



Shaping the Future Virtual Summer Conference Working Agenda

Six-Plus Afternoons of Programming * Two Virtual Receptions *** Champions Awards**

July 20-22, 2021 and August 3-5, 2021

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*****Monday, July 19, 2021*****

Sneak Preview – Open to All ACCSES Members and Conference Registrants

<p>2:00pm – 3:30pm</p>	<p>View from the Hill</p> <p>Kate McSweeney, VP of Government Affairs & General Counsel, ACCSES</p> <p>A new Congress and a new Administration. This session will focus on the latest from Washington and provide an overview of the Shaping the Future Conference. This session will be held through a separate Zoom link, not on the EXPO platform, and will be open to all ACCSES members as well as conference registrants.</p>
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Tuesday, July 20, 2021
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<p>1:00pm – 1:15pm</p>	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Terry Farmer, President & CEO, ACCSES Lincoln Burr, President, ASPIRO and Chair, ACCSES Board of Directors</p>
<p>1:15pm – 1:20pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>1:20pm – 2:30pm</p>	<p>The Office of Disability Employment Policy at 20: The Future of Work</p> <p>Scott Michael Robertson, PhD, Senior Policy Advisor</p> <p>Rob Trombley, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy, Employment-Related Supports Policy Team</p>

2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break
2:45pm – 3:45pm	<p>Success Coaches and How They Can Benefit Both Employees and Businesses</p> <p>Marianne Durrant, Director, Employment Alliance and Director of Network, Development, Employer Resource Network, Heritage Christian Services</p> <p>In this session, you will learn about an innovative approach to supporting today’s workforce, while at the same time contributing to job retention. Employer Resource Networks (ERN) are made up of businesses that share the low-cost services of a success coach, who supports employees with personal and professional barriers to success. Once immediate barriers are addressed, employees can begin to focus on long term stability both at work and at home, leading to job retention and improved work performance. ERN members demonstrate a commitment to their employees and their community, making them an employer of choice.</p>
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Break
4:00pm – 5:30pm	<p>Creating a Registered Apprenticeship Program, Part I</p> <p>JW Gibbs, Workforce/Disability Inclusion Consultant Tony Crawley, Executive Vice President, Operations, Challenge Unlimited John Torre, PHR, SHRM-CP, Strategic Business Consultant</p> <p>Learn how to create a registered apprenticeship program within your organization in this 90-minute “how to” session. Pat Dowse, chair of the ACCSES Apprenticeship Subcommittee, will lead the discussion session following the presentation. In Part II, on August 3, 2021, the focus will shift to options for funding an apprenticeship program.</p>

Wednesday, July 21, 2021
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1:00pm – 2:00pm	<p>Rehabilitation Services Administration: WIOA at Five</p> <p>Carol Dobak, Acting Deputy Commissioner, delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Commissioner Rehabilitation Services Administration, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education</p> <p>Suzanne B. Mitchell, Chief, VR Program Unit, State Monitoring and Program Improvement Division, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education</p> <p>This session will include time for discussion and Q&A.</p>
2:00pm – 2:10pm	Break

<p>2:10pm – 3:10pm</p>	<p>The State of Disability Inclusiveness in Film and Television</p> <p>James Garcia, Communications Coordinator, United Cerebral Palsy, <i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Deborah Calla, Co-chair and producer, Media Access Awards</p> <p>Doug Cole, Independent Filmmaker of <i>Making Sense</i></p> <p>Diana Elizabeth Jordan, Actor from <i>S.W.A.T.</i></p> <p>RJ Mitte, Actor from <i>Breaking Bad</i></p> <p>Diana Romero, Producer/Writer of <i>El Camino</i></p> <p>Join Mr. Garcia in a discussion with national experts on the gains and setbacks in efforts to boost the representation of people with disabilities onscreen and behind the cameras in the U.S. film and television industry.</p>
<p>3:10pm – 3:20pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>3:20pm – 4:20pm</p>	<p>Understanding Epilepsy</p> <p>Patricia A. Gibson, MSSW DHL ACSW, Director, Epilepsy Information Service, Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine</p> <p>In a first for ACCSES, Professor Gibson will provide information on epilepsy, including new terminology and updates in treatment. She also will discuss the psychosocial impact of epilepsy.</p>
<p>4:20pm – 4:30pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>4:30pm – 5:15pm</p>	<p>Thoughts on Disability Policy</p> <p>Michael Gamel-McCormick, Disability Policy Director, U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging</p> <p>This session will include time for discussion and Q&A.</p>

