

Maryland Rehabilitation Conference

Agenda at a Glance

Thursday, May 16, 2024

7:30 – 9:00 am

- Registration – WEST FOYER
- Breakfast Buffet – FITZGERALD BALLROOM
- Exhibits – MAIN & WEST FOYERS, UPSTAIRS HALLWAY
- Charity Baskets – UPSTAIRS HALLWAY

9:00 – 9:25 am

- Welcome – FITZGERALD BALLROOM
 - **Kevin Armstrong**, Maryland Works & **Erica Kneessi**, DORS
- State of Rehabilitation – FITZGERALD BALLROOM
 - **Jody Boone**, Acting Assistant State Superintendent, DORS

9:25 – 10:15 am

- Keynote Speaker – FITZGERALD BALLROOM
 - **Walter L. Simmons**, Founding President & CEO of Employ Prince George's

9:30 – 11:30 am

- Beverage Service – NORTH FOYER

10:15 – 10:30 am

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10:30 – 11:45 am: Concurrent Breakouts Session 1

- Time Management & Organization – WARFIELD'S
- Challenging Injustice & Constructing Co-Existence – DUNCAN ROOM
- To Disclose or Not to Disclose: Preparing Youth to Talk About Disability – BURKE ROOM
- Thriving in the Field: A Guide to Self-Care & Effective Day Planning for Job Coaches – GRASON ROOM
- WHY Benefits Counseling + Partnership Plus (TTW) = Successful 26 for ALL – McINTOSH ROOM

11:45 – 1:15 pm

- Lunch with Guest Speaker – FITZGERALD BALLROOM
 - **Kris McElroy**, Community Engagement Assistant, On Our Own of Maryland

1:10 – 1:30 pm

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1:30 – 2:45 pm: Concurrent Breakouts Session 2

- Cultural Humility vs. Competence – An Opportunity to Learn and Grow in a Diverse Environment – WARFIELD'S
- Innovative Thinking Techniques and Tools for Success in Problem Solving (Part 1 of 2) – DUNCAN ROOM

- A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats: The Maryland Bridges Technical Assistance Center Support and Information – BURKE ROOM
- It's a Jungle Out There: Successfully Navigating Students and Families to Positive Post-School Outcomes – GRASON ROOM
- Filling the Void – Meeting Needs of Employers Through Individualized Training and Ongoing Support – McINTOSH ROOM

2:30 – 4:30 pm

- Beverage Service – NORTH FOYER

2:45 – 3:15 pm

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3:15 – 4:30 pm: Concurrent Breakouts Session 3

- Motivational vs. Manipulative Interviewing: Keeping the Boundaries Real – WARFIELD'S
- Innovative Thinking Techniques and Tools for Success in Problem Solving (Part 2 of 2) – DUNCAN ROOM
- Elevating the Norm: Converting Lesson Plans to Interactive Activities – BURKE ROOM
- A Family's Guide to Transition: Making the IEP Meeting Meaningful – GRASON ROOM
- In Search of Peace and Quiet: Reducing Your Stress with Mindfulness – McINTOSH ROOM
- Bridging the Gap: Working with the Whole Person – FITZGERALD BALLROOM

5:30 – 8:30 pm

- Social Event sponsored by Maryland Works: Barley's Backyard Uptown, Towson – OFFSITE

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9:00 – 10:15 am: Concurrent Breakouts Session 4

- Maryland Accessible Telecommunications & Communication Facilitators Programs – WARFIELD'S
- Communicate with Charisma and Clarity to Get Results – DUNCAN ROOM
- Resilience for Returning Citizens: Making the Barriers Bearable – BURKE ROOM
- From High School to Beyond: Assistive Technology in the Transition Process – GRASON ROOM
- Creating Higher Education Experiences & Readiness (CHEER): A Collaboration Between ACPS and Allegany College – MCINTOSH ROOM

10:15 – 10:45 am

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10:45 – 12:00 pm: Concurrent Breakouts Session 5

- Talk, Text & Train! Innovation Teaching Technology and Creating Jobs – WARFIELD'S
- Community Connections: Maryland High School Diploma Options for Adults – DUNCAN ROOM
- FREE (Finally Realizing Everyone's Expectations) – BURKE ROOM
- Unlocking the Ticket to Success: A Guide to SSA's Ticket to Work Program – GRASON ROOM
- The Maryland Youth Leadership Forum – MCINTOSH ROOM

