



**2024 EVERYDAY LIVES CONFERENCE  
PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA**

*Tuesday, January 9 – Thursday, January 11, 2024*

*Hershey Lodge*

*325 University Dr, Hershey, PA 17033*

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024		
4 – 8 PM	On-Site Check In/Registration Open	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024		
7 AM – 5:30 PM	On-Site Check In/Registration Open	
8 AM – 5:00 PM	Quiet Room Available	
7:30 – 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast Available	
9 – 10:30 AM	<p><b>General Session – Keynote Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Welcome and Opening Comments</b></p> <p><b>Resilient Leadership: Mending Connections and Trust in the Post-Pandemic Landscape AND Leading Organizations Where People Want to Work</b></p> <p>Throughout the pandemic and into the post-pandemic era, organizational, systems, and advocacy leaders have shown incredible resilience while remaining committed to promoting the rights and human dignity of people with disabilities. As we think about how we lead going forward in an unknown and highly stressed-out world, we can learn from leaders who have focused on healing, recognition, and building trust and hope.</p>	<p><b>Caitlin Bailey, PhD., Co-Director</b>  <b>Kristen Loomis, MBA, Co-Director</b>  <b>National Leadership Consortium</b></p>

	<p>During this session, the National Leadership Consortium will share lessons from leaders in our field and beyond and other actionable strategies and practices that leaders at all levels can use to build sustainability, engagement, and connection within their teams.</p>	
10:30 - 11 AM	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11 AM – Noon Breakout 1A	<p><b>Resilient Leadership: Mending Connections and Trust in the Post-Pandemic Landscape AND Leading Organizations Where People Want to Work</b></p> <p>Our field is busier and more stressed out than ever before. Through our work around the country, the National Leadership Consortium has consistently heard about challenges related to staff shortages, employee engagement, and organizational culture. These challenges were only made greater by the pandemic. During this interactive session, attendees will engage in discussions, exercises, and activities to consider strategies to build, transform, and sustain organizations where people want to work. We know that organizations that cultivate engagement, motivation, and trust are agencies that have higher retention rates and better support and promote inclusion autonomy, and control for people with disabilities. Attendees will leave this session with actionable strategies, ideas and resources that they can use and apply in their organizations and systems.</p>	<p><b>Caitlin Bailey, PhD., Co-Director</b>  <b>Kristen Loomis, MBA, Co-Director</b>  <b>National Leadership Consortium</b></p>
11 AM – Noon Breakout 1B	<p><b>Grant Writing and Professional Development</b></p> <p>The purpose of this presentation is to provide attendees with information, knowledge and the skills to develop grant applications for their respective agencies. Specific objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attendees will be able to identify key and appropriate needs for their respective agencies which can meet grant funders’ priorities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Robert Arnhold, Ph.D., CEO</b>  <b>Growing Together Aquaponics Inc.</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attendees will be able to identify appropriate funding sources matching their funding needs.</li> <li>- Attendees will be able to develop specific components of successful grant applications.</li> <li>- Attendees will be able to develop an appropriate budget for their funding needs.</li> </ul>	
Noon – 1:45 PM	<b>Lunch and Visit Exhibit Hall</b>	
1:45 – 2 PM	<b>Move to Breakouts</b>	
2 – 3 PM Breakout 1C	<b>Repeat of Resilient Leadership Session</b>	
2 – 3 PM Breakout 1D	<b>Repeat of Grant Writing Session</b>	
3 – 3:30 PM	<b>Break</b>	
3:30 – 5:00 PM	<p><b><i>General Session – Keynote Presentation</i></b>  <b>Provider Program Development in a Post-Pandemic World</b></p> <p>This presentation will provide information regarding the development of effective programs focusing on physical activity and health and job training and employment for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. People with disabilities have higher rates of physical inactivity and lower self-concept scores than their peers without disabilities. Likewise, people with disabilities are employed at significantly lower rates than their peers without disabilities. Developing effective programs of physical activity and health promotion may improve self-concept and increase opportunities for employment. This presentation will address these topics.</p>	<p><b>Robert Arnhold, Ph.D., CEO</b>  <b>Growing Together Aquaponics Inc.</b></p>

