



# Bridging the New Year Summit Working Agenda

Six Afternoons of Programming \*\*\* Two Virtual Receptions \*\*\* Champions Awards

December 15-17, 2020 AND January 12-14, 2021

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## Tuesday, December 15, 2020 All Times Are Eastern

1:00pm – 1:15pm	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><i>Terry Farmer</i> – CEO, ACCSES <i>Lincoln Burr</i> – President, ASPIRO Chair, ACCSES Board of Directors</p>
1:15pm – 2:00pm	<p><b>Eye On OSERS</b></p> <p><i>Mark Schultz</i> – Acting Assistant Secretary of the Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services and Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration.</p> <p>Join Assistant Secretary Shultz in a conversation about WIOA, Pre-ETS, COVID, and Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Q&amp;A encouraged!</p>
2:00pm – 2:15pm	<p><b>Break</b></p>
2:15pm – 3:45pm	<p><b>View from the Hill</b></p> <p><i>Kate McSweeney</i> – VP of Government Affairs &amp; General Counsel, ACCSES</p> <p>Review the successes of 2020, and the work yet to be done. This session will focus on where we are and where we plan to go in 2021 with a new Administration, a new Congress, government agencies, committees, and with our members. Q&amp;A encouraged!</p>
3:45pm – 4:00pm	<p><b>Break</b></p>
4:00pm – 5:30pm	<p><b>CMS, COVID, EVV, Appendix K, and What We Might Expect in 2021</b></p> <p><i>Ralph Lollar</i> – Director of the Division of Long Term Services and Supports Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services</p> <p>Join in a discussion of the incredible efforts CMS has made during COVID to support Medicaid providers and a look at what we might expect going forward. Q&amp;A encouraged!</p>

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**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**  
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<p><b>1:00pm – 2:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>ODEP Update</b></p> <p><i><b>Jennifer Sheehy</b></i> – Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy</p> <p>As this year of two significant anniversaries – the thirtieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the 75th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month – draws to a close, join DAS Sheehy in a look at what this year has meant and what ODEP has planned for 2021.</p>
<p><b>2:00pm – 3:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Meet the NEON TEAM</b></p> <p><i><b>Richard Davis</b></i> – Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy, and point person for the National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network (NEON)</p> <p><i><b>David Mank, Ph.D.</b></i> – Professor Emeritus Indiana University, Subject Matter Expert for EconSys on CIE, Facilitator, NEON meetings</p> <p><i><b>Rachel Pollock, J.D.</b></i> – Senior Program Advisor, Job Path, Inc., and Subject Matter Expert for NEON</p> <p><i><b>Michelle Lotrecchiano</b></i> – Senior Director Program Services, MVLE, moderator</p> <p>In late 2019, ODEP invited five National Provider Organizations, each of which could involve five local provider organizations, in a program to provide in depth technical assistance on competitive integrated employment. Learn more about this valuable program and what the plans are for 2021!</p>
<p><b>3:00pm – 3:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>3:15pm – 4:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>Coping with COVID</b></p> <p><i><b>Karyn Harvey, Ph.D.</b></i></p> <p>The pandemic has been a time of extraordinary stress on all. It has been particularly stressful for those with disabilities as well as those supporting people with disabilities. The trauma has had its impact. Dr. Harvey will discuss this impact as well as the critical ingredients necessary for moving forward.</p>
<p><b>4:15pm – 4:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>4:30pm – 5:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Evolutionary Change in Employment Supports: Vocational Engagement Model</b></p> <p><i><b>Nicholas Villani</b></i> – President and CEO, Career and Employment Options</p> <p>The Vocational Engagement Model (VEM) presents the intersection of different disciplines to rethink job placement services and Pre-ETS services as they are provided to people with disabilities today. The model connects aspects of the medical, educational and rehabilitation disciplines in a process to improve the career discovery skills of the people who seek assistance to find and keep employment. VEM transcends the traditional format for Job Placement services and establishes a</p>

defined approach. VEM allows the provider to manage the job placement service and exemplify cost optimization and job seeker engagement, fundamentally restructuring job placement services to achieve these goals:

- Fully engage the job seeker and their family and or circle of support in the entire job search process.
- Establish a "career quest" agreement on how services will be provided and establish the level of commitment and required activities for both the job seeker and Career Consultant.
- Learn how to use a series of assessments instruments that will assist the Career Consultant to best counsel the job seeker with use of meta cognitive skills while maximizing staff time.
- Manage the Job Placement Service both structurally and fiscally for cost optimization.
- Learn how to establish the Vocational Engagement Team to create peer support systems and maximize staff skill and supports, not unlike "rounds" in the medical model.