12:00 – 3:00 pm

- Lunch with Guest Speakers – FITZGERALD BALLROOM
 - **Geoff Sanderson**, Deputy State Superintendent, MSDE Office of Accountability
 - **Raymond Torrean**, Mobility Manager, Jerry's Mobility Vehicles & Services
- Charity Basket Raffles – FITZGERALD BALLROOM
- Awards Presentations – FITZGERALD BALLROOM

Maryland Rehabilitation Conference 2024 Rooms

First Level (also called Plaza Level):

- **West Foyer** – Registration, Accessibility, Exhibitors.
Inside Conference Entrance.
- **Stairs to Second Level**
Inside Conference Entrance to the left (when standing with back to entrance).
- **North Foyer** – Breakfast Buffets and Beverage Service.
Hallway along the left wall beyond the West Foyer, running alongside Fitzgerald Ballroom.
- **FITZGERALD BALLROOM** – Welcome, Keynote and Lunch with Lunchtime Speakers.
Large room beside North Foyer.
- **Restrooms, 1st Level**
To the right of the Conference Entrance (when standing with back to entrance). First door on left is an office, then the restrooms.
- **Main Foyer** – Exhibitors.
The long hallway to the right of the Conference Entrance that leads from the West Foyer to the Hotel Lobby.
- **WARFIELD'S** – Breakout sessions.
To the right of the Conference Entrance along the Main Foyer. Heading away from the West Foyer, it's on the left past the Restrooms, the Lobby Bar and the Rain 903 Restaurant.
- **Elevators to Second Level**
Follow Main Foyer to the Hotel Lobby. Follow the left wall opposite the Hotel Entrance (when standing with back to entrance) to the elevators.

Second Level:

- **DUNCAN ROOM** – Breakout sessions.
 - From the stairs: Directly across from the stairs.
 - From elevators: exit elevator, turn right at main hallway, follow main hallway to first branching hallway on left. Duncan Room is second room on right.

- **Duncan Room Hallway** – Charity Basket Raffle.
Outside of Duncan Room.
- **Main Hallway** – Exhibitors.
 - From the stairs: Follow Duncan Room hallway to intersection with Main Hallway, turn right.
 - From elevators: exit elevator
- **GRASON ROOM** – Breakout sessions.
 - From the stairs: Follow Duncan Room hallway to intersection with Main Hallway, Grason Room is straight ahead.
 - From elevators: Exit, turn right at Main Hallway. On the right, pass the long wall of the Catering Office, the small Cole Room, then the doors to the Mcintosh and Burke breakout rooms. Grason Room is next. If you get to the jog right in the hallway, you've gone too far.
- **MCINTOSH ROOM** and **BURKE ROOM** – Breakout sessions.
 - From the stairs: Follow Duncan Room hallway to intersection with Main Hallway and turn right. Burke Room is on the left. Mcintosh Room is the next room on the left after Burke.
 - From elevators: exit elevator, turn right at Main Hallway. On the right, pass the long wall of the Catering Office, the small Cole Room, you'll reach the door to the MCINTOSH ROOM and then the BURKE ROOM. If you get to the jog right in the hallway, you've gone too far.
 - **Restrooms, 2nd Level**
 - From the stairs: Follow Duncan Room hallway to intersection with Main Hallway, turn left.
 - From elevators: exit elevator, turn right at Main Hallway.
 - Either: follow Main Hallway – it will jog right and then left again. The two restroom doors are on the left.

Reminders

- **Charity Baskets:** The gift baskets that are being raffled off to benefit Maryland Ravens, Inc. Wheelchair Basketball are located in the Upstairs Hallway near the DUNCAN ROOM as well as on the tables of the exhibitors donating baskets. Buy your \$1 tickets at the table near the baskets in the Upstairs Hallway.
- **Parking:** Parking garage chaser tickets (that get you out of the parking garage without having to pay) are available from the hotel's registration desk in the Main Lobby. Just show them the ticket you got when you entered the garage.
- **CRC Continuing Education Units:** To receive CRC credits, you must have the room monitor for each session you attend sign a CRC form after the session. The forms are available at Registration. A total of 8.5 CRC units are available.
- **Social Event sponsored by Maryland Works:** Maryland Works is sponsoring this year's social event at Barley's Backyard Uptown in Towson, a 15-minute walk or 4-minute drive down York Road from the Sheraton. Maryland Works is providing complimentary appetizers and finger foods. The full food and drinks menu will also be available for purchase. No tickets or pre-registration is required to attend. Barley's Backyard Uptown, 408 York Road, Towson.
- **Breakout Session & Overall Conference Evaluations:** Please fill out the online session and conference evaluations. This helps the Committee with planning future Conferences.
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7816043/2024-MRC-Session-Evaluations>