logan Dobbs has severe autism and is completely nonverbal. His father, Glen Dobbs, invented a communication device called the ProxTalker to give Logan a voice. Mr. Dobbs will talk about his family's experiences in seeking services for Logan, the way the Logan ProxTalker was developed, and how LoganTech blossomed into new branches of technology helping many people with various disabilities live a better life through technology. Attendees will gain insight into how to seek services for their family members with disabilities as well as how to make good informed decisions when selecting assistive technology.

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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 !

Getting the Services You Need from the Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting (iBudget) Waiver

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Celebration 1

Discover advocacy tips for individuals who are applying for or receiving services from the Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities iBudget Waiver. The focus will be on preparing for your application, when to complete a crisis application if you are on the iBudget Waiver Waitlist, and when to make a significant additional needs funds request. Participants will also be provided with a general overview on how to request and prepare for an appeal following a denial or service reduction.

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Easy, Everyday ACTIVITIES to Improve Social ABILITIES

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Celebration 2

Does your child/student (or yourself) have difficulty making friends, comprehending stories, or participating at lunch/recess/outings? You will immediately leave this presentation ready to use many easy suggestions (preschool-adult) that promote social development, life/organizational skills for home and community, and academics. These activities (i.e. bowling, games, parties, gardening, eating out) address hygiene, responsibility, jobs, telephone/email skills, and even punctuation, summarizing, and measuring. Flexibility, perspective-taking, using your eyes, brain and body, inferencing, social problem solving, understanding the big picture, humor and relationship building can easily be integrated into your everyday life, even in the car.

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Choking and Other Concerns

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Celebration 3

This presentation will provide an overview of some of the major health challenges that impact individuals with developmental disabilities. These health issues include choking, aspiration, dehydration, constipation, and seizures.

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Understanding Social Security Work Incentives

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Celebration 4

One of the greatest myths that's ever been told is that people with disabilities can't work and receive Social Security benefits. This workshop will explain how Social Security work incentives can be instrumental in helping individuals maintain their benefits. People often worry about losing their medical coverage. The workshop will assist in educating communities and families about employment and how individuals can work over 15 hours a week and earn above minimum wage. The training will encourage people with disabilities to live, learn, and work in their communities.

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Understanding APD Services

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Celebration 5

Learn how the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) works in partnership with local communities and private providers to assist people who have developmental disabilities and their families. In this session, we will discuss how APD provides assistance in identifying the needs of people with developmental disabilities for supports and services. Join us as we identify creative supports that may be available for individuals with a developmental disability. Some of the services available through APD are companionship services, personal assistance, job coaching, personal trainer services, and self-advocacy training, to name just a few.

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Resources for Military Families

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4:30-5:30
Celebration 6

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 organizations and resources that will be of help.

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How to Use Meditation and Mindfulness for Anxiety Management

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Celebration 7

Meditation and Mindfulness are practical and powerful practices that can be used when guiding gifted teens and adults. Anxieties, stress, and sensitivities often pose challenges in daily living and relationships. This workshop style presentation presents specific meditation practices that help with self-soothing, perfectionism, anxiety, and concentration challenges. Each participant will have the opportunity to identify personal challenges and then be able to learn a targeted practice for their specific need. Participants will be guided through four specific meditation methods and their benefits that offer solutions for many of the challenges for people with intensities.

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Who Are You? Identifying Yourself as an Advocate

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Celebration 8

As an advocate, the most important thing is to find your voice. It is just as important as an advocate to figure out what your role is. It is much more than just a voice piece. A sound to be heard. An advocate is so much more. I will explain what an advocate is and what it isn't, going beyond the definition and personalizing it in the process.

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Jeremy's Journey – Through Early Steps and Beyond

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4:30-5:30

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 17 years old and has defied the odds in regards to medical challenges and developmental milestones. Jeremy and his mom 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 loves to dress up as HUGGLES the Mascot to overcome Sensory Integration Disorder. He is also an avid Star Wars fan. The Force is strong with this one!

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Down Syndrome Roundtable

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Celebration 10

Are you looking for a chance to network with other families? This is a chance for families to connect with each other and share their experiences. Sometimes, the best education you can get is from another parent or caregiver. If you'd like to talk about your experience with Down Syndrome, join us for this informal conversation.

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Pink Art Party

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Celebration 11

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 caregiving and individuals with special needs.

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WellCare's Community Assistance Line: Getting You Connected

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Celebration 12

Are you in need of support but don't know where to turn? WellCare offers a Community Assistance Line—a toll-free, nationwide line open to the general public—that offers real-time assistance to connect you to resources in your community such as food, financial assistance (utility or rent), transportation, education, support groups, respite care, and more. Our liaisons work one-on-one with you to problem-solve and refer you to nearby social services and agencies. Our goal is to get you to the right services at the right time, so that you and your family can prioritize just that—your family.

Give us a call at 1-866-775-2192, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. EST. We're here to help!

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Get the Skills to Land your First Job or Advance in your Current Job

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Celebration 13

Many of us think of skills as special abilities that are needed to complete a job, such as a pilot's ability to fly a plane, or a mechanic's ability to repair a car. However, many of the most important skills needed in today's workplace are those that help us work well with others, manage time and resources, or adapt to change. These are "Soft Skills," and this workshop will review the importance of having those essential soft skills to get and keep a job.

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Preparing Teens for Transition to Adult Health Care: 10 Steps to Successful Health Care Transition

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Celebration 14

The best way to ensure good health in adulthood is for teens, as developmentally able, to understand their health needs and become active participants in health care decision-making. Florida Health and Transition Services (HATS) supports young Floridians, including those with disabilities or special health care needs, as they transition from child-focused to adult-oriented systems of care. We will discuss the importance of preparation for health care transition; describe how providers, teachers, and caregivers can help youth become more independent in managing their own care; and demonstrate tools and resources that can assist in the process.

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The Struggling and Emerging Writer: How You Can Help Your Child

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Celebration 15

Many students with disabilities experience challenges with writing. Writing is one of the most complex tasks that are included in school standards. In this session we will explore strategies, accommodations and modifications to address these challenges that struggling and emergent writers face. Suggestions for at-home reinforcement and fun activities for writing will be provided.

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Pets and Service Animals in Disaster

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Celebration 16

This workshop will 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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Driving With Autism

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4:30-5:30

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Mike DiMauro is an adult with autism who likes to travel the east coast of the United States, Canada, and Alaska. 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. Mike is unique on the autism spectrum because he has both a driver's license and a bachelor's degree!

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Come Chat with the FYC

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Bayhill 18

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.

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Understanding and Participating in a Facilitated IEP Meeting

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Bayhill 19

A Facilitated Individualized Education Plan (FIEP) Meeting builds and improves relationships among the IEP team members and between parents and schools; ensures that the meeting is student-focused; models effective communication and listening; provides opportunities for team members to resolve conflicts if they arise; encourages parents and professionals to identify new options to address unresolved issues; supports better follow through and follow-up; and supports all parties in participating fully. Come learn your role as a team member in this process to better meet the needs of your student.

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When Less is More: Using More Planning With Less Restrictive Alternatives to Avoid Court, Save Money, and Preserve Independence

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Bayhill 21

This breakout will focus on a discussion of the use of less restrictive alternatives to involuntary guardianship, such as powers of attorney, advance directives, and trusts as planning tools to avoid court, as well as the guardian advocacy process as a less restrictive, less intrusive form of guardianship when a guardianship is deemed necessary. The discussion will also involve planning methods to provide for an adult disabled child if the parent decision-maker becomes incapacitated or

dies. The focus will be on preparation using multiple legal tools to put a solid plan in place for peace of mind for the entire family and will include review and discussion of sample planning documents.

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A Critical Imprint on Family Caregiving: Working to Enhance Respite Care in Florida

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Bayhill 22

The Florida Lifespan Respite Alliance will share with you about 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. You will also learn about the Florida Lifespan Respite Alliance's mission, accomplishments, and ways you may participate in this growing coalition.

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ABLE United: The Basics on ABLE Accounts

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Bayhill 23

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 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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The Importance of Finding Support on the Journey of Raising a Child with Special Needs

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Bayhill 24

The journey of raising a child with special needs comes with many ups and downs, joys and sorrows. Finding support on this journey is vitally important. Being an occupational therapist gave me the skills to know how to care for my son, but that did not prepare me for the emotional toll this journey would take on me. Learn how find support, resources, and hope on this journey of raising a child with special needs through finding or starting a support group in your area.

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Navigating the Transition Process and Vocational Rehabilitation

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Bayhill 25

Navigating the transition process is challenging. Knowing what to do to ensure appropriate transition planning from high school to post-secondary education and employment, TIEPs (Transition IEPs), and services provided by Vocational Rehabilitation, the Client Assistance Program, and updates to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) will be covered.