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024**

7:30 AM – 5:30 PM	<b>On-Site Check In/Registration Open</b>	
7:30 – 8:00 AM	<b>Move Your Way Activity</b>	
8 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Quiet Room Available</b>	
7:30 – 9:00 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast Available</b>	
9 – 10:00 AM	<b>General Session - Keynote Presentation</b>  <b>Community Re-Engagement (Description coming soon)</b>	<b>Dr. Amy Hewitt</b>
10:00 – 10:30 AM	<b>Coffee Break/Visit Exhibit Hall &amp; Poster Session</b>	
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 2A	<b>Lessons Learned From the Practical Functional Assessment (Description coming soon)</b>	<b>Dr. Greg Hanley</b>
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 2B	<b>Move Your Way Poster Symposium</b>  Join Dr. Cherpes for highlights from the Move Your Way Poster Exhibition. Featuring 9 of the 25 posters, presenters will give a brief overview of their poster.	<b>Dr. Gregory Cherpes</b> <b>ODP Medical Director</b>
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 2C	<b>The Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, Engage (RAISE) Family Caregiver Act: What It Means for America's Caregivers-</b>  The RAISE Family Caregivers Act, which became law on Jan. 22, 2018, directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a national family caregiving strategy. The strategy will identify actions that communities, providers, government, and others are taking and may take to recognize and support family caregivers. On September 21, 2022, the 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers was delivered to Congress. The Strategy includes nearly 350 actions the federal government will take to support family caregivers in the coming year and more than 150 actions that can be adopted at other levels of government and across the private sector to begin to build a system that ensures family caregivers who provide the overwhelming majority of long-term care in the United	<b>Nancy C. Richey, Member of the Federal RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council</b>

	States have the resources they need to maintain their own health, wellbeing, and financial security while providing crucial support for others.	
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 2D	<p><b>AAC and Self Determination</b></p> <p>Many autistic people rely on direct support professionals for accessing care and living more independently, including some individuals who use AAC. This presentation discusses personal experiences as an AAC user receiving home and community based services - with an emphasis on the importance of access to communication for ensuring an individual’s safety and autonomy.</p>	<b>Courtney Johnson</b>
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 2E	<p><b>Exploring Your ‘Why?’</b></p> <p>This session will help attendees explore their whys through their personal landmarks. Our personal landmarks refer to the kinds of experiences and discoveries that represent significant moments in our core, identity, and integrity. Our landmarks are encouraged, tested, and established throughout our life. These landmarks are not only the things that relate to the positive moments of triumph over adversity. Times of pain, uncertainty, and failure are also important landmarks. Our landmarks are often more helpful than mountaintop moments for discovering our inner resources and can signify the need for movement and change in our lives.</p>	<b>Jeiri Flores, Advocate</b>
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 2F	<p><b>Bending Over Backward to Exceed the Everyday: Promoting Student-Led Experiences within Inclusive Post-Secondary Education</b></p> <p>Inclusive post-secondary education promotes authentic college experiences for students with intellectual disabilities. Chris King, a Millersville college student, will describe strategies and tools used at Millersville to promote self-determination</p>	<p><b>Chris King, Millersville University Student</b></p> <p><b>Dr. McKenna Killon, Director of Integrated Studies at Millersville University</b></p> <p><b>Gabriela Hagi, Grant Coordinator, Pennsylvania Inclusive Higher Education Consortium</b></p>

