



EMPOWER ALL ABILITIES CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 26, 2022
 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 Free Virtual Conference

Presented by:
 Springfield Public Schools
 Springfield Parents for Students with Disabilities (SPSD)

9:00 – 9:20 Welcome/Opening Remarks
 9:20 – 10:00 Keynote Speaker
 10:10 – 12:30 Breakout Sessions (see schedule below)
 12:40 – 1:30 Exhibitors

= Family = Educators = Students

Breakout Session 1 10:10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Breakout Session 2 11:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Breakout Session 3 11:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
<p><i>Taking Care of Our Children, Our Families, and Ourselves</i> Marvin Merriweather, MSW, LCSW Nicole Florence, MD Gail Neely Gail Capps</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>Using the BLT Approach to Tackle Mental Health Issues</i> Tamilore Odimayo, PsyD, LCPC, CADC</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>COVID-19 and Its Deleterious Effects on Students' Mental Health</i> Melissa Fisher Paoni, PhD Bethany Bilyeu, PsyD</p> <p> </p>
<p><i>Neurodivergence: Promoting Growth and Celebrating Differences</i> Anna Hickey, PhD</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>Recognizing Mood Disorders in Children and the Medications Used to Manage</i> Nicole Florence, MD</p> <p></p>	<p><i>Reading Between the Lines: Behavior Is Information</i> Barbara Sherman, MSW, LCSW, PEL</p> <p> </p>
<p><i>What Makes Inclusion Work</i> Tammy Wrobbel, MS, CIMI</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>Advocating for Your Child's Right to Special Education</i> Jessica Range, Esquire</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>A Survey of Wearable Technology for the Home and Classroom</i> Samuel F. Whitley, NCSP Garrett Hawkinson</p> <p> </p>
<p><i>The New Alternative to Guardianship: Supported Decision Making</i> Consuelo Puente, Esquire</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>La Nueva Alternativa a la Tutela: Toma de Decisiones Con Apoyo</i> Consuelo Puente, Esquire</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>The Programs and Services of The Arc of Illinois</i> Rocio Perez</p> <p> </p>
<p><i>Fostering an Appropriate Transition</i> Garrett Hawkinson</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>Two Components of Transition Often Missed</i> Susy Woods</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>Sex Education and Its Role in Transition</i> Susy Woods</p> <p> </p>
<p><i>What About the Siblings?</i> Mary Wyman Sabrina Wyman</p> <p></p>	<p><i>Learn about IL ABLE</i> Rosemary Laudani</p> <p> </p>	<p><i>Financial Wellness: Housing Options and Supports</i> National Disability Institute Michael Roush, MA, AFC® Kish Pisani</p> <p> </p>

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