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A Life-Span Approach for Individuals with Cerebral Palsy

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Bayhill 26

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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Education and Employment After High School

Friday, June 15
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Bayhill 28

Figuring out the path after high school is never easy. Navigating the workplace can be even harder. Marino Campus is a postsecondary educational opportunity helping people with autism and other disabilities gain employment and independence. During this session, members of the Marino Campus alumni and staff will tell you about their personal and professional experiences on what to expect when joining the workforce.

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

Friday, June 15
4:30-5:30
Bayhill 30

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

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Oh, with AT the Places We'll Go!

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Blue Spring II

Simple it's not, I'm afraid you will find, Assistive Technology (AT) solutions can boggle the mind. Join us on a journey through AT selection, considerations and pit-falls you will find on the way. Technology & Learning Connections will help you along if we may. If you get so confused that you don't start in the race, we can help you avoid moving toward a most useless place. To be sure when you step, that we step with care and great tact, remember this AT is a great balancing act. And you can succeed, Yes! You will indeed! Our team (PS/Rtl - Technology) can assist, we are here if you need.

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Surviving Accidental Submersions (SACS) Aquatic Therapy Cures Paralysis

Friday, June 15

4:30-5:30

Quiet Pool

Rehabilitation in an aquatic environment provides patients with a unique medium for neuromuscular reeducation 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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6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Brazilian Voices, Foyer

**The 20th Anniversary Governor's Summit on
Disabilities, Plaza International Ballroom**



THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY ON DISABILITIES!

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018

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

Join us for The 20th Anniversary Governor's Summit on Disabilities, featuring Governor Rick Scott.

Beginning with The 1st Annual Family Café in June of 1999, The Family Café has upheld the tradition of creating a space where our attendees can connect with the elected officials and policymakers whose actions so profoundly impact individuals with disabilities and their families.

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. Here in our 20th year, we are very proud to continue the practice of connecting Floridians with disabilities with decision makers at the highest level of state government, to foster a productive dialogue about the issues facing Floridians with disabilities, and the impact public policy has on their daily lives.

The Family Café is pleased to once again welcome Governor Rick Scott. Governor Scott was elected to office in 2010, and is now in the final year of his tenure 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.

GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT

SUPER!



Governor Scott and State Agency leaders will be joined at the Summit by incoming Senate President and former Senate Majority Leader Bill Galvano. Senator Galvano was first elected to the State Senate in 2012, and serves as Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, and a member of Committees on Appropriations, Education, Governmental Oversight and Accountability, Rules, and Transportation, as well as the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, and the Joint Legislative Budget Commission. Senator Galvano will share the legislative perspective on disability issues.

The 20th Anniversary 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 20th Anniversary Summit on Disabilities!

The 20th Annual Summit on Disabilities will feature a musical performance by Staar Fields. She is a singer songwriter, and the parent of a child with autism, and she is excited to spread her message of hope and encouragement with everyone at The Family Café. For more information, visit staarfields.com.

SATURDAY!

JUNE 16, 2018

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



FROM ATHLETE TO ACTIVIST: ONE ACTIVIST'S STORY

Mia Ives-Rublee has dedicated her life's work to civil rights activism. She began her journey as an adapted athlete, competing internationally in track, road racing, fencing, and crossfit. She obtained her Masters in Social Work and began working with people with disabilities to help them find employment and independence in their communities. She worked as a research assistant at UNC Chapel Hill Department of Emergency Medicine and researched mental health crisis interventions. Mia does public speaking across the country on issues related to social justice and enabling everyone to participate fully in all aspects of society. More recently, she began working for Women's March, founding and coordinating the Women's March Disability Caucus. She helped coordinate accessibility services for over 41,000 Disabled people at the first Women's March on Washington and continues to advocate that Women's March remain fully inclusive. For her work on the Women's March on Washington, Mia was named by Glamour Magazine as one of 2017's Women of the Year Award.

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SUPERHEROES
WEAR CAPES, BUT A LUCKY
FEW OF THE ATTENDEES AT
SATURDAY'S KEYNOTE WILL!
THE FAMILY CAFE WILL DISTRIBUTE
A LIMITED NUMBER OF SUPERHERO CAPES
TO OUR HEROES IN THE AUDIENCE !**



SATURDAY!



- 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*
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **Yoga**, *Peacock Spring*
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. **Tennis, Hoverball, and Archery**, *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. **The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project Sensory Room**, *Orlando Ballroom L & M*
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Keynote Address: Mia Rublee**, *Plaza International Ballroom*
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Wildlife Show by Gatorland**, *Regency Ballroom*
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 12:00 p.m. **Adapted Art Exploration**, *Coral Spring*
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Adaptive Scuba and Paddle Board**, *Quiet Pool*
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Registration Open**, *Registration Desk*
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **2018 Celebration of Life Ceremony**, *Manatee Spring II*
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Beauty and the Beast**, *Barrel Spring II*
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Early Steps Playgroup**, *Orlando Ballroom N*
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Friends of Bill: AA Meeting**, *Rock Spring II*
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**
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, *Foyer*
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **FRIENDS Chorus**, *Foyer*
2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Meet Wonder Woman**, *Regency Ballroom and 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**
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, *Foyer*
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Chance 2 Dance Inc.**, *Foyer*
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Family Entertainment featuring DJ Scully**,
Plaza International Ballroom

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

Saturday, June 16

8:30-5:30

Closed for lunch from 1:00-2:00

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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Wildlife Show by Gatorland

Saturday, June 16
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!

Adapted Art Exploration

Saturday, June 16
10:30-12:00
Coral Spring

The arts provide a wonderful way for children with disabilities to express themselves. This session will be free-exploration time for you and your child to try out adapted tools and materials. Our VSA Florida staff will be here to help you and answer questions. Some items that will be available to try will be iPad music making apps; Makey Makey; Quick Draw paper; raised line drawing boards; larger sized and adapted crayons, brushes, instruments, and more! All participants will leave with a resource list to continue the art making at home.

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Scuba Diving Without Barriers/Adaptive Paddle Board

Saturday, June 16
10:30-12:30
Quiet Pool

Dr. Gabrielle Gabrielli will build upon last year's Family Café 2017 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

GET A PLAN!

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Florida Division of Emergency Management

Be Prepared Have a Family Emergency Plan

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

Check List

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

Disaster Supply Kit

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

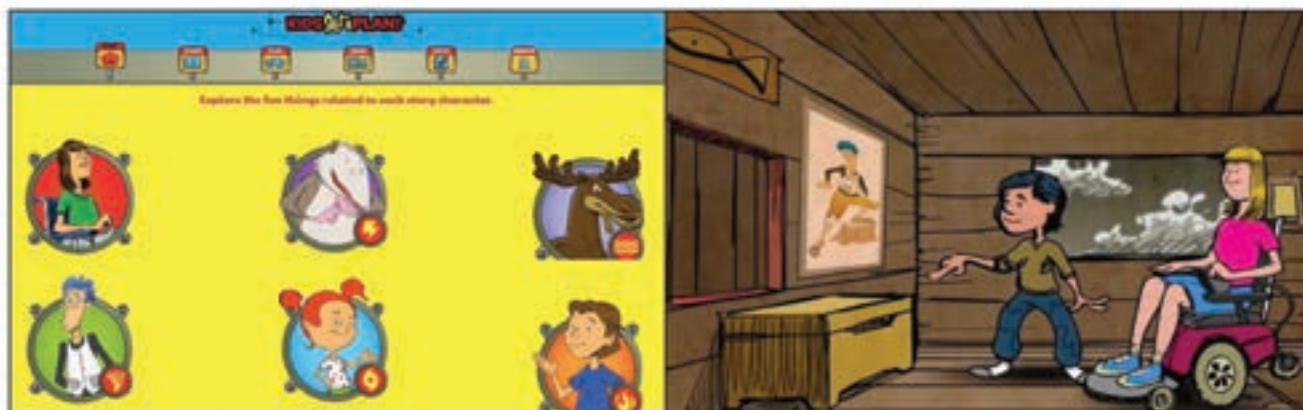
Go to www.FLGetAPlan.com to build your customized Family Emergency Plan and for information on the Florida Special Needs Registry.

KIDS Get a PLAN!

Join Professor Tinkermelster Online

www.KidsGetaPlan.com

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



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

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



abilities. Some participants will have an opportunity to try basic scuba diving principles in the hotel pool. This session will also include an opportunity to try out a paddle board. Come join the fun!

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10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Brazilian Voices, Foyer**
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Royal DJs, Foyer**
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Beauty and the Beast, Barrel Spring II**



2018 Celebration of Life Ceremony: Honoring Our Loved Ones

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:30
Manatee Spring II

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 many religious and spiritual traditions as the Web of Life.

In this year’s Celebration of Life Ceremony, you will have the opportunity to honor the gifts, talents, and contributions of your loved one, and include your love message in our ceremonial bowl of light. The inspirational ceremony includes the healing sounds of crystal singing bowls played by Jeff Deen and the melodic voices of Brazilian Voices. Dr. Paula Petry will share her own journey through grief and the science that is showing us that indeed life is eternal. She will lead the group in a beautiful guided meditation to experience a deep level of inner peace that lasts forever.