	<p>and student-led experiences. Chris will also provide an explanation of his PATH, a person-centered planning tool, and demonstrate how the PATH has directed his foundational experiences and goals. Two inclusive post-secondary education professionals will discuss the implementation of these strategies, including PATH. The presenters will describe best practices for promoting inclusive and student-led campus participation, as well as provide rationale for choosing valued options for students.</p>	
<p>10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 2G</p>	<p><b>Trauma Conscious Choices: Empowerment for Everyday</b></p> <p>This interactive session aims to provide participants with the opportunity to learn and share about the impact of chronic stress and trauma. Participants will reflect on their own stress responses and the stress responses of their loved ones. Additionally, participants will utilize the power of their own lived experiences and co-construct an “everyday understanding” of common Trauma Informed Principles.</p>	<p><b>Jessica Reinhardt, Ph.D., NCSP, LP, Coordinator, School Psychology Program, Temple University</b></p>
<p>10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 2H</p>	<p><b>Be Prepared: Emergency Preparedness for the Intellectual Disability &amp; Autism Community</b></p> <p>It’s widely believed that Emergency Preparedness is only important in geographic areas with high risk of natural disasters. We’re here to tell you that is not true. Emergencies can strike anywhere, even in your own neighborhood. People everywhere are often asked to evacuate or “shelter in place” for many unexpected reasons. A local house fire, street flood, water contamination, and local power outages are just a few reasons to be prepared. In this session, we will provide ALL participants with tips and skills you can put to use immediately. We will also demonstrate how to use the I-PREPARE</p>	<p><b>Francine Hogan, Director, PA Family Network at Vision for Equality</b></p> <p><b>Diana Morris Smaglik, Manager, PA Family Network at Vision for Equality</b></p>

	<p>Emergency Plan. This plan was designed by and for people with intellectual disabilities and autism. Session participants who receive or are waiting for waiver services, and live in their own home or with friends/family, will be eligible to receive a “Go Bag” filled with over 100 items to help you in an emergency.</p>	
<p>10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 2I</p>	<p><b>Transforming Co-Occurring Care: The START Pilot in Allegheny and Philadelphia Counties</b></p> <p>This presentation will illustrate how the START model is poised to revolutionize the landscape of co-occurring mental health and intellectual disability/autism in Pennsylvania. By examining the integration of START in two Pennsylvania counties, Allegheny and Philadelphia, it highlights the transformative potential of this approach. Allegheny County’s successful implementation, and Philadelphia’s planned adoption as part of Philadelphia BHID System of Care exemplify the profound impact START can have in enhancing the lives of individuals dealing with these co-occurring challenges. The presentation will delve into the innovative strategies and the promise of comprehensive care that these initiatives bring, ultimately empowering individuals to thrive in their everyday lives.</p>	<p><b>Laura DeRiggi, Senior Director, Clinical Consultant, CBH/DBHIDS</b></p> <p><b>Blerina Faruku, Asst. Director of Whole Person Support/Risk Mitigation/START Philadelphia</b></p> <p><b>Nikita Weaver, Behavioral Health Program Management Analyst, DBHIDS</b></p> <p><b>Kathy Davis, Allegheny County DHS Office of Developmental Supports, Promising Practices Manager</b></p> <p><b>Loleda Moman, Resources for Human Development, PA START Allegheny, Program Director</b></p>
<p>11:30 – 1:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Lunch/Visit Exhibit Hall &amp; Poster Session</b></p>	
<p>1:00 – 2:00 PM</p>	<p><b>General Session – Keynote Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Dani’s Life Story: Building Employment Opportunities for Herself and Others</b></p> <p>Dani will be talking about her transformative journey on how she explored the profound impact of peer teaching on youth with autism, all through the lens of animation. Dani will also discuss the powerful possibilities that lie at the intersection of animation and peer-led education and the</p>	<p><b>Dani Bowman, Founder &amp; CEO of DaniMation Entertainment; Cast Member of “Love on the Spectrum”</b></p>

	techniques on how to help the autism community turn their passion into a career.	
2:00 – 2:30 PM	<b>Visit Exhibit Hall &amp; Poster Session</b>	
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<p>3:30 – 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>	
<p>4:00 – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>General Session – Plenary Panel (Description coming soon)</b></p>	<p><b>Keith Jones, President and CEO of Soul Touchin’ Experiences LLC, facilitator</b></p> <p><b>Panel Members:</b></p> <p><b>Imani Barbarin, Crutches &amp; Spice Creator, Writer, and Disability Rights Activist</b></p> <p><b>Andy Arias, disability program manager, policy development professional, actor and producer</b></p> <p><b>Emmanuel Jenkins, We Stand 4 Something Founder &amp; Director</b></p> <p><b>Shawn Aleong, Student</b></p>
<p>5:00 – 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Networking Reception in Exhibit Hall</b></p>	
<p>6:00 – 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Dinner Break on Own</b></p>	
<p>7:30 – 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Move Your Way Activity</b></p>	