Thursday, July 22, 2020
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<p>1:00pm – 1:45pm</p>	<p>Medicaid Update</p> <p>Jack Rollins, Director of Federal Policy, National Association of Medicaid Directors</p> <p>The last 18 months have brought Medicaid, and the important role it plays, into sharp relief. In this session, the focus will shift to the State Medicaid Directors and the work they did throughout the pandemic and are continuing to do as the country reopens.</p>
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1:45pm – 2:00pm	Break
2:00pm – 3:00pm	<p>Branding, Marketing, and Expanding Your Voice Through Social Media</p> <p>Patty Tawadros, Founder, Studio x. and Design for Pixel & Paper</p> <p>Join Patty Tawadros, founder of Studio x., a Pennsylvania-based global design firm, in a discussion of extending your brand, and emphasizing your organization’s role in your communities through social media. This interactive and entertaining session will educate, inform, and help all of us grow our brands!</p>
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Break
3:15pm – 4:15pm	<p>Re-Building a Direct Support Workforce in a Post-Pandemic Environment</p> <p>Joseph M. Macbeth, President/Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals, Inc.</p> <p>For more than four decades, direct support professionals have been supporting people with disabilities across every community in the country; helping people build and maintain relationships, supporting employment opportunities, supporting skills to live independently, supporting the unique and dignified contributions that build inclusive communities and promoting self-directed lives. Then, almost suddenly in early 2020, everything changed and community (where the work is done) was, for the most part closed. Over the course of the past year (or more), direct support professionals re-defined their jobs without a road map, supporting social distancing, educating about the needs of personal protective equipment, dealing with issues pertaining to daily schedule changes, using new technology to build relationships, and of course, keeping people who are three times more likely to die from the COVID-19 virus, healthy and safe. As with all crises, they rose to the occasion and exceeded expectations. As we emerge from these dark days, how will the I/DD system, funders and policy makers recognize these “heroes”? What opportunities are there to finally address this decades-long workforce “crisis”? This session will provide reflection from the pandemic and solution-driven ideas to finally create the hallmarks of a meaningful career for our workforce.</p>
4:15pm – 4:30pm	Break
4:30pm – 5:30pm	<p>Tools for Life</p> <p>Carolyn Phillips, Program Director and Principal Investigator, Tools for Life with Georgia Tech</p> <p>Liz Persaud, Program and Outreach Manager, Tools for Life with Georgia Tech</p> <p>We are delighted to welcome back Carolyn Phillips and Liz Persaud for a fascinating look at the latest in assistive technology (AT), and the work that is being done at Georgia Tech’s Tools for Life. This session will share information about the latest projects and collaborations focused on innovation, accessibility, and inclusion. Additionally, Carolyn and Liz will discuss how AT and accessibility is shaping the way</p>

	people with disabilities live, learn, work, and play in person and in virtual settings. Carolyn was with us at the ACCSES Summit in Savannah in 2018, and she rocked the room with her fascinating and good-humored presentation! You do not want to miss this!
5:30pm – 5:45pm	Break
5:45pm – 7:00pm	<p>2021 Champions Celebration</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 2021, and have some fun catching up with old and new friends as we wish you a happy summer! (If you would like to become an ACCSES Champion before the Champion’s celebration, there is still time!)</p>

Shaping the Future

Week 2

Tuesday, August 3, 2020
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1:00pm – 1:50pm	<p>Thoughts on Disability Policy</p> <p>Phoebe Ball, Disability Policy Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor</p> <p>This session will include time for discussion and Q&A.</p>
1:50pm – 2:00pm	Break
2:00pm – 2:50pm	<p>Innovation and Opportunities: SUPRA Looks at The Future of State Use</p> <p>Floyd Nesse, Vice President, ACCSES New Jersey, <i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Lisa Biggica, President and CEO, UniqueSource</p> <p>Corey Jeppesen, Director of Employment Services, Oregon Resource Association and SUPRA President</p> <p>Fred Weber, President, WorkQuest</p> <p>This panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Nesse, will both look back at the important work done throughout the COVID pandemic to keep essential services open, and at what is on the horizon for state use.</p>