Paula Petry, Ph.D. is an intuitive energy medicine practitioner, author, and presenter. She is one of the founders of Parent to Parent of Miami, Inc. and was part of the faculty at the Mailman Center for Child Development, at the University of Miami. Her life’s work has been inspired by her daughter, Alexandra who was born with a severe disability. Her daughter’s death in 1996 was unexpected and devastating. However, in transcending her pain and suffering, she gained an inner strength and an ultimate knowing that loss is an illusion, as we do indeed never die. Our loved ones are always with us. Joining Paula will be Jeff Deen, Esq., an internationally recognized sound healer and a father of a child with a disability. Participants will be welcomed by the Brazilian Voices, Inc., an award-winning female vocalist group from South Florida who bring their melodic healing voices into children’s hospitals, nursing homes, and cancer centers.

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11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS !

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

Saturday, June 16

11:00-12:00

Celebration 1

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

Saturday, June 16

11:00-12:00

Celebration 2

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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Effective Advocacy with APD

Saturday, June 16

11:00-12:00

Celebration 3

This presentation will provide information on how to effectively advocate for yourself or your loved one when working with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). When you have a question or problem regarding APD, a Service Provider, or a Waiver Support Coordinator, finding the right persons to talk with can sometimes feel like a challenge. This presentation will guide you in knowing who to contact and when to contact them. It will also provide beneficial tips that will not only aid you in being a strong advocate but will also help you when speaking with the agency, service providers, and Waiver Support Coordinators.

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Disaster Preparedness, Response & Recovery

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 4

This session will explore lessons learned from Hurricane Irma and the information needed to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disaster emergencies. This session will provide useful information and tools to ensure you and your family are safe during the disasters that can occur in Florida. Preparedness is key to survival, and this workshop will include tips for personal disaster planning, information on the roles and responsibilities of government at all levels, and solutions for the challenges people and communities face. APD staff with many years of disaster training and experience in planning and response will be presenting this session.

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Introduction to the Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Program

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 5

Have you ever wondered what CDC+ is and if it is right for you? The Agency for Persons with Disabilities will provide an overview of the CDC+ program. This presentation will provide you with an introduction to CDC+ and give a brief overview of program requirements. Bring any questions you have about CDC+; we'll be happy to answer as many as time will allow.

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Useful Advice for Moving, Transferring, or Transitioning Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 6

Relocations create additional challenges for families with special needs. This can also include specific challenges for military families encountering difficulties in receiving medical support as they transfer between assignments or families having to relocate due to emergencies. Many families lose valuable

support as they relocate either in state or between states. Similarly, military families lose support as they transition out of service or from active duty to civilian status. This seminar will discuss the types of support available to family members with special needs to help plan and organize their moves and transitions.

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Using Multi-Sensory Strategies to Assist Your Child With Dyslexia

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 7

Being able to learn and retain new content through the use of multiple sensory pathways (i.e., visual, auditory, tactile and kinesthetic) can have a positive impact on student success. Join us for an informative session to include an overview of the definition, characteristics, resources available and new legislation pertaining to individuals with dyslexia. You will also be able to take part in an engaging, interactive lesson to include teaching ELA standards using the multi-sensory approach. What sensory pathway do you use most to learn?

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Find the Passion That Lies Within – Become a Partner in Policymaking

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 8

Supports, services, and laws were and are created because passionate people advocate for what is right. The Florida Developmental Disability Council's advocacy training program, Partners in Policymaking (PIP), teaches adults with developmental disabilities and family members the skills they need to influence policymakers to make things happen. Whether you're enthusiastic about educational inclusion, furthering employment opportunities, or improving overall quality of life for those with disabilities, PIP can help you discover the advocate you are meant to be. Attend this session to gain knowledge of this national model, where participants learn from highly-recognized speakers, and apply for the class of 2018.

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Using Technology with Infants and Toddlers

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 9

Presented by an Early Steps Resource Specialist, this workshop will 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, and the importance of adult interaction when using electronic devices.

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Cerebral Palsy Roundtable

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 10

Are you looking for a chance to network with other families? This is a chance for families to connect with each other and share their experiences. Sometimes, the best education you can get is from another parent or caregiver. If you'd like to talk about your experience with cerebral palsy, join us for this informal conversation.

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Living Life Outside The Box

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 11

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 of people all across the country. We are encouraging you to Live Your Life Outside The Box. For more information visit www.giveawayfoundation.org.

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Guardianships and Guardianship Alternatives

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 12

This session is all about empowering individuals in making an informed choice regarding assisting an individual in the decision making 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/her life.

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Employment is the Goal – So, WHAT Are the First Steps?

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 13

This session will feature a frank conversation about the soft skills that are needed to better prepare for successful employment. You can never start too early, nor is it ever too late to begin the journey. Lessons learned from both the OCT College program and the employment department will be highlighted.

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Living with Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders: Epilepsy 101

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 14

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

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Family Fun with Math

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Celebration 15

Families can increase math proficiency in their children by playing fun games at home. In this seminar, you will learn some strategies, activities, and games that you can play as a family to increase student success in math.

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Linking the Pieces Between Sensory and Processing

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 17

This presentation will go over sensory processing, flight/fight/freeze, what it means, and tips to take home to help you and your loved ones.

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How Having a Sibling Affected My Childhood

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 18

For a young person with a disability, growing up with a sibling that does not have a disability can affect them deeply. It can also be a challenging experience for the sibling that doesn't have a disability. The person on either side can feel misunderstood, or like their sibling is receiving special treatment. This session will have siblings with disabilities and siblings without disabilities and explore how it affected both sides growing up.

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Helping My Child: Practical Tips for Home and School

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 19

Was your child recently diagnosed with a learning disability? Are you stressed about how they will cope with school? Come learn a few helpful tips and strategies on how to help your student at home and school. With creating a supportive environment, your student will build self-confidence and a strong foundation for success.

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Employment Recipes for Success – VR Services

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 20

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act has increased the menu of services and programs available to individuals receiving VR services. This presentation will review the wide variety of services that can be customized to meet individuals' employment and training needs so that each person receives the support they need for success. It will highlight the new and expanded services available. This session will also allow time to answer frequently asked questions as well provide an opportunity for individuals to make appointments with VR staff to follow up on their individual questions or needs.

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Benefits and Tax Savings for Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 21

Parents of children with special needs incur a variety of expenses for their child or adult, including therapies, educational training, tutoring, personal care aides, transportation, home modifications,

and medical supplies. Many of these expenses may be tax deductible, but are often overlooked by tax professionals who are unfamiliar with the types and categorization of qualified expenses. These unique tax benefits may entitle parents to additional refunds. Learn how to identify these often missed tax deductions, and other tools available to save on your family's federal and state income tax. Includes an overview of Life Planning tools for the most protected future for your child, including information on public benefits, special needs trusts, types of guardianship, Medicaid, and SSI. Also, updates on all the states' new ABLE 529 accounts, which allow \$100,000 in savings while retaining SSI and Medicaid Benefits.

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Managing the Oral Care System for Individuals with Special Health Care Needs

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 22

The presentation will look at various dental insurance and financing options that may be available to individuals with special health care needs that will allow them to access and utilize oral health care. From managed care and Medicaid, to Obamacare and the Health Insurance Exchange (HIX), to commercial dental insurance, navigating the system is difficult for anyone, let alone a person who may have special needs. The presentation will discuss various options that may be available – both traditional and non-traditional options – and suggest helpful tips on how to navigate the system.

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ABLE United: The Basics on ABLE Accounts 2.0

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 23

ABLE United, Florida's qualified ABLE program, provides new opportunities for people with disabilities and can change the way you plan for short-term expenditures and establish long-term savings. In this session, you'll learn about how ABLE United could benefit you or your loved ones, how ABLE United helps you save without negatively impacting federal benefits, and how ABLE United differs from other savings options such as Special Needs Trusts.

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It's Not Magic—It's Music Therapy

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 24

This interactive session will give you hands-on experience with music therapy interventions and leave you singing for more! You will learn what it takes to become a board certified music therapist, who can benefit, how music is processed in the brain, and why all this is important to you! Ms. Ponder will also share the most recent research and funding opportunities. You don't want to miss this upbeat musical session.

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Writing for Real: Strategies for Home and School

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 25

Parents and teachers alike struggle to assist their students with disabilities when it comes to writing assignments. So, what works? This session will focus on strategies that parents can use at home to encourage both academic growth and an increased interest in writing assignments in courses spanning across all grade levels. Emphasis will be placed on tools and technology that can help students hurdle past some of the common barriers standing in the way of writing success.

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Comparing College Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 26

This presentation will provide participants with a College Comparison Tool specifically designed to lay out criteria important to students with intellectual disabilities (ID). Participants will gain knowledge of 16 inclusive post-secondary education programs in Florida (and the diversity in programs of study) for students with ID, and the web resources necessary to explore each program further.

