

Michigan Transition Conference for Blind/Visually Impaired, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind

Friday, February 26, 2021 Agenda

TIME	ACTIVITY/PRESENTATION
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome and Overview
8:45 - 9:45	Keynote Presentation Stephanie Cawthon, Director, National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes
9:45 - 10:00	Break
10:00 - 11:30	Breakout Sessions Blind/Visually Impaired (BVI): American Printing House for the Blind (APH) CareerConnect Dr. Olaya Landa-Vialard, Director, APH CareerConnect Richard Rueda, Program Lead, APH CareerConnect Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH): College Transitions and Resources Lore Kinast, Technical Assistance Specialist, National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes Jamie Maes-Eischen, Transition Coordinator, Michigan School for the Deaf DeafBlind (DB): Post-School Outcomes of Youths With DeafBlindness in the United States Dr. Jerry Petroff, Executive Director, Center for Sensory and Complex Disabilities and Faculty Director, The College of New Jersey's Career and Community Studies Program
11:30 - 11:45	Break
11:45 - 12:30	General Session: Exhibitor Highlights
12:30 - 1:00	Lunch



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1:00 - 2:00	<p>General Session: Writing Transition Plans</p> <p>Joetta Cherry, Transition Coordinator, St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Micah Bormann, Teacher Consultant for Students Who Are Visually Impaired, Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency</p>
2:00 - 2:15	Break
2:15 - 3:00	<p>Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Career Development Opportunities: Overview of Programs You May Not Have Heard Of Kasey Burlew, Admissions Coordinator and Rehabilitation Counselor, Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) Sen Toda, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, MCTI Jo Ann Hurst, Instructor, Project SEARCH Kelly Tucker, Skills Trainer, Project SEARCH Amanda Brancalone and Diane Wernette, Employment Specialists, New Horizons</p> <p>DB Central Overview Beth Kennedy, Director, DB Central Kristen Knight, Family Engagement Coordinator, DB Central</p>
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 3:45	<p>General Session: Transition Services Panel for BVI, DHH, and DB</p> <p>Jennifer Hirst, Rehabilitation Counselor, Michigan Rehabilitation Services William A. Robinson, III, Director, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons Janet Timbs, Special Education Consultant, Michigan Interagency Transition Team</p>
3:45 - 4:00	Wrap Up and Additional Questions



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