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8:00 – 9:00 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast Available</b>	
9 – 10:00 AM	<p><b><i>General Session – Keynote Presentation</i></b></p> <p><b>America's Direct Support Workforce: The Past, Present and Future (Description coming soon)</b></p>	<p><b>Amy Hewitt, PhD. FAAIDD. Director, Institute on Community Integration at The University of Minnesota</b></p> <p><b>Joseph M. Macbeth, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals</b></p>
10:00 – 10:30 AM	<b>Coffee Break/Visit Exhibit Hall &amp; Poster Session</b>	
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 3A	<p><b>DSP Certification through the NADSP E-Badge Academy</b></p> <p>The NADSP E-Badge Academy is a certification platform that allows DSPs (and their supervisors) to earn electronic badges by completing accredited training and describing how their work is consistent with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Core Competencies and the NADSP Code of Ethics. These badges can be stacked to meet the requirements for NADSP's DSP-I, DSP-II, DSP-III, and FLS certifications. This session will provide background on the design of the certification program, best practices and lessons learned in other parts of the country, and some preliminary data about user experiences.</p>	<b>Dan Hermreck, Director of Certification and Accreditation, NADSP</b>
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 3B-1	<p><b>Bringing Fathers Forward: Engaging, Supporting, and Connecting Dads of Children with IDD</b></p> <p>Oftentimes, the journey as a parent of a child with intellectual and developmental disabilities looks different for fathers, yet the difference isn't always recognized or understood. Hear one father's story of his journey in raising a child with IDD, and what he's learned that could be put into practice in supporting men. This session will also</p>	<b>Corey Ferguson, MHA, Statewide Manager, Division of Policy and Strategic Direction, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio, LifeCourse Nexus</b>

	highlight Bringing Fathers Forward, an initiative in Ohio focused on father engagement, connection, and support.	
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 3C	<p><b>The ARC of PA Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among People with Disabilities</b></p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for everyone, but for some groups, including and especially the disability community, the impact has been staggering. This is even more the case for those in the disability community who live in rural areas and those belonging to racial and ethnic minorities. The ARC of Pennsylvania is currently working on an initiative funded by the PA Department of Health that aims to identify healthcare barriers that people with disabilities face. Advised by key stakeholders across the state, including people with lived experience, family members and professionals in the field of healthcare and disability, The ARC of PA released a comprehensive report that provides an in-depth description of the proposed solutions. This presentation will cover the solutions that the State can implement that aim to achieve health equity for people with disabilities.</p>	<p><b>Sherri Landis, Executive Director</b> <b>The ARC of PA</b></p> <p><b>Emma Nolan, Manager of Government Relations &amp; Health Initiatives</b> <b>The ARC of PA</b></p>
10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 3D	<p><b>Throw Away the Box</b></p> <p>Boxes are used to contain what’s inside, whether it’s goods, or ideas, or the traditional way of doing things. As people with disabilities, family members and professionals, when it comes to supports and accommodations in education, employment, travel and even family life, we are asked to “think outside the box”. We’re being asked to think (and act) outside our comfort zone and outside of what we’ve become familiar with. But while we’re busy thinking outside the box, the box is still there, as a frame of reference. The box stays and in it are all the traditional ways of doing things, the things we are already familiar</p>	<p><b>Emmanuel Jenkins, We Stand 4 Something Founder &amp; Director</b></p>

