

LIFE Conference Agenda – January 31, 2019

Time	Delaware Room	Ballroom B	Ballroom C	Silver Lake Room
8:00 - 8:30	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Visit Exhibitors and Sponsors			
8:30 - 9:00		Welcome Remarks John McNeal, Director State Council For Persons with Disabilities Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long, MSN, PhD Secretary Kara Odom Walker, MD, MPH, MSHS DE Department of Health and Social Services		
9:00 - 10:00		Keynote Address: The State of the Disability Union Rebecca Cokley, Director, Disability Justice Initiative, Center for American Progress		
10:00 – 10:15	Break – Visit Exhibitors			
10:15 - 11:25 Concurrent Session 1	Education: Coordinated School-Based Health Services for Students with Disabilities Speakers: Amy Burnett, MSN, FNP-C Gloria James, PhD Tracy Lazar, LPCMH, CCDP	Legislation: Legislative Town Hall Speakers: Senator Ernesto Lopez Rep. Valerie Longhurst Rep. Paul Baumbach	Independence: Beyond Segregation— Employment Works Speaker: Cheryl Bates-Harris	Family: “Now What?” Resources for Parents of Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Speakers: Michelle Blankenship, MS, CCC-SLP Sarah Milner Fiona KL Vivar, MS Ed Panel Moderator: Susan Campbell
11:25 - 11:45	Break – Visit Exhibitors			
11:45 – 1:00		State Council for Persons with Disabilities Annual Awards Presentation and Luncheon		
1:00 – 1:15	Break – Visit Exhibitors			
1:15 - 2:25 Concurrent Session 2	Independence: Assistive Technology Tools for Struggling Writers Speaker: Barbara Brooks, MA, CCC-SLP	Legislation: Now What’s Going on Legislatively in DC, and How Will it Impact Me? Speakers: Kayla McKeon Ari Ne’eman Elizabeth Weintraub	Education: Encouraging Parents and Students to Take Ownership of Their IEP Speakers: Gregory Gouge Zachary Simpler Melissa Stansell	Family: Supporting Healthy Sexuality and Relationships Across the Lifespan Speakers: Catherine Dukes, PhD, MSW Cory Nourie, MSS, MLSP Isabella Weber, MPH
2:25 - 2:35	Break – Visit Exhibitors			
2:35 - 3:45 Concurrent Session 3	Independence: Cortical Visual Impairment: An Introduction to Characteristics and Phases Speaker: Chris Russell, MS Ed, TVI	Family: Now What? Aging in Place in the Community— Community Resources You Can Use Speakers: Dava Newnam Marie Nonnenmacher Elizabeth Romero, MS	Legislation: Empowering Parents to Become Effective Advocates for Their Children Speakers: Amy Kosmalski Kayla Kosmalski Rick Kosmalski	Education: A Look at the Delaware Data on Youth Risk Behaviors and Protective Factors Speaker: Sharon Merriman-Nai, MC
3:45	Adjourn: Turn in Evaluations and Prize Giveaway			
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