The Vocational Engagement Model is the evolutionary change in the provision of job placement services – offering staff the "guardrails" for them to work within while retaining their own creativity. The result is total personal engagement and management of the job placement process with true cost optimization.

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**Thursday, December 17, 2020**  
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<b>1:00 – 3:00PM</b>	<b>Understanding Health &amp; I/DD</b>  <i>Thomas J. Buckley, Ed.D.</i> – Director, Population Health, YAI New York  The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Article 25, guarantees persons with disabilities the same range, quality, and standard of free or affordable health care and programs as provided to other persons, including in the area of sexual and reproductive health and population-based public health programs. Unfortunately, people with intellectual and developmental disability, throughout the life course, continue to face widespread barriers in accessing health and related services, such as rehabilitation, and have worse health outcomes than people without disability. These long-standing barriers result with premature death due to avoidable health conditions, undiagnosed conditions, undetected pain, and suffering.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Learn how to support staff and family members to increase their knowledge of, and understanding of health and I/DD ensuring that knowledge is made practical and easy-to-use.</li><li>➤ Learn how to train healthcare providers to provide syndrome specific and person-centered health care.</li><li>➤ Learn how to create an outcome-based health system within the I/DD organization and write meaningful health outcomes in the person-served plan of care.</li><li>➤ Learn about the CARF International standards of care to create a “Health Home” for people with I/DD.</li><li>➤ Learn about common health conditions associated with specific syndromes (Down syndrome and Alzheimer’s disease).</li></ul>
<b>3:00pm – 3:15pm</b>	<b>Break</b>

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<p><b>3:15pm – 4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Now ANY I/DD Provider can be a Remote Support Provider</b></p> <p><i><b>Dustin Wright</b></i> – Founder, Disability Cocoon</p> <p>NextGenAT’s Remote Support platform is designed to give I/DD service providers cutting-edge do-it-yourself remote support capabilities that would otherwise be out of reach. Come see a sneak preview of how NextGenAT’s all-inclusive RS platform includes all the hardware, software, cloud infrastructure, training, and support needed for the local I/DD service provider to quickly, easily, and safely begin providing RS to the people they serve.</p> <p>This paradigm shifting, platform as a service approach, eliminates financial, technical, and knowledge barriers that prevent I/DD provider agencies from offering this 21st century option of support to their clients in a 2021+ COVID-19 environment, and beyond. Now, any/all provider(s) can provide remote supports without having to subcontract it out to another agency. Everything is about to change!</p>
<p><b>4:00pm – 4:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>4:15pm – 5:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>Disability Policy: The Low-Down from Down Under</b></p> <p><i><b>Phil Hayes-Brown</b></i> – CEO, Wallara, Melbourne, Australia</p> <p>Our friend Phil Hayes-Brown will share the perspective of a Melbourne-based disability service provider in getting through the pandemic and what the major disability policy issues in Australia are expected to be in 2021 (hint: we share a lot of common ground).</p>
<p><b>5:15pm – 5:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>5:30pm – 7:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>2020 Champions Celebration and Holiday Party</b></p> <p>Join us in a virtual toast to the key leaders who have made a real difference in expanding ACCSES’s advocacy opportunities in 2020, and have some fun catching up with old and new friends as we wish you happy holidays!</p>

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## Bridging the New Year Summit Part II