	<p>with. Join Mr. Emmanuel Jenkins, Founder and CEO of the non-profit, We Stand 4 Something, Inc. as he explains why instead of just thinking outside the box, we need to Throw “the Box” Away.</p>	
<p>10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 3E</p>	<p><b>Change the Journey: Adding Adapted Movement Into Your Life</b></p> <p>Get ready to get moving YOUR WAY during this high energy presentation which will explore ways to implement best practices and strategies related to increasing safe and successful movement activities based on individuals’ needs. Information will be shared on how to facilitate adaptations to a skill, environment, or equipment to provide successful movement opportunities and increase activity throughout one’s life for both individuals with disabilities and service providers, based on personal experiences and trial and error. Leave the presentation with goals to develop a functional movement program that is person centered to increase recreational and movement opportunities within communities and increase the health and well-being of us all.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Beth Foster, Assoc. Professor in Adapted Physical Activity/Education Audrey Houghton, Individual with Disability</b></p>
<p>10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 3F</p>	<p><b>The Importance of Being Heard &amp; How IM4Q Supports an Everyday Life</b></p> <p>The panel will describe what IM4Q is, its process, and the importance of participation in a survey. They will describe how ODP, the technical advisors, the counties, and the local programs work together to improve the quality of life, not only the people and their families who are interviewed each year, but also for everyone receiving services across the state. They will share positive outcomes of IM4Q interviews. Questions are welcome and links to additional IM4Q information will be shared.</p>	<p><b>Lee Stephens, PA ODP IM4Q Statewide Lead</b></p> <p><b>Jennifer Farmerie, PA ODP IM4Q Western Region AAW Lead</b></p> <p><b>Guy Caruso, PhD, Temple University’s Institute on Disabilities IM4Q Technical Advisor</b></p> <p><b>Mary Kay Cunningham, MSW, Temple University’s Institute on Disabilities IM4Q</b></p> <p><b>Christine Greene, St. Francis University, IM4Q Local Program Director</b></p>
<p>10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 3G</p>	<p><b>Sexual Identity and Health</b></p> <p>Join us for an enlightening presentation on Disability Sexuality and Health Awareness, tailored for individuals with disabilities. Led</p>	<p><b>Andy Arias, disability program manager, policy development professional, actor and producer</b></p>

	<p>by seasoned disability program manager and advocate Andy Arias, this session delves into the crucial intersection of disability, sexuality, and overall health. With a focus on inclusivity, the presentation addresses the unique challenges disabled individuals face, fostering a supportive environment for open dialogue. Explore topics ranging from sexual health education to navigating relationships and debunking myths surrounding disability and intimacy. Andy's expertise extends beyond advocacy, as he shares practical insights and resources for fostering a positive and empowered approach to disability, sexuality, and overall well-being. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in a meaningful conversation, gain valuable knowledge, and promote a more inclusive understanding of sexuality and health within the disability community.</p>	
<p>10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 3H</p>	<p><b>Supporting Families Using Charting the LifeCourse</b></p> <p>Join us to learn about the principles and values of supporting families and how Charting the LifeCourse can help to bring those to life in real families. How can Charting the LifeCourse be used by families and teams to create a vision, and identify/access supports and services to get there? Hear some examples and join in the conversation about how you can use Charting the LifeCourse to plan and problem solve.</p>	<p><b>Candida Walton, PA ODP Supporting Families Director/Charting the LifeCourse Ambassador</b></p> <p><b>Francine Hogan, Director, PA Family Network, Vision for Equality</b></p>
<p>10:30 – 11:30 AM Breakout 3I</p>	<p><b>Peer Support Services Across Pennsylvania and How We Are Expanding and Strengthening Programs</b></p> <p>During this panel discussion, the speakers will provide information regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Pennsylvania Peer Support Coalition: their mission/vision, role, current and future work to help expand, strengthen and advocate for peer support service within Pennsylvania.</li> </ul>	<p><b>David Measel, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Peer Support Coalition</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Sprout, Certified Peer Specialist Supervisor, Recovery InSight, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Treasure Gallagher, Peer Services Program Representative, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recovery Insight (Jessica Sprout): a realistic look into the roles and duties of a Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) and CPS Supervisor; the importance and positive impact of the work; areas in which peer support services need to be expanded and strengthened.</li> <li>- Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services: information on current initiatives and work being completed at the State level to continue to advocate for, expand, and strengthen peer services.</li> </ul> <p>This discussion will cover the areas of, but not limited to: qualifications, training, and expansion of services by adding family peer support services and offering endorsement/skill enhancement training.</p>	
11:30 – 12:30 PM	<b>Visit Exhibit Hall &amp; Poster Session</b>	
12:30 – 2:15 PM	<b>Lunch/Visit Exhibit Hall &amp; Poster Session</b>	
2:15 – 2:30 PM	<b>Move to Breakouts</b>	
2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout 3A (repeat)	<p><b>DSP Certification through the NADSP E-Badge Academy</b></p> <p>The NADSP E-Badge Academy is a certification platform that allows DSPs (and their supervisors) to earn electronic badges by completing accredited training and describing how their work is consistent with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Core Competencies and the NADSP Code of Ethics. These badges can be stacked to meet the requirements for NADSP’s DSP-I, DSP-II, DSP-III, and FLS certifications. This session will provide background on the design of the certification program, best practices and lessons learned in other parts of the country, and some preliminary data about user experiences.</p>	<b>Dan Hermreck, Director of Certification and Accreditation, NADSP</b>
2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout 3B-2 (repeat)	<p><b>Lifesharing with Medically Complex Children—Keeping Families Together</b></p> <p>In a compelling three-part presentation, Jennifer Harniman-Crangle, Jolanda Stringfield, and Monique and Deacon</p>	<p><b>Jennifer Harniman-Crangle, LSW, Family Facilitator, PCHC</b></p> <p><b>Monique and Deacon Lawrence, Lifesharing Family</b></p>



