Autism Spectrum Disorders & Transitions from High School: Challenges & Opportunities

Friday, December 5th, 2014

8:30 AM - Check in

9:00 AM

Welcome: Dean Lynn Goldman, The Milken Institute School of Public Health

Opening Keynote: Kim Van Naarden Braun, The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Presentation: The Autism Transition Project, The Center for Health & Health Care in Schools
  • Donna Behrens; Stephanie David; Molly Biehl

Speaker: Lorri Unumb, Autism Speaks

12:00 PM - Break for Lunch

1:00 PM

Afternoon Discussions: Nelson Carbonell, The Carbonell Family Foundation & The George Washington University Board of Trustees

Panel Discussion 1 – Parents of Transition-aged Youth
  • Daisy Brown, parent in District of Columbia Public School District
  • Melonee Clark, parent in Prince George’s County Public School District
  • Lucia Sedwick Claster, parent in Arlington County Public School District
  • Allison Fletcher, parent in Baltimore County Public School District

Panel Discussion 2 – School Leaders from DC, MD, VA
  • Nathaniel Beers, Chief of Specialized Instruction - District of Columbia Public Schools
  • Betty Adkins & Julie Watson, Autism Specialists; Liz Burley, Transition Specialist – Prince George’s County Public Schools
  • Ann Long, Coordinator of Career & Transition Services – Fairfax County Public Schools

Panel Discussion 3 – Career Development & Employment:
  • Joan Kester, Assistant Professor of Special Education & Disabilities Studies at the Graduate School of Education & Human Development (GSEHD)
  • Julianna Taymans, Professor of Special Education & Disabilities Studies at GSHED with oversight of the HEATH Resource Center and the Career Investigations for Transitioning Youth (C.I.T.Y.) Program
  • Jane Quenneville, Executive Director of Special Education, Alexandria City Public Schools

3:45 PM

Closing Remarks: Olga Acosta Price, The Center for Health & Health Care in Schools