

# Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

## 2019 CONFERENCE NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

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8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Welcoming Address</b> <i>April Dunn</i> LA Developmental Disabilities Council Chairperson  <i>Shawn Fleming</i> LA Developmental Disabilities Council Deputy Director
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>Keynote Address: Creating a Meaningful Life</b> <i>Katherine Carol</i> Parent Advocate, Author, Speaker, and Former CO Developmental Disabilities Council Chairperson

### 10 MINUTE BREAK

9:55 AM – 11:15 AM	<b>Childhood Session 1</b>	<b>Individualized Education Programs with a Focus on Complaint and Due Processes</b> <i>Charles Michel, Ed.D.</i> Bayouland Families Helping Families Executive Director
	<b>Adulthood Session 1</b>	<b>Transition from High School to Post-Secondary Education</b> <i>Gerlinde Beckers, Ph.D.</i> Southeastern Louisiana University Lions Connected Director  <i>Caroline Jurisich, Ed.D.</i> University of Louisiana at Lafayette UL-LIFE Program Director  <i>Mary Breaud, M.Ed., Ed.D.</i> Nicholls State University Bridge to Independence Program Advisor  <i>Girard Melancon, Ph.D.</i> Baton Rouge Community College Workforce Solutions Vice Chancellor  <i>Cindy Heying, M.Ed.</i> Bossier Parish Community College Program for Successful Employment Director
	<b>Supports Session 1</b>	<b>State-Funded Supports, Home and Community-Based Waivers, and Medicaid Services and Renewal</b> <i>Julie Foster Hagan, M.Ed., M.B.A.</i> Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Assistant Secretary  <i>Tanya Murphy</i> Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Regional Services Director  <i>Jen Katzman, J.D.</i> Louisiana Department of Health Medicaid Deputy Director of Policy, Waiver, and Public Affairs

### 10 MINUTE BREAK

11:25 AM – 12:55 PM	Lunch and Learn	<p><b>Advocacy from a Personal Perspective to Move the System Forward, Facilitated by Keynote Speaker Katherine Carol</b>  <i>Lillian Dejean</i>  Self-Advocate and LA Developmental Disabilities Council Member</p> <p><i>Karen Artus</i>  Parent Advocate and Region 9 LaCAN Leader</p> <p><i>Maria Caserta</i>  Self-Advocate and Co-Leader of People First of Louisiana Northshore Chapter</p> <p><i>Bambi Polotzola</i>  Parent Advocate and Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs Executive Director</p> <p><i>RaShad Bristo</i>  Parent Advocate and Self-Advocate</p>
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1:05 PM – 2:20 PM	Childhood Session 2	<p><b>Social Engagement for Your Child</b>  <i>Keynote Speaker Katherine Carol</i></p>
	Adulthood Session 2	<p><b>Louisiana’s Employment Service System and Transition to Employment</b>  <i>Rosemary Morales</i>  Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Program Manager for Supports Waiver</p> <p><i>Angela Montgomery</i>  Louisiana Rehabilitation Services Program Coordinator for Supported Employment</p> <p><i>Sigmund Morel</i>  Louisiana Rehabilitation Services Program Coordinator for Pre-Employment Transition Services</p>
	Supports Session 2	<p><b>Supporting Individuals with Complex Behavioral and Medical Needs</b>  <i>Brandi Kelly, Ph.D.</i>  Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Clinical Director</p> <p><i>Amy Greer, Ph.D.</i>  Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Associate Clinical Director</p> <p><i>Angela Shockley, R.N.</i>  Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Resource Center RN Manager</p>

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2:30 PM – 3:40 PM	Childhood Session 3	<p><b>Early Childhood: EarlySteps and Transition from Hospital to Home</b>  <i>Brenda Sharp</i>  Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities EarlySteps Program Manager</p>
	Adulthood Session 3	<p><b>Louisiana’s Housing Systems</b>  <i>Robin Wagner</i>  Office of Adult and Aging Services Deputy Assistant Secretary</p> <p><i>Bradley Sweazy</i>  Louisiana Housing Corporation Chief Operating Officer</p>
	Supports Session 3	<p><b>Financial Planning: ABLE Accounts and Medicaid Planning, including Trusts, Wills, and Powers of Attorney</b>  <i>Steven Jankower, J.D.</i>  Jankower Law Firm, Attorney and Counselor at Law</p>