2:50pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<p>Microenterprises</p> <p>Jeannine Pavlak, President & CEO, New England Business Associates</p> <p>Learn the latest about Microenterprises in this informative and fast-paced session.</p>
3:45pm – 3:50pm	Break
3:50pm – 4:20pm	<p>Successful Approaches to Group Supported Employment</p> <p>Pam Ritchie, Executive Director, Crawford County Opportunity Center</p> <p>Lincoln Burr, President, ASPIRO</p>
4:20pm – 4:30pm	Break
4:30pm – 5:30pm	<p>Creating a Registered Apprenticeship Program, Part 2: Options for Funding</p> <p>Pat Dowse, The DOWSEFACTOR</p> <p>JW Gibbs, Workforce/Disability Inclusion Consultant</p> <p>In the second part of this apprenticeship discussion, industry experts will discuss ways to fund apprenticeship programs, through business partnerships and state and federal resources.</p> <p>Additional speakers to be announced.</p>

Wednesday, August 4, 2021
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1:00pm – 2:15pm	<p style="text-align: center;">***ACCSES Keynote Address***</p> <p>Invitation to Futurology</p> <p>Alexandra Whittington, Futurist</p> <p>Alexandra Whittington, described by Forbes as one of the top 50 women futurists, will provide a broad discussion on the future, including:</p> <p>An introduction to the futurist perspective. Critical future-defining themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Post-Covid World: Demographic and cultural shifts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. • Technological Revolutions: Overview of transformational technologies such as cryptocurrencies, artificial intelligence, biotech, neurotech, AR, VR, multiverse, robotics, human enhancement, and smart technology.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability: Innovations and issues concerning food, energy, climate, housing, water, natural resources, abundance, transportation, and design. <p>What does it all mean for the future? We will find out! This session will include time for discussion and Q&A.</p>
2:15pm – 2:25pm	Break
2:25pm –3:20pm	<p>AbilityOne: Insights from the OIG</p> <p>Tom Lehrich , (Former) Inspector General, The AbilityOne Commission</p> <p>AbilityOne Commission’s first Inspector General will provide insights into employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities or who are blind.</p>
3:20pm – 3:30pm	Break
3:30pm – 4:20pm	<p>Sowing Common Ground: The Disability Policy Group</p> <p>Julie Christensen (invited), Executive Director, APSE</p> <p>Connie Garner, Senior Policy Director, Easterseals</p> <p>Nicole T. Jorwic, J.D., Senior Executive Officer, State Advocacy, Senior Director, Public Policy at The Arc</p> <p>Kate McSweeney, Vice President Government Affairs & General Counsel, ACCSES</p> <p>Sarah Meek, Senior Director of Legislative Affairs, ANCOR</p> <p>Laura Walling, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Goodwill International</p> <p>This session will look at federal policies through the eyes of advocates who do not necessarily agree on everything, but who have made a difference working together!</p>
4:20pm – 4:30pm	Break
4:30pm – 5:30pm	<p>Innovations in Employment and Day Services</p> <p>Rachel Pollock, Senior Program Advisor for Jobpath NYC, National Subject Matter Expert, Department of Labor, Employment First State Mentoring Program Subject Matter Expert, ODEP/NEON Subject Matter Expert</p>

