

Schedule at a Glance



September 6 • Friday (Day One)

Time	Activity	Location	Presenter
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Registration for Pre-Conference Opens	Gold Coat Check	
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference: Advocating for Effective Public Policy Reform: It's Time for Direct Support Professionals to Take the Lead	Gold Ballroom	Amy Hewitt, Liz Weintraub, Robert Espinoza
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference: Building Leadership Skills in Direct Support Professionals	Whitehall Room	Caitlin Bailey, Kristen Loomis, Drew Smith, Lynne Seagle
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Full Conference Registration Opens	Gold Coat Check	
1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Grand Ballroom	Jeff Davis, Joseph Macbeth, Caitlin Bailey,
1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.	Plenary Session - The Happiness Code: The 5 Active Reflections of Really, Really Happy Professionals!	Grand Ballroom	Dr. Stephen Birchak
2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors	Grand Assembly & Gold Assembly	
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Breakout Series One		
	Session 1: "Friends or Friendly": A Deep Dive into a Difficult Topic	Gold Ballroom	Rachel Jacob
	Session 2: Always Fresh. Always Relevant: How to Contribute in Frontline Initiative	Bush Room	Chet Tchetter, Julie Kramme
	Session 3: The Direct Support Professional Role in Helping People at the End of Life	Whitehall	Dr. Rick Rader
	Session 4: Morale: Lifting Up, Looking Up, and Moving Forward	Exhibit Hall	Linda Borsato, Kerry Ann Pryce, Bruna Bertoni, Christine Ayala, Silvana Rosa, Andrea Seivwright, Shanti Khelawan, Dave Hingsburger
3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors	Grand Assembly & Gold Assembly	
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	Plenary Session: Documentary Premiere with Q&A	Grand Ballroom	Jerry Smith
4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	John F. Kennedy Jr. Award for Direct Support Workforce Advocacy & Leadership Presentation and Cocktail Reception	Grand Ballroom/Balcony	Joseph Macbeth, Regis Obijiski, Jeanne Farr
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own		

Schedule at a Glance

September 7 • Saturday (Day Two)

Time	Activity	Location	Presenter
7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Registration/Re-Opens Breakfast	Gold Coat Check/Grand Ballroom	
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Always Fresh, Always Relevant Frontline Initiative Breakfast (networking event)	Exhibit Hall	Julie Kramme, Chet Tschetter
9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Grand Ballroom	Joseph Macbeth, John Raffaele
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	Plenary Session: Beyond Why and Beyond Wings	Grand Ballroom	Dave Hingsburger
10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors	Grand Assembly & Gold Assembly	
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Breakout Series Two		
	Session 1: One Provider's Credentialing Journey *Presented by DirectCourse*	Whitehall Room	Greg Miller
	Session 2: Overcoming Technology Fatigue: Thriving in the Fast Changing World of Direct Support Professionals	Exhibit Hall	John Dickerson, Dustin Wright
	Session 3: Direct Support Professionals & Disaster Preparedness and Response	Bush Room	Kristen Thompson, Bob Irvine
	Session 4: Removing Toxicity from the Workplace	Gold Ballroom	Tony Thomas
11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors	Grand Assembly & Gold Assembly	
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Plenary Session: Lessons Learned in Rural Psychiatry Telepsychiatry	Grand Ballroom	Dr. Jana Dreyzehner
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Grand Ballroom	
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Breakout Series Three		
	Session 1: Shifting Your Perspectives from Direct Support Professional to Frontline Supervisor	Bush Room	Monica Robinson
	Session 2: The Alphabet Community: Who We Are and What We Need From You	Whitehall Room	Virginia Jahyu, Ayodele Moffet, Luke Lynn, Kerry's Place
	Session 3: Emerging from the Shadows: Telling Stories of Inclusion, Support and Empowerment	Exhibit Hall	Sean Luechtefeld
	Session 4: Alternatives to Addressing the Workforce Crisis through Secondary Education and Industry Credentialing	Gold Ballroom	Bethany Toledo, Becky Sharp, Kelsey Goodman, Amy Schakat
2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors	Grand Assembly & Gold Assembly	
2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Networking and Guided Group Discussions	Grand Ballroom	Omayra Andino
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Plenary Session: Metamorphosis: From Adversity to Leadership	Grand Ballroom	Joseph Macbeth
4:30 p.m.	Conference Closing	Grand Ballroom	