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**Surviving Accidental Submersions (SACS)
Aquatic Therapy Cures Paralysis**

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 28

Rehabilitation in an aquatic environment provides patients with a unique medium for neuromuscular reeducation 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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Moms to Moms

Saturday, June 16
11:00-12:00
Bayhill 29

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

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Families Engaging in Coordinated Systems

Saturday, June 16

11:00-12:00

Bayhill 30

Presentation attendees will learn how state agencies, family and consumer-run organizations, and providers are all working together to create a more comprehensive, coordinated System of Care for the individuals receiving services in Florida. During this presentation we will discuss the core values of a recovery oriented system of care, and share with you how key stakeholders and communities are implementing these concepts, and how you as an individual can get involved.

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Can Medical Marijuana Help Those Suffering with Fibromyalgia and other Debilitating Disorders?

Saturday, June 16

11:00-12:00

Bayhill 31

Fibromyalgia and other pain syndromes are hard to treat and so far impossible to cure. With pain so debilitating, some patients are now wondering about trying medical marijuana to ease their pain. Patients using medical marijuana are reporting a positive outcome when using medical marijuana. Medical marijuana can only be prescribed by a physician who is licensed to do so. At this time there are only a handful of providers making medical marijuana available due to the regulations put on this medication. It is the hope of many that soon it will be easier and less expensive as research continues.

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Ready, Set, AIM

Saturday, June 16

11:00-12:00

Blue Spring II

Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) is the first step in providing students access to learning in the classroom. It is important that parents and parent advocates take part in the AIM decision making process to 1. Establish need for instructional materials; 2. Select which type of specialized format(s) are needed 3. Determine how to acquire needed formats in a timely manner; and 4. Consider what supports are needed. Do you want to learn more about Accessible Instructional Materials and explore helpful tools? Join us to identify the key components of AIM and to explore technology tools for academic support.

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Early Steps of SWFL Playgroup

Saturday, June 16

11:00-12:00

Orlando Ballroom N

Playgroups provide caregivers the opportunity:

- To socialize with families that can relate to what you are 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

Playgroups will be open to all families with a child or children 0-5 years of age.

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

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

Friends of Bill: AA Meeting, Rock Spring II

Pyramid Players, Foyer

FRIENDS Choir, Foyer

Arts & Crafts, Orlando Ballroom N

1:00 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS !

Meet Melinda Mitchell, Chief of Vocational Rehabilitation Field Services, and Learn Everything You Wanted to Know About VR But Didn't Know Who to Ask

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Celebration 1

Meet the VR Bureau Chief of Field Services and learn about the many services VR has to offer eligible youth and/or adults who are interested in developing a meaningful career. Participants will learn about the many services and supports available through VR that are customized to meet the

individual's employment goals. Open discussion is encouraged.

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Living with the Physiological Issues of Autism: A Personal Story

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Celebration 2

Although most people think of autism as being strictly a psychological or developmental disorder, many people with autism experience physiological issues alongside the more classical symptoms of autism. In addition, a growing amount of research suggests that there are physiological issues distinct to having autism, and that autism is just as much a physiological disorder as it is psychological and developmental. Listen to an adult with autism describe his experiences living and coping with these physiological issues, and give advice on how people with autism can effectively manage them.

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ID, Aging, and Dementia

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Celebration 3

This presentation will cover the topics of aging, dementia, and Alzheimer's related to individuals with developmental disabilities based on the NTG's national model training curriculum on dementia capable care of adults with intellectual disabilities and dementia.

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Understanding Social Security Work Incentives

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Celebration 4

One of the greatest myths that's ever been told is that people with disabilities can't work and receive Social Security benefits. The workshop will explain how Social Security work incentives can be instrumental in helping individuals maintain their benefits. People often worry about losing their medical coverage. The workshop will assist in educating communities and families about employment and how individuals can work over 15 hours a week and earn above minimum wage. The training will encourage people with disabilities to live, learn, and work in their communities.

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Moving Forward in CDC+ – System Enhancements and How They Will Affect You

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Celebration 5

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.

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Meet Your School Liaison Officers

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Celebration 6

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

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The Criminal Justice System and People with Disabilities

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Celebration 7

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. 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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So You Think You Want to Start A Self-Advocacy Group?

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Celebration 8

This presentation will discuss the triumphs, trials, and ins and outs of starting and running a self advocacy organization from the perspective of members of FL Self Advocates Network'D, a statewide self advocacy organization composed of 13 local groups throughout Florida.

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Recycled Fun to Help Infants and Toddlers

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
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 help give you ideas on how to incorporate learning into your everyday routines and activities.

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From the Trenches to Doing a Blog, Writing a Book, and More

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Celebration 10

Come hear Thomas's story of going from the trenches to where he is. He lets nothing stand in his way and defeat him. Hear how Thomas started a blog and wrote a book. You will find out how you can do the same. You might even win an autographed book! See you there with a smile.

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Brevard Jewish Inclusion Network

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Celebration 11

Brevard Jewish Inclusion Network is a grass roots organization whose mission is to sensitize and educate the Jewish professional and lay leadership and congregations to the profoundly important responsibility of ensuring that synagogues and all programs are accessible to those who would otherwise be denied the opportunity to participate in all aspects of synagogue life. This workshop is a forum to share ideas and progress made in our Jewish community and Jewish communities around Florida.

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Health Literacy: I Hear You Knocking, But You Can't Come In

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Celebration 12

Like a closed door, a lack of health literacy prevents nearly 90% of Americans from getting the full benefit of any medical advice they receive. Health literacy is the degree to which someone can understand and use health information, whether that information comes from their doctor, the Internet, or friends. Providers who understand health literacy can help their patients open the door to improved health status. Join us for fun activities to demonstrate health literacy and a discussion on how to improve provider-patient communication and how to cross the health literacy chasm between providers, patients, and their families.

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Find Your Next Job

Saturday, June 16
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Celebration 13

Come join us in a panel discussion! Representatives from the Workforce System, Vocational Rehabilitation, Blind Services, and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities will answer questions and tell you how each agency can help you find your ideal job. These agencies can work with you to ensure that you have all the support and services necessary to make finding your next job exciting, fun and less stressful!

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Fun! Fun! Fun! Family Fun Ways to Build Essential Skills

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Celebration 15

Come prepared to be engaged in fun family activities to build essential skills known as executive functioning skills. These skills include impulse control, emotional control, planning/prioritizing, flexibility, working memory, task initiation, organization, and self-monitoring. Most children today spend the majority of their time watching television, playing video/computer games, and being involved in adult-structured activities. This leaves very little time for children to build imagination and self-talk. This session will allow you to experience a variety of games and resources that your family can do together that builds executive functioning skills in fun ways!

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Special Needs Registry and Special Needs Shelter

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Celebration 16

Florida has a robust special needs registry. This workshop will describe it, inform participants how to access it, and understand 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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Environmental Accessibility Assessment

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Bayhill 17

My presentation is being done to educate the parents, caregivers, consumers, and support personnel on Environmental Accessibility Assessments. This will include what an Environmental Accessibility Assessment is, how to determine if an Assessment is necessary, how to request an Assessment, what an Assessment actually involves, and what the benefits of having an Assessment are.

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Let's Make Friends!

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Bayhill 18

This session will give you an insight on relationships and how to make friends.

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Why Not Consider College?! 20 Ideas from Two College Graduates (And Their Mom!)

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Bayhill 19

More than ever before, students with various abilities and learning differences are heading off after high school to some type of post-secondary education. We hope you consider doing so as well! As young adult college graduates (along with their Mom) now looking back with “20/20” hindsight, we have 20 ideas to consider as next steps to create a path towards post-secondary possibilities. Emily, Mac, and Linda Starnes have presented sessions together over the years, providing strategies, resources, and words of encouragement at a variety of conferences and events – including The Family Café – on topics ranging from advocacy, to transition issues, to faith and disability perspectives.

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“It’s Safe To Let Go”

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Bayhill 20

This transition workshop guides and prepares parents with children in the Early Intervention Birth to Three program to transition to the school board’s three to five year old program. This workshop will equip parents and their children for a smooth transition when they leave the Early Intervention program.

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Provide for Your Child and Plan for Retirement? Not Impossible!

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Bayhill 21

Don't miss this knowledgeable, engaging, interactive, and often humorous presentation. Craig Eppy will navigate how to create a special needs plan AND save for your retirement. Touching on subjects such as:

- ABLÉ accounts
- Protection of government benefits
- Wills
- Trusts
- HIPAA laws and how they can affect direction of care
- Health Care surrogates
- Letter of intent
- Living wills
- Durable power of attorney
- Funding a special needs trust
- Guardianship options
- Accepting a financial gift—what not to do

An hour of your time = a lifetime of information!

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“Just Breathe” Excellent Greatness Women’s Forum

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Bayhill 22

Life is Amazing... Breathe it in!!! You are strong, wise, fearless, and capable to handle whatever challenges that you face. This inspirational and motivational session is open to all women of Family Cafe. Do not allow the demanding situations that life can bring to suffocate you. Take Heart... Have Faith! Relax, take a deep breath, and let it go! This upbeat, oxygen-filled session is designed with you in mind. You are invited to come to share and learn in an atmosphere of Joy that includes many surprises!!! Special guest co-presenter is truly a WONDERful WOMAN—Truly Inspiring!!!