	<p>Lawrence will unveil the inspiring journey toward realizing Lifesharing with medically complicated children in Pennsylvania. United by a shared vision for Deacon, their work centered on providing a safe and nurturing environment for him within the embrace of his family in the community. Monique and Deacon will share how their lives have changed and how Deacon is living his best life.</p>	<p><b>Jolanda Stringfield, Administrator of Community Based Programs, Divine Providence Village</b></p>
<p>2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout 3C</p>	<p><b>The ARC of PA Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among People with Disabilities</b></p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for everyone, but for some groups, including and especially the disability community, the impact has been staggering. This is even more the case for those in the disability community who live in rural areas and those belonging to racial and ethnic minorities. The ARC of Pennsylvania is currently working on an initiative funded by the PA Department of Health that aims to identify healthcare barriers that people with disabilities face. Advised by key stakeholders across the state, including people with lived experience, family members and professionals in the field of healthcare and disability, The ARC of PA released a comprehensive report that provides an in-depth description of the proposed solutions. This presentation will cover the solutions that the State can implement that aim to achieve health equity for people with disabilities.</p>	<p><b>Sherri Landis, Executive Director The ARC of PA</b></p> <p><b>Emma Nolan, Manager of Government Relations &amp; Health Initiatives The ARC of PA</b></p>
<p>2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout 3D (repeat)</p>	<p><b>Throw Away the Box</b></p> <p>Boxes are used to contain what’s inside, whether it’s goods, or ideas, or the traditional way of doing things. As people with disabilities, family members and professionals, when it comes to supports and accommodations in education, employment, travel and even family life, we</p>	<p><b>Emmanuel Jenkins, We Stand 4 Something Founder &amp; Director</b></p>

	<p>are asked to “think outside the box”. We’re being asked to think (and act) outside our comfort zone and outside of what we’ve become familiar with. But while we’re busy thinking outside the box, the box is still there, as a frame of reference. The box stays and in it are all the traditional ways of doing things, the things we are already familiar with. Join Mr. Emmanuel Jenkins, Founder and CEO of the non-profit, We Stand 4 Something, Inc. as he explains why instead of just thinking outside the box, we need to Throw “the Box” Away.</p>	
<p>2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout 3E (repeat)</p>	<p><b>Change the Journey: Adding Adapted Movement Into Your Life</b></p> <p>Get ready to get moving YOUR WAY during this high energy presentation which will explore ways to implement best practices and strategies related to increasing safe and successful movement activities based on individuals’ needs. Information will be shared on how to facilitate adaptations to a skill, environment, or equipment to provide successful movement opportunities and increase activity throughout one’s life for both individuals with disabilities and service providers, based on personal experiences and trial and error. Leave the presentation with goals to develop a functional movement program that is person centered to increase recreational and movement opportunities within communities and increase the health and well-being of us all.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Beth Foster, Assoc. Professor in Adapted Physical Activity/Education</b> <b>Audrey Houghton, Individual with Disability</b></p>
<p>2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout 3F (repeat)</p>	<p><b>The Importance of Being Heard &amp; How IM4Q Supports an Everyday Life</b></p> <p>The panel will describe what IM4Q is, its process, and the importance of participation in a survey. They will describe how ODP, the technical advisors, the counties, and the local programs work together to improve the quality of life, not only the people and their families who are interviewed each year, but also for everyone receiving services across the state. They will share positive outcomes</p>	<p><b>Lee Stephens, PA ODP IM4Q Statewide Lead</b></p> <p><b>Jennifer Farmerie, PA ODP IM4Q Western Region AAW Lead</b></p> <p><b>Guy Caruso, PhD, Temple University’s Institute on Disabilities IM4Q Technical Advisor</b></p> <p><b>Mary Kay Cunningham, MSW, Temple University’s Institute on Disabilities IM4Q</b></p>

