

A LOOK

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Conference Breakout Sessions

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DREAMWORKS

Charlene Comstock-Galagan, Special Education Coordinator, Einstein Charter Network

DREAMWORKS is a tool for active reflection and imagining; the close friends/family joins the focus person to consider a series of questions about planning for desired outcomes in his or her life. This tool can be used again and again to create inspiration, hope and an action plan to help you or a loved one move toward a meaningful and desired future, regardless of age or involvement with disability. Don't wonder and worry about what the next year, ten years, or distant future will look like-start DREAMWORKS and make your dreams work!

EVERY DAY LIFE WITH ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT): ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (ADLs), MOBILITY & SPEECH

Kim Mitchell PT, Shuana Facinelli, SLP & Panelists

From no tech to high tech, learn how assistive technology can make all the difference to individuals as they work to participate and become more independent in day-to-day life. This session will include a demonstration of various AT devices and equipment.

GUARDIANSHIP: RUSH TO THE COURTHOUSE OR LAST RESORT?

Judge Brooke Allen, Tarrant County Probate Court 2

Have you been advised to seek guardianship of your child with a disability? Are you wondering if this is the right choice? Would you like to learn about alternatives to guardianship? Do you want help in breaking down and assessing all options? If so, join Judge Brooke Allen for a discussion that will include an overview of the laws applicable to guardianships in Texas, the evidence and standard of proof needed to obtain a guardianship and the many alternatives to guardianship. Judge Allen will also discuss the changes in the law and how she believes they have or will impact the community and the courts.

“INTELLIGENT LIVES” Film Screening & Discussion

Facilitated by Charlene Comstock-Galagan, Special Education Coordinator, Einstein Charter Network

From award-winning filmmaker Dan Habib comes INTELLIGENT LIVES, a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America.

INTELLIGENT LIVES stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities – Micah, Naieer, and Naomie – who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce. Academy Award-winning actor and narrator Chris Cooper contextualizes the lives of these central characters through the emotional personal story of his son Jesse, as the film unpacks the shameful and ongoing track record of intelligence testing in the U.S.

INTELLIGENT LIVES challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Lee Alviar, Regional Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration (SSA)

Do you have question about Social Security benefits? Want answers? Join Lee for an overview of Social Security programs such as SSI, SSDI, the Pickle Amendment, Ticket to Work & more!

TEXAS ABLE

Anna Mallet, Texas Comptroller’s Office-Texas ABLE Outreach Specialist

Texas ABLE accounts allow Texans with disabilities the ability to save up to \$15,000 per year for disability-related expenses without losing eligibility under SSI, SSDI, Medicaid and other means-tested public benefits. Do you have questions about the Texas ABLE Program? Join us! Anna will provide an overview and update on the implementation of Texas ABLE.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU CARE ABOUT OR SUPPORT A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY

Screening of the short film: CREDO FOR SUPPORT & Panel Discussion

Join us for the screening of CREDO FOR SUPPORT and a lively discussion with our panelists – individuals with disabilities – as they offer suggestions for people who care about or support someone with a disability.

Conference Fee: \$10. Lunch included.

Limited stipends are available for individuals with disabilities and family members.

Please send stipend requests to: info@arcgmc.org.

Texas Educator & Social Worker CEUs available.

Space is limited. Registration required.

Reserve your spot at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-look-ahead-conference-tickets-51229518870>.