“Remember, as long as you are breathing, it’s never too late to start a new beginning.” - Author Unknown

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Becoming Civically Active and Engaged in 2018 and Beyond...

Saturday, June 16

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Bayhill 23

This is an interactive session offering participants a step-by-step guide about how to become involved in local communities and on the national level. Among the areas covered will be where to find information that will help people with disabilities and their allies become more informed, as well as concrete guidance on how to engage policy- and decision-makers.

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Advocating For Your Child: Navigating Through Your Health Insurance

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Bayhill 24

The face of healthcare has changed dramatically in the last five years due to legislative influence and a spiraling economy. This has forced health insurance companies to reexamine their policies and how they provide coverage. Under examination, your health insurance company may need to make changes to save money. Their potential savings will come from issuing denials and/or limiting coverage. This is especially true when it involves coverage for children. What do you need to know in an effort to ensure proper coverage for your child? For more info, check out <http://www.mitoaction.org/advocating-your-child-navigating-through-your-health-insurance>

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A Parent's Tool Kit for Actively Engaging in the IEP Process

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Bayhill 25

Parents will assemble a tool kit of educationally relevant documentation—the nuts and bolts—and activities that will assist in maintaining records and promoting positive communication, allowing teams to work collaboratively. The tool kit will be utilized so that parents can be prepared, actively listen, and develop a better voice for their cause during IEP meetings. Parents, as project managers, will possess the “tools of the trade,” allowing them to actively engage in the planning of their child’s educational career and be equal members of the IEP Team.

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Man Laws for Mom

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Bayhill 26

This workshop 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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Creating a Fully Inclusive Waterpark in Florida – Input Wanted

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Bayhill 28

This interactive workshop will provide an opportunity for you 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. Share your experiences and learn how the suggestions from last year are being implemented.

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Dispute Resolution, Navigating the Process

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Bayhill 29

It can be very difficult dealing with the intricacies of navigating the dispute resolution process. Parents need to understand how to resolve disagreements and what is the best tool to use when faced with conflict resolution. Due Process is not always a viable solution. Learn strategies to resolve disagreements within the IEP Team. We will address normal conflict resolution and mediation, and how and when to draft State Complaints, Office of Civil Rights Complaints, and request for Due Process Hearings. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Family-to-Family

Saturday, June 16

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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ADD and Executive Functioning / Empowering Well Being

Saturday, June 16

1:00-2:00

Bayhill 31

According to the CDC, 11 percent of school age children have Attention Deficient Disorder. Up to 90 percent of children that have ADD have executive functioning challenges. This presentation is the nuts and bolts of a far more comprehensive PowerPoint that can be emailed and passed forward as an hour and a half in-service to educators, organizations that work within behavioral health, and family members who would like more information. Emotional regulation is a big part of ADHD and has traditionally been ignored. This information was developed with the newest research and will bring enlightenment along with effective tools that will empower those in a school setting and beyond.

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It Took a Village—Residents & Parents Share Their Experience

Saturday, June 16
1:00-2:00
Bayhill 32

The Arc Jacksonville Village opened in April 2016. Two years later, let's check in with a candid panel discussion on independent living. Residents and their parents have learned a great many things. We will look at the whole truth: what did they expect, what did they hope for, what has been the result, the experience, the good and the bad.

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What is Assistive Technology? – AT is AT!

Saturday, June 16
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Blue Spring II

We have often been asked, “What is Assistive technology?” At one point I asked the same question. I was given the Official Definition that “Assistive technology (AT) is any item, piece of equipment, software program, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities.” While that definition gave me some knowledge of what AT is supposed to be, I still didn't know what AT was. This workshop will take you through my education of what AT is and what it can do for you and those you care about. Our goal is to equip you with a knowledge of assistive technology that you can take into the world to better assist those in your home and community live a fuller, more independent life.

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2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer
FRIENDS Choir, Foyer
Meet Wonder Woman, Regency Ballroom and Foyer

2:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS !

Helping My Child Understand: Reading Comprehension

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Celebration 1

Children who struggle with reading have difficulty understanding what they read. When children do not understand what they read, it becomes challenging for them to embrace reading. In this session, parents engage in hands-on activities to gain practical knowledge about the meaningful strategies that proficient readers use, based on *The 7 Keys to Comprehension: How to Help your Kids Read It And Get It*, by Susan Zimmerman.

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HELP! Our Child's Challenges Are Affecting Our Marriage

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Celebration 2

Raising a child with a disability can profoundly impact siblings and the marriage. Financial pressures, sibling confusion, rigorous therapy schedules, irregular sleep patterns, and the like can challenge the most cohesive partnership. However, these hardships don't have to overtake and consume, but can instead enhance family cohesion, introduce you to the person you were meant to be, and expose gratitude in what others take for granted. Focusing on your relationship might seem like another task on your already long list, but when your relationship is strong, you work better as a team, which can make life better for the whole family.

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Resources for Military Families

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Celebration 6

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 organizations and resources that will be of help.

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Introduction to Discrimination Against People with Disabilities

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Celebration 7

People with disabilities are subject to discrimination in many areas of life, even if the discrimination is hidden in plain sight. Additionally, solutions are either little-known or hard to obtain. This seminar is designed to assist individuals with disabilities and their families with self-advocacy. The session will briefly cover your rights, where and how a person with a disability may be discriminated against—education, housing, employment, etc.—what remedies are available, and how to access them.

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Speakin' Up & Hangin' Out: Self-Advocacy as a Means of Socialization for Young Adults

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Celebration 8

Parents and their children with disabilities often find themselves isolated in young adulthood because the myriad of disability-related opportunities for socialization available to children and transition age students are reduced drastically in adulthood. Members of the thriving Stand-Up for Independence Self-Advocacy Group in Martin and St. Lucie counties will talk about the founding of the group—by parents looking for socialization opportunities for their children—and how the group has successfully combined community advocacy, inclusion, and service with creating a nurturing social family to adult self-advocates. Tips for starting a self-advocacy group will be shared.

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Traveling the Seas of Emotions

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Celebration 9

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

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Autism Roundtable

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2:30-3:30

Celebration 10

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 Annual Family Café we 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 will be dedicated to Autism. Come and make new friends!

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Assistance Animals for Persons with Autism, Developmental, or Intellectual Disabilities

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Celebration 12

Service dogs can be trained to assist persons with autism from eloping or other behavior that may be dangerous; however, persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities can also have a dog or other animal to assist with other disability related behaviors, to assist in therapies, or for socialization.

We will discuss the legal rights and requirements under the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act for these assistance animals.

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Power Up for Jobs™: A Program to Support Youth with Disabilities in Obtaining and Sustaining Employment

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Celebration 13

This experiential workshop presents the Power Up for Jobs™ curriculum, to support young adults with disabilities in obtaining and sustaining employment. Five evidence-based practices shown to increase confidence, self-esteem, focus, and inner calm will be shared: mindfulness, Emotional Freedom Technique, power poses, shifting limiting beliefs, and peer support. Program design and outcomes, along with strategies for teaching the skills to your son/daughter will be shared.

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Just For Dads

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2:30-3:30
Celebration 14

Time for dads to talk about their kids. Share your experiences with other dads. Talk about victories or struggles.

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When You and the School Disagree

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Celebration 15

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. Kowalczyk, 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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Taking Refuge in a General Population Shelter

Saturday, June 16
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Celebration 16

Shelters need to be accessible. This workshop will focus on what an evacuee can expect when they come to a shelter and discuss what their responsibility is at the shelter.

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Tips for Parents of Children Who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Have Low Vision

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2:30-3:30
Bayhill 17

What does my visually impaired child need to be successful? Does my child need Braille? Is audio enough? Should my blind child use a cane? What should the school do to ensure my child receives a fair education? Can blind kids do chores? In this workshop we will discuss ideas for promoting success in the home and school environment for blind, VI and LV children.

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Elevating Youth Advocates to Young Professionals: The Next Evolution

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Bayhill 18

Transition happens for all young adults, and youth entering the field of advocacy are no exception. This workshop includes and builds on the “Youth Advocate to Advocate for Youth” workshop. Young adults utilizing personal experiences need additional support in learning to apply these in a professional setting as they transition from being a ‘youth advocate’ into an ‘advocate for youth’ and continue their journey to ‘young professional.’ This workshop provides guidance and tip sheets both for the young advocate in transition and the adults who provide professional development support. Guide is available for free download at <http://www.pathwaysrtc.pdx.edu/pdf/pb-Youth-Advocacy-Guide.pdf>.

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ABCs and 123s of SNTs (Special Needs Trusts)

Saturday, June 16
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Bayhill 19

What is a Special Needs Trust (SNT)? Why should a family consider creating one? We will discuss SNTs and their valuable ability to protect resources and benefits for individuals with special needs. We will learn about and compare the various types of Special Needs Trusts. Attendees will learn of cost-effective ways to establish SNTs and provide a sound, reliable plan to look after their financial legacy for their children or family member.