Thursday, August 5, 2021
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12:00pm – 12:50pm	<p>ACCSES Annual Business Meeting</p> <p>All ACCSES members will be invited to participate in the ACCSES Annual Business Meeting via a separate Zoom link. This is not an official part of the conference, but conference registrants who wish to attend are welcome to request a link.</p>
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12:50pm – 1:00pm	Break (Conference registrants switch to EXPO conference platform)
1:00pm – 2:00pm	<p>iStrive, A New Approach to Forging Successful Employment Outcomes</p> <p>University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute Speakers to be announced.</p> <p>Sarah George, Director of Mission Initiatives, Peckham</p> <p>iStrive is a cognitive-behavioral skill building program that addresses workforce attachment for people with disabilities who have experienced multiple barriers to long term employment. iStrive uses the Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Employment Barriers curriculum designed by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute.</p> <p>People with disabilities and significant employment barriers sometimes struggle to find long term success in maintaining employment despite their motivation to work. Peckham data shows that a certain percentage of individuals are cycling through Peckham employment programs multiple times, without success. This is a group of people who clearly want to work – they continue to return to Peckham to try to be successful in employment. Their struggle goes beyond motivation. They desire employment, and they try again and again, but they do not attach to the workforce. Why do people fail at something they have the motivation to do? Often the reason is social-emotional skill deficits that have not been successfully identified and improved through traditional work readiness services. Thus, they need a more focused opportunity to learn and practice the complex social-emotional skills required to successfully maintain employment.</p> <p>Pairing a supportive work training program with the iStrive skill building program is a new and innovative approach to addressing social-emotional skill deficits that prevent people from successfully attaching to the workplace. iStrive uses the Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for People with Employment Barriers (CBI-EB) curriculum developed by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI) in April 2020.</p>
2:00pm – 2:10pm	Break
2:10pm –3:10pm	<p>Shaping the Future: Roundtable Discussion on Employment</p> <p>John Connolly, President & CEO, InspiriTec, <i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Charlotte Hammond, President & CEO, Challenge Unlimited</p> <p>David Ordan, Chief Executive Officer, The Eisenhower Center</p> <p>Rebecca Sanford, President & CEO, Adelante Development Center</p> <p>Jim Zahora, Chief Executive Officer, The Abilities Connection</p> <p>In this fifth edition of ACCSES Shaping the Future series, a panel of disability service providers will discuss the ever-changing landscape and the efforts they are making to create business models that expand options.</p>

3:10pm – 3:15pm	Break
3:15pm – 4:15pm	<p>Diversity and Inclusion: Advocacy, Representation and Support Services in the Latino Disability Community</p> <p>Jeanne De Sa, United Cerebral Palsy Policy Committee Co-chair, <i>Moderator</i></p> <p>The Latino community is now an estimated 18 percent of the U.S. population. One in four Americans could be Latino by 2050. Approximately one in three Latinos in the U.S. today are immigrants. A panel of experts examines the distinct social, cultural, and economic challenges and opportunities for people with disabilities in the largest community of color in the country.</p> <p>Additional panelists to be announced.</p>
4:15pm – 4:30pm	Break
4:30pm – 5:20pm	<p>What does the FDA Approval of Aduhelm Mean for Adults with Down Syndrome?</p> <p>Matthew P. Janicki, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago, Co-Chair, National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices, Member, Federal Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services</p> <p>Seth Keller, M.D., Past President AADMD, Co-Chair, National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices, Chair, Adult IDD Section AAN</p> <p>Kathy Service, RN, PhDc, FNP-BC, CDDN, Senior Consultant, National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices</p> <p>The FDA's approval of Biogen's new Alzheimer's drug, Aduhelm, has been greeted with much excitement. Still there are many unknowns as what this medication might mean to individuals with Down syndrome. Dr. Janicki, Dr. Keller, and Ms. Service will discuss a number of unresolved issues regarding the use of the drug with this population, including (1) a lack of data on the applicability of the drug with adults with Down syndrome, (2) lack of protocols for its use by practitioners, and (3) unknowns as to efficacy of the drug with presence of high amyloid load from early age.</p> <p>They will share their recommendations for (a) including participants with Down syndrome in ongoing and further clinical trials and research, (b) assuring research-informed appropriate oversight over its usage, (c) developing protocols that guide assessment and decision-making for the use drug with this group, (d) screening systematically for early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, (e) determining optimal age for prophylactic use of drug, (f) involving families and caregivers in the prescribing and use decision-making process, and (g) providing orientation and education to healthcare providers and ancillary staff involved with use and aftercare.</p> <p>And they would like to hear from you! This session will be interactive.</p>
5:20pm – 5:30pm	Break

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Connecting with Cocktails and Mocktails

Join us for a virtual toast and community building as we conclude the Conference. Our special invited guest is Phil Hayes-Brown, CEO of Wallara in Melbourne, Australia! It will be nice to catch up with Phil and hear more of his creative ideas! We hope he can join us. We hope you will as well. This will be a fun, informal session so we can all relax a little with friends!

Promotional Announcement: While it is not a part of the Conference, we are not resting on Friday, August 6 because that is First Friday! Our topic for the August First Friday Call will be health, wellness, and fitness with special guest, Reena Vokoun, Founder and CEO of PassionFit®. The Call will be at the special time of 1:30pm EASTERN and is open to everyone! Look for the registration link in the ACCSES's weekly Updates.

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