	of IM4Q interviews. Questions are welcome and links to additional IM4Q information will be shared.	<b>Christine Greene, St. Francis University, IM4Q Local Program Director</b>
2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout 3G (repeat)	<p><b>Sexual Identity and Health</b></p> <p>Join us for an enlightening presentation on Disability Sexuality and Health Awareness, tailored for individuals with disabilities. Led by seasoned disability program manager and advocate Andy Arias, this session delves into the crucial intersection of disability, sexuality, and overall health. With a focus on inclusivity, the presentation addresses the unique challenges disabled individuals face, fostering a supportive environment for open dialogue. Explore topics ranging from sexual health education to navigating relationships and debunking myths surrounding disability and intimacy. Andy's expertise extends beyond advocacy, as he shares practical insights and resources for fostering a positive and empowered approach to disability, sexuality, and overall well-being. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in a meaningful conversation, gain valuable knowledge, and promote a more inclusive understanding of sexuality and health within the disability community.</p>	<b>Andy Arias, disability program manager, policy development professional, actor and producer</b>
2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout 3H (repeat)	<p><b>Supporting Families Using Charting the LifeCourse</b></p> <p>Join us to learn about the principles and values of supporting families and how Charting the LifeCourse can help to bring those to life in real families. How can Charting the LifeCourse be used by families and teams to create a vision, and identify/access supports and services to get there? Hear some examples and join in the conversation about how you can use Charting the LifeCourse to plan and problem solve.</p>	<p><b>Candida Walton, PA ODP Supporting Families Director/Charting the LifeCourse Ambassador</b></p> <p><b>Francine Hogan, Director, PA Family Network, Vision for Equality</b></p>

<p>2:30 – 3:30 PM Breakout 3II</p>	<p><b>Peer Support Services Across Pennsylvania and How We Are Expanding and Strengthening Programs</b></p> <p>During this panel discussion, the speakers will provide information regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Pennsylvania Peer Support Coalition: their mission/vision, role, current and future work to help expand, strengthen and advocate for peer support service within Pennsylvania.</li> <li>- Recovery Insight (Jessica Sprout): a realistic look into the roles and duties of a Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) and CPS Supervisor; the importance and positive impact of the work; areas in which peer support services need to be expanded and strengthened.</li> <li>- Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services: information on current initiatives and work being completed at the State level to continue to advocate for, expand, and strengthen peer services.</li> </ul> <p>This discussion will cover the areas of, but not limited to: qualifications, training, and expansion of services by adding family peer support services and offering endorsement/skill enhancement training.</p>	<p><b>David Measel, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Peer Support Coalition</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Sprout, Certified Peer Specialist Supervisor, Recovery InSight, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Treasure Gallagher, Peer Services Program Representative, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</b></p>
<p>3:30 – 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>	
<p>4:00 – 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>General Session – Keynote Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Centering the Human in Human Services</b></p> <p>Human-centered organizations must be able to understand and impact the systems of oppression and marginalization that influence the lives of the people they support and the people they employ. Organizations and professionals must also be able to leverage power to empower those individuals meaningfully and effectively. The work of becoming a human-centered organization starts with intentionally influencing the culture of the organization in strategic ways. Dr. Evans will discuss</p>	<p><b>Dr. Syard Evans, CEO Arkansas Support Network</b></p>

	strategies and opportunities for support systems to empower the people they serve and employ and move us all closer to a more just world.	
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