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Your Winning Ticket: Making Work Pay – Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid Benefits Planning with Vocational Rehabilitation

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Bayhill 20

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

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My Money and Making a Plan – Understanding Credit and the Credit System

Saturday, June 16
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Bayhill 21

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 an interactive, engaging way for Floridians to learn about finances and the knowledge necessary to work towards financial independence. The module Understanding Credit 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, how to access a credit report, and how to build good credit.

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The Unseen Special Need

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Bayhill 22

This highly inspiring faith-based session will be unlike any that you may have attended and is open to anyone who desires to be strengthened and encouraged in your personal development, family,

marriage, and relationship. Learn key principles of how to navigate through the challenges of life and to be spiritually equipped to face the “Unseen Special Need” that we may encounter on a daily basis. Many unseen special needs are so deeply hidden that their existence has been locked away. Experience a motivating message to help you live more victoriously over the pressures of life! This session will enable you to move forward...through the power of God!!! Pastor William Alexander knows first hand of having to overcome challenges in life at a young age. His jovial mannerism and unique motivational delivery is a testament to a life that refused to be stifled and hindered by circumstances that few knew that he encountered growing up.

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It's T.I.M.E. for Dynamic Dropout Prevention: Scaling Up Student Engagement and School Climate for Student Success

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Bayhill 23

This presentation reviews federal uniform graduation and dropout rate calculations, explains strategies to increase student engagement that result in decreased dropout rates (e.g., early warning systems [EWS]), and describes dropout withdrawal codes including helpful hints on locating and re-engaging students who have dropped out.

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2018 Legislative Issues and How to Make Your Voice Heard!

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Bayhill 24

The presentation begins with a report on the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council's 2018 Legislative Platform and all the legislative outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from the 2018 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. The importance of registering to vote and other advocacy techniques for participants will be included to encourage those who want to learn about the legislative process and educate their lawmakers about the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Refusing To Lose

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When told that her young daughter had a very rare, progressive brain disease, Stephanie thought things couldn't be darker. Then, to learn the only way to save her child was an unimaginable brain surgery that would leave her daughter paralyzed and forever changed was even more difficult to comprehend. In this session, you will learn Stephanie's secrets to success to not only surviving, but thriving through the challenges you encounter as a parent to an Extra Needs child. Learn to transform life's negatives into positives, emerging as a happier, more balanced person, and in doing so, leading your child and family to a new normal.

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Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter

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Bayhill 26

The Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter 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 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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Transition Planning, High School and Beyond

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Bayhill 29

The transition process for students with disabilities is complicated. Experience the transition process from the perspective of a student who has navigated the process from High School to Post Secondary, and an Education Attorney. Students and parents will learn the importance of preparing an appropriate transition plan. Also covered will be accommodations to assist the student in accessing appropriate post-secondary options and accommodations, a discussion of the importance of related services and assistive technology, and the role of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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The Recovery Oriented Community—What is Your Role?

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Bayhill 30

Florida's Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) focuses on a paradigm shift in behavioral health service delivery. As a result of the dissemination of ROSC values and concepts, community stakeholders and behavioral health provider systems are understanding the urgency and need to implement recovery-oriented concepts and to improve quality of life outcomes for individuals served. Everyone plays a role in building a community that is recovery oriented. It is imperative that we promote community integration, community health and wellness, develop better partnerships to achieve common goals and increase peer-based recovery support services. The state of Florida is working to provide more opportunities for people in recovery and their families to give feedback to the system. The faith based community also plays an important role in recovery as part of the support system for individuals and families. In this session we will look at the progress of ROSC in the state of Florida and the roles of peers and community leadership.

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Assistive Technology to Promote Independence for Seniors

Saturday, June 16

2:30-3:30

Blue Spring II

The presentation highlights changes people face as a result of the aging process, how these changes may impact daily life, and assistive technology solutions to help seniors regain their independence.

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Meet APD Director Barbara Palmer

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Plaza International Ballroom

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 home and community-based services through the iBudget Florida Medicaid waiver. Come and hear about Director Palmer's priorities for the agency.

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Surviving Accidental Submersions (SACS) Aquatic Therapy Cures Paralysis

Saturday, June 16
2:30-3:30
Quiet Pool

Rehabilitation in an aquatic environment provides patients with a unique medium for neuromuscular reeducation 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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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 !

Living Well without Wheat and Glutens

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

Celebration 1

This presentation will review some of the research and findings contained within Dr. William Davis' book entitled *Wheat Belly* and will propose practical solutions, lifestyle changes, and recipes for living wheat and gluten free. Many individuals have chosen, or are exploring, a gluten-free diet for personal reasons related to health. The presenter will share published medical information about wheat and its effect on the body, and advice on how one can achieve a goal of gluten-free living in a modern world of processed foods.

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Becoming the Caregiver of Your Adult Sibling

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

Celebration 2

This program will consist of a PowerPoint presentation that will outline the future needs of an individual with disabilities, how those needs change over time and what a sibling can do to prepare for when they step into the role of guardian, advocate, and/or caregiver. The ever-changing rules and regulations of the disability community can make this a challenging event in one's life. The tools, resources, and helpful anecdotes from siblings who are currently caring for their siblings will offer a new and innovative way of looking at the care of your loved one.

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Join Family Care Council Florida as We Celebrate our 25th Anniversary "Still Going Strong!"

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

Celebration 3

We've learned from our past; and as we celebrate our present, we look to the future! Come explore our history and gain knowledge of the Family Care Councils as we EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, and EMPOWER self-advocates with developmental disabilities and their families. Take away from this celebratory workshop the knowledge that together we can, and we will, make a difference in the lives

of individuals with developmental disabilities, our family members, and our community.

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Resumes and Jobs

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 4

Searching for a job can be difficult and scary. In this presentation, participants will learn tips on how to build and improve their resume to improve their chances of getting an interview and a job. Participants will also learn ways to search for employment and find a job they love. Come join us for a fun way to learn how to market yourself to your next boss!

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Introduction to Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Program (Spanish Session)

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 5

Have you ever wondered what CDC+ is and if it is right for you? The Agency for Persons with Disabilities will provide an overview of the CDC+ program. This presentation will provide you with an introduction to CDC+ and give a brief overview of program requirements. Bring any questions you have about CDC+; we'll be happy to answer as many as time will allow.

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Inspiration and Encouragement for Military and Veteran Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 6

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, along with inspiration and encouragement for active military and veteran families with special needs. The audience will explore tools to help them deal with transition issues such as post-traumatic stress, financial hardships, wounded relationships, and raising a child with special needs. This workshop is custom designed from the perspectives of both a military service person and a parent of a child with 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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The Anime Connection: Utilizing Anime, Manga, and Related Media to Teach Disability Awareness

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 7

Many people with disabilities are fans of Japanese anime and related media, belong to the anime fan community, and have made many lasting friendships at anime conventions. In addition, many anime series, and related media, discuss issues pertinent to people with disabilities—such as bullying, sensory sensitivities, and the stigma of being labeled. In this presentation, listen to two fans of anime and related media with disabilities discuss how anime and related media can be utilized to teach people awareness of varying disabilities, and how participation in the anime fan community has helped them improve their social functioning.

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Become Successful in Advocacy by Practicing Leadership Skills

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 8

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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Navigating the Response to Intervention Process (Rtl)

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 10

This presentation 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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OMG: Open Mic Gumbo!

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 11

Calling all closet poets, shower singers, secret musicians, family comedians, and visual art connoisseurs! You've got something we ALL need to hear! Join us for a celebration of the arts as we listen to and share inspiring stories of hope, unconditional love, and perseverance. Learn free poetry techniques designed to provide creative outlets for stress. Are you ready? It's your time to shine!

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The Wallet Card: A Tool for Successful Interactions with Police

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 12

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. The presentation 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.

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Making the Magic: Finding Work in Orlando's Theme Parks and Attractions

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 13

Mandy and RJ worked in some of Orlando's biggest attractions and want to share their expertise on how they got hired and what they faced as persons with disabilities. Learn how Mandy made the cross country trek to work for Disney and how she ended up on the opening team of Volcano Bay despite being legally blind, and learn how RJ used his Aspergers and ADHD to his advantage in order to chase his childhood dream of working Halloween Horror Nights.

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ABC's of Special Needs Trusts and Guardian Advocacy

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Celebration 14

This informative workshop is designed for parents, guardians, and advocates of individuals with special needs. Attorneys Sarah AuMiller and Peggy Hoyt 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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Teamwork! Services for Students with Visual Impairments and Additional Disabilities

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

Celebration 15

If your child is visually impaired and you want to know more about the Vision and/or Orientation and Mobility services they are receiving ... this session is for YOU! Join the teachers of the visually impaired and orientation and mobility specialists from the Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired as we discuss collaborative teaming in providing individualized services for students who have visual impairments co-existing with cognitive and/or physical disabilities. The saying that "It takes a village" truly applies for ensuring the students are receiving the time, type, and intensity of instruction and accommodations that allows them to properly access their environment. This session will focus on the role of the teacher of the visually impaired and the orientation and mobility specialists (O&M) in working with the student, classroom team and families.