Tuesday, January 12, 2020

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<b>1:00pm – 2:45pm</b>	<b>Dentistry and Disability: Making it Work for the Community</b>  <i>Denise Jones</i> – President & CEO, The Resource Center  <i>Terri Constantino Johnson</i> – Director of Employment and Community-Based Services  <i>Heather Brown</i> – Assistant Executive Director of Program Operations  <i>Lisa Smrekar</i> – Dental Practice Manager  <i>Steve Riczker</i> – Health Services Practice Manager  Join us for a tour and discussion of creating a disability-centered dental clinic and wellness center that is open to all in the community. Live from Jamestown, New York!
<b>2:45pm – 3:00pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00pm – 4:00pm</b>	<b>Impact of Coronavirus: Insights from the Two-Part APSE Survey on Employment</b>  <i>Julie Christensen, Ph.D.</i> – APSE Interim Executive Director  Julie Christensen, Ph.D. will share findings on the impact of the Coronavirus on disability service providers based on the APSE spring and fall surveys.
<b>4:00pm – 4:15pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>4:15pm – 5:30pm</b>	<b>Wage &amp; Hour Update *** INVITED, NOT YET CONFIRMED ***</b>  <i>Helen Applewhaite</i> – Senior Policy Advisor, Department of Labor, Wage & Hour Division  Hear the latest on Wage & Hour division actions with respect to 14(c), Families First Coronavirus Response Act, rules, WIOA, etc.

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**Wednesday, January 13, 2020**  
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<b>1:00pm – 2:45pm</b>	<p><b>Fundraising in the Time of COVID and Beyond</b></p> <p><b>Bradley A. Hayes</b> – Senior Consultant, Plus Delta Partners</p> <p><b>James J. Laychak</b> – Executive Director, The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial</p> <p>Join Brad Hayes for an informative presentation on fundraising techniques and strategies. Mr. Hayes will be joined by Jim Laychak who will share how these techniques have worked for him and his colleagues. Jim has been involved in the 9/11 Memorial from the beginning and will share some of the 9/11 Memorial story as well as plans for the 9/11 Memorial Visitor Education and Conference Center.</p>
<b>2:45pm-3:00pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<p><b>AbilityOne: Looking Forward</b></p> <p><b>Jeffrey Koses</b> – Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, Interim Chair of the AbilityOne Commission</p> <p>AbilityOne Interim Chair Jeffrey Koses will bring us up to date on what the AbilityOne Commission is working on and its plans for the coming year.</p>
<b>4:00pm – 4:15pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>4:15pm – 5:30pm</b>	<p><b>Apprenticeship = Partnerships with Businesses</b></p> <p><b>Martha Ponge</b> – Director of Apprenticeship, The Manufacturers Association of Central New York</p> <p><b>Pat Dowse</b> – Consultant, DOWSEFACTOR</p> <p>You are invited to join this session to learn how apprenticeship is a tool that can build growing partnerships between businesses that need workers, disability service providers supporting individuals looking for jobs, and the individuals who find opportunities to move them forward on a career path. These business partnerships have benefits for everyone, including helping employers diversify their workforces and improve retention, and opening new avenues to meaningful work for people with disabilities.</p>

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**Thursday, January 14, 2020**  
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<b>1:00pm – 3:00pm</b>	<b>Alzheimer's and Dementia in Aging Populations with I/DD</b>  <i>Dr. Thomas J. Buckley, Ed.D.</i> – Director of Population Health, YAI, Chair, ACCSES Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Population Health Committee and Board Member, CARF  <i>Dr. Matthew Janicki, Ph.D.</i> – Research Professor at the University of Maine Center on Aging, Co-President National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices  This session will dig into the science and facts on Alzheimer's and dementia in people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and help providers begin the process of creating a program to support individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia. A full in-person seminar on developing individualized programs, including understanding available funding, will be offered by ACCSES and NTG post-COVID. This session is the 2021 kick-off to a key new opportunity for disability service providers.
<b>3:00pm – 3:15pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:15pm – 4:00pm</b>	<b>SourceAmerica 2021</b>  <i>Richard Belden</i> – Interim Chief Executive Officer, SourceAmerica  Hear firsthand what is on SourceAmerica's radar going into 2021. This promises to be a highly informative session!
<b>4:00pm – 4:15pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>4:15pm – 5:15pm</b>	<b>Shaping the Future: Roundtable Discussion on Employment</b>  In this fourth edition of ACCSES Shaping the Future series, a panel of four disability service providers will discuss the ever-changing landscape on employment and the impact on individuals with disabilities.  <b>Speakers to be Announced.</b>
<b>5:15pm – 5:30pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>5:30pm – 6:30pm</b>	<b>Congress and Cocktails</b>  Join us for a virtual toast to the New Year and a discussion of the new Congress following the final election runoffs and tally of the Electoral College votes.