Keynote Presentations

How to Have the Best Year Ever! – Jonathan Edison
Wednesday, September 4 – 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Boldly Building Inclusion by Breaking Barriers: Disability Empowerment Across the Lifespan – Haley Moss, Esq.
Thursday, September 5 – 8:30 – 9:30 AM

You Wear So Many Hats, and They All Look Great on You! – Shannon Benaitis, PHR
Thursday, September 5 – 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Employment First – A Fiscal and Human Rights Necessity – Not Just a Slogan – Allan Bergman
Friday, September 6 – 8:15 – 9:45 AM

QIDPs and Frontline Staff in Developmental Disabilities Services and Supports
Focus on education for QIDPs, DSPs, trainers, and frontline staff working in community-based ID/DD service provider agencies.

My Title Says "Direct Support Professional, but..." – Linda Taylor
Wednesday, September 4 – 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Living Safely in the Community Using Remote Supports – Duane Tempel
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Transition Planning and Parent Empowerment: It's Never Too Soon to Start - Laura Fine
Wednesday, September 4 – 3:15 – 4:15 PM

Frontline Supervisor Training: We're Doing it Wrong! - Shannon Benaitis, PHR & Christine Ziemba
Wednesday, September 4 – 4:30 – 5:30 PM
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Life After Workshop: A Panel Discussion on Day Program Alternatives - Shannon Benaitis, PHR, Denise Rau, Emily Fencl & Joan Snyder-Budz, QIDP, MA
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Ten Tips for Preventing Challenging Behavior You Can Start Using Tomorrow! - Carolyn Houze, MS, BCBA
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QMHPs and Mental Health Professionals
For attendees focused on community-based mental health services and supports, including clinical services, employment services, and services to youth and families.

Creating Culturally Respectful Workspaces – Dennis Nicely, B.S., M.A. & Meg McClelland
Wednesday, September 4 – 2:00 – 4:15 PM (Back-to-Back Session)

From Vicarious Trauma to Vicarious Resilience - Rethinking Stress in the Workplace - Ryan Breen
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Managing in a Value Based World - David Berkey, Gilbert Lichstein, & Fabian Camarena
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Mental Health Services Beyond Four Walls: An Integrated Approach for Making Treatment More Accessible - Lauren Finnegan, LCPC, CADC & Alicia Welch, LPC, QMHP
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Future State: Evolving Care Models for Improving Population Health - Julie Hiett, MSW & Rachelle Glavin
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Individual Placement and Support - IPS as a Standard of Care - Darius McKinney & Mary Schepler
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Integrated Health Home and Rule Changes in Behavioral Health - Maria Bruni, HFS
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Why a Strong Middle Management is Key to An Agency's Success - Timothy Baker, LCPC
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Fatal Five +1: 6 