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AmeriCorps/Volunteerism

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

Celebration 16

This workshop will describe ways in which families can be involved with AmeriCorps as a member or a beneficiary of the program. It will also address various ways individuals can be involved in volunteer activities before, during, and after a disaster.

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Elevating Lived Expertise through Coaching

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

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As young people transition from youth advocates to young professionals, unique support is necessary for young professionals to utilize lived-experience in their career. Elevate Young Professionals will share experiences in coaching young people with lived experience to push forward and reach towards their highest potential in the professional world. This workshop provides insight into best practices in coaching, what coaching is not, lessons learned, coaching strategies and coaching tools

such as action planning guides. Join us for an experience that will transform the way you lead youth engagement.

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Newborn Screening: A Life Changer

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Bayhill 19

Newborn screening saves and changes lives every day in Florida. This presentation is directed toward families and non-medical audiences to provide a general overview of Florida Newborn Screening, including: a brief explanation of the follow-up program, the process of a screening specimen from collection to completion, disorders identified through the blood screening panel, pulse oximetry screening, hearing screening, and the importance of completing all facets of newborn screening for every baby born in Florida.

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The VR Kids Menu Smorgasbord

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Bayhill 20

The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) has increased the menu of programs and services that Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) can offer to students with disabilities 14-21 years of age. This presentation will walk through all of the Pre-Employment Transition Services and Transition Youth Programs available to help youth transition into training, education, and employment beyond high school. New, faster, easier ways to access services will be shared. We will also discuss the wide variety of Transition Youth Programs specially catered to serving youth with the most significant disabilities.

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ABA Therapy: History, Resources, and What to Expect

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

Bayhill 22

If you are considering Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for your child, have mixed thoughts about ABA, or want to learn about positive behavior change interventions, then this is a presentation for you! The presenter will provide brief overviews of the history of ABA, how to see through the eyes of a Behavior Analyst, and what to expect if your child begins ABA therapy services. Come prepared with pen and paper to collect information on behavior analytic resources that will be discussed, and a camera if you would like to take pictures of the information on the PowerPoint slides.

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Higher Education Opportunities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

Bayhill 23

Attending college is the natural progression for many students after the completion of high school. The option of attending an institution of higher education is becoming a more common reality for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Join us and learn about the various post-secondary options available for adults with intellectual disabilities.

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Social Security Overpayments

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

Bayhill 24

An overpayment of Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits occurs when an individual receives more money from the Social Security Administration for any period than the amount that should have been paid. This presentation will review how overpayments occur and examine what can be done when someone receives a notice of an overpayment from the Social Security Administration.

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Can I Go to Camp Too? Planning for the Fun, Freeing Life of Overnight Camp

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Bayhill 28

Attending overnight camp is part of the American experience. Yet many times individuals with varying abilities miss out on this fun and freeing experience. Happily, more opportunities for everyone have become available. However, whether choosing a local weekend camp or braving the opportunity for a loved one to stretch their wings far from home at a full camp session, there are stepping-stones of preparation for a successful and safe time away. This interactive session provides evidence-based research, practical strategies, current resources, and encouraging insights on the many benefits of camp—from skill-building to steps toward greater in(ter)dependence. Individuals, families, educators, service providers, anyone interested in the positive aspects of camp recreation, leisure, and healthy well-being will enjoy this session (and maybe even score some campfire treats!).

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Mental Health and Executive Functioning

Saturday, June 16
4:00-5:00
Bayhill 30

Participants will increase their understanding of the development of executive functions, why they matter and how to enhance executive functions. Participants will be presented with specific strategies not only to recognize weaknesses but specific strategies to enhance them.

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The Importance of Early Assisted Mobility in Children with Disabilities

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

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

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Live a Day, Live YOUR Life Outdoor Recreation, Exercise and Wellness Event

Saturday, June 16

4:00-5:00

Blue Spring II

Through a grant provided by the Reeve Foundation, FFAST, along with FDOA, will host three events over the next year to allow individuals with paralysis the opportunity to get hands-on experience with various types of exercise and recreation equipment. Join us at The Family Café to learn more about these events and how you can participate, and even try out some of the equipment that is being provided through the grant.

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

Pyramid Players, Foyer

Chance 2 Dance, Inc., Foyer

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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.

Brazilian Voices, Foyer

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

Brazilian Voices, Foyer

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

Brazilian Voices, Foyer

PYRAMID PLAYERS

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.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

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

Pyramid Players, Foyer

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

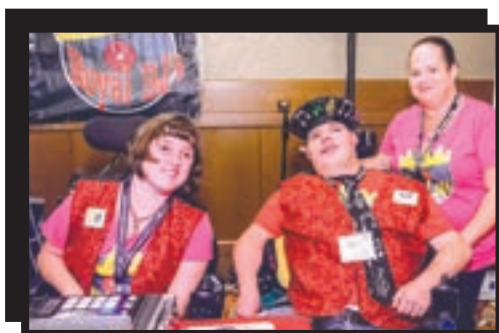
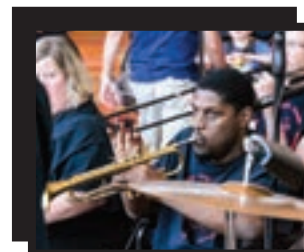
Pyramid Players, Foyer

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

Pyramid Players, Foyer

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

Pyramid Players, Foyer



ROYAL DJS

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

Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Royal DJs, Foyer

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

Royal DJs, Foyer

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

Royal DJs, Foyer

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.

FRIENDS Choir, Foyer

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

FRIENDS Choir, Foyer

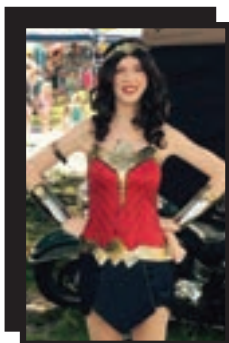


ARTS & CRAFTS

VSA Florida presents some arts and crafts for all ages and abilities. Come have fun and learn about some new art things. Presented by Lori Emly, VSA Brevard and VSA Florida.

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

Arts & Crafts, Orlando Ballroom N



WONDER WOMAN

Come and meet Wonder Woman in the Regency Ballroom and Foyer! **Saturday, 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

MS. WHEELCHAIR FLORIDA - SHEVIE BARNES

Come see Ms. Wheelchair Florida 2018 throughout the weekend!

Friday & Saturday Ms. Wheelchair, Regency Ballroom



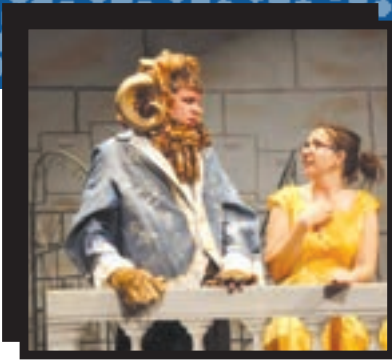
CHANCE 2 DANCE INC.

Enrich and improve your lives through the benefits of dance. **Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Foyer**



SPIDER-MAN

For any family-friendly events, the Tampa Spider-Man is there! Look for him on **Saturday!**



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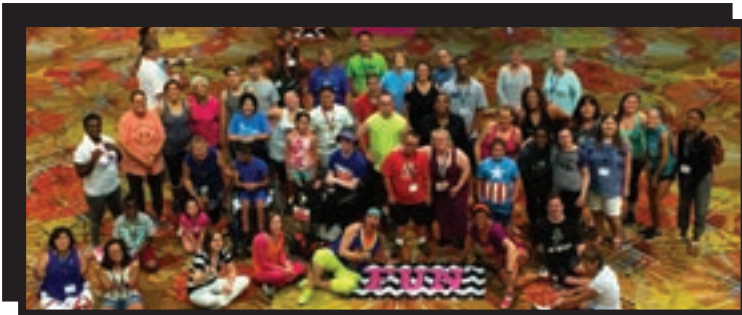
Experience this adapted version of the classic musical Beauty and the Beast!

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Beauty and the Beast, *Barrel Spring II*



HUGGLES THE BEAR!

EVERYONE CAN BE A SUPERHERO ZUMBA!



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

YOGA Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., *Peacock Spring*

Think your kid won't sit still? Don't worry about it, nobody's kids sit still! Are you or your loved one in a wheelchair? No worries. Everything will be adapted. This is Family Yoga for the Special Child kids group class and adults can come, too. It moves at an appropriate speed for children, but offers just the right challenge for adults, too!



SUNDAY!

RUBBER DUCK RACE

9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., *Main Pool*

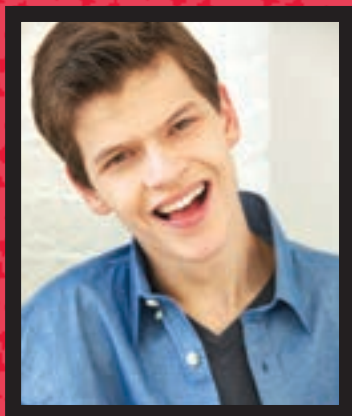
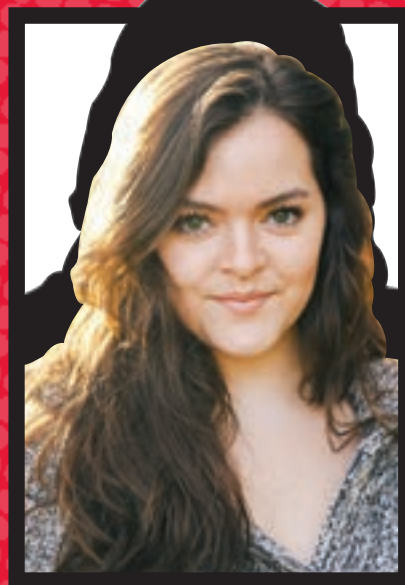
QUACK!... QUACK!... Imagine not one, not a dozen, but hundreds of ducks racing down the water slide towards a finish line where you (and hundreds of other humans like you) cheer on your adopted duck, hoping it will finish first and win you the Big Prize. Prizes include Gatorland passes, a giant floating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

Here's how you can participate: During The Family Café, purchase your little rubber ducks 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 a.m. on Sunday, the ducks will be placed at the top of the slide at the starting line, and race down the river to the finish line. If your duck is one of the winners, you will be one of the lucky recipients of an amazing prize. There are only 500 ducks, so don't miss your chance!!

SUNDAY!

JUNE 17, 2018

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



THE FAMILY CAFE WELCOMES MICAH AND KELSEY FOWLER TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY CAFE!

Micah is thrilled to be part of the amazing cast and crew of the ABC Network Television show, *Speechless*. At age

15, Micah made his feature film debut as “Barry” in Jason Reitman’s *Labor Day*, opposite Kate Winslet and Josh Brolin.

Micah was recently named to Forbes’ 30 Under 30 – Class of 2018, which acknowledges the inspiring work of young entrepreneurs and youthful visionaries. Micah is honored to have been chosen to stand alongside such extraordinary individuals making a difference in our world today.

Sharing their personal journeys of pursuing Acting Careers, Micah and Kelsey Fowler will share from their personal experiences of relentlessly chasing their dreams, living with passion, and living life with purpose. They will challenge society’s perceptions and definitions of “disabled” and “normal,” and discuss a gem they learned along the way, the power of the words you speak. To close, they will open the floor for a Question and Answer session followed by a meet and greet with photo opportunities.

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9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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

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

Zumba, Regency Ballroom and Foyer

M. Friends of Bill: AA Meeting, Rock Spring II

Exhibit Hall, Regency Ballroom

Rubber Duck Race, Main Pool

Keynote Address, Plaza International Ballroom

Closing and Door Prizes, Plaza International Ballroom



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE CEREMONY

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Manatee Spring II

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 message to their loved ones in our ceremonial bowl. The inspirational ceremony includes the healing sounds of singing bowls played by Jeff Deen and the melodic voices of Brazilian Voices. Dr. Paula Petry will share her own journey through grief - and the science that is telling us that indeed life is eternal. She will lead the group in a beautiful guided meditation that will bring a deep level of inner peace.

PROGRAM FACILITATORS

Paula Petry, Ph.D. is an intuitive energy medicine practitioner, author, and presenter. Her work has been inspired by her daughter, Alexandra who was born with a severe disability. Her daughter's death in 1996 was unexpected and devastating, however as Paula transcended her grief, she gained an inner strength and an ultimate knowing that we do indeed never die. Joining Paula will be members of the Brazilian Voices, sound healer Jeff Deen, and expressive artist Dana Pezoldt.

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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ROOM

**Hosted by The Family Cafe and The Florida Alliance for
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Friday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, *Regency Ballroom Q*
Saturday, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM, *Regency Ballroom Q*

Come meet the FAAST Staff and visit the Assistive Technology Device Demonstration Center where you can get a hands on demonstration and learn about the various Assistive Devices available in our device library.

**How can Assistive Technology make your lives easier?
Visit the AT Room to find out!**

Who are we?

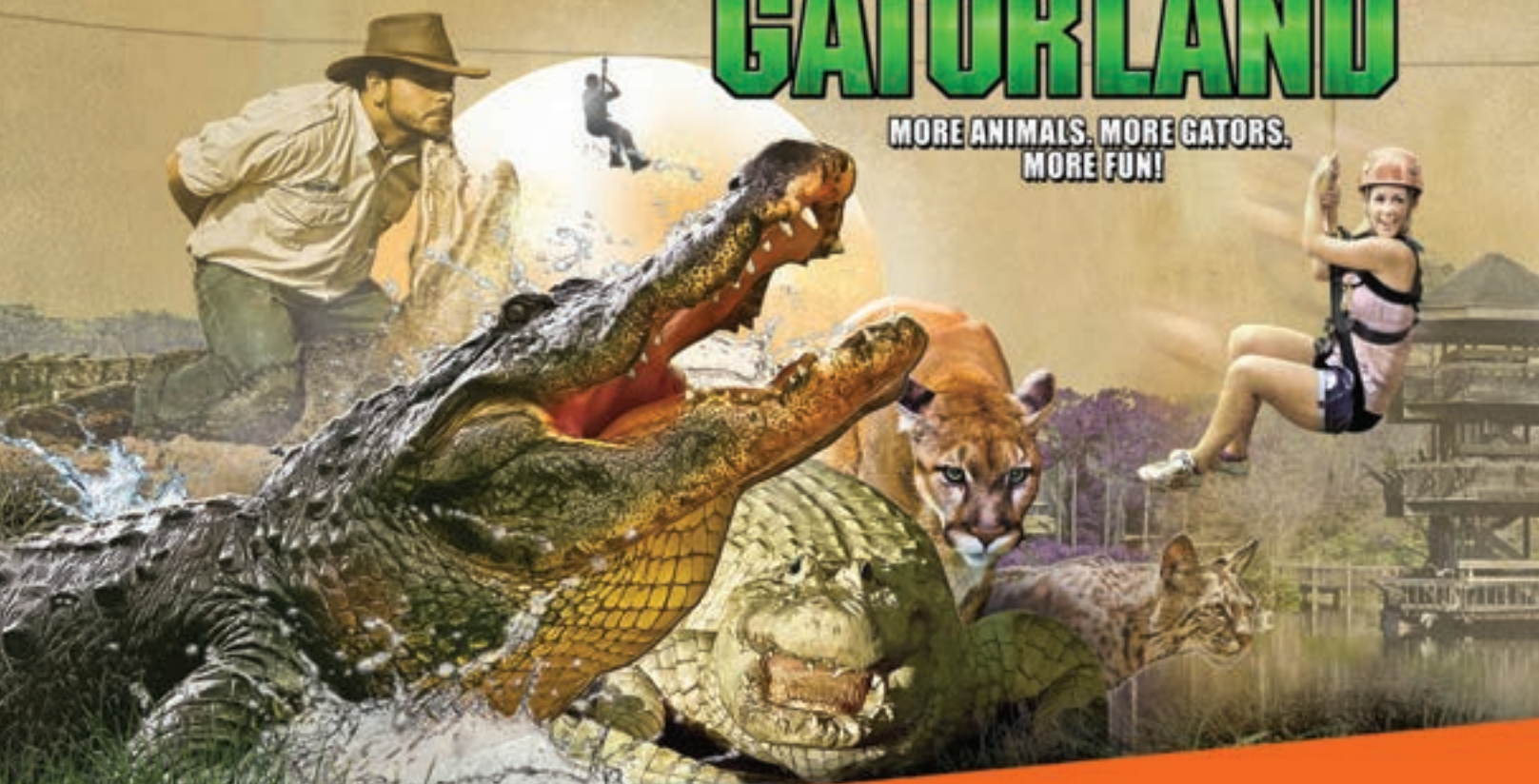
The Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology is the State of Florida's number one resource for Assistive Technology (AT). We provide AT services through one of our many Regional Demonstration Centers, Reuse Centers, or our statewide Headquarters.

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

Saturday, June 16 at 10:30 am

Quiet Pool at the Upper Pool Deck / Recreation Level

- SCUBA Demo provided by Gabrielle Gabrielli
- Paddleboarding

Sunday, June 17 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!



Everyone is invited to participate!



THE 11TH 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 11TH ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMIT (AYS)** ON **AUGUST 3 - 4 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 11th 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 11th Annual Youth Summit will be held at The Florida Hotel and Conference Center on Orlando **August 3-4, 2018**. 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 \$109 per night. Limited financial assistance is available. For more information about the event, or to register, contact The Florida Youth Council and The family café at **888-309-2233**, or visit www.FloridaYouthCouncil.com

Come to the Florida Youth Council booth in the Exhibit Hall and register for The 11th Annual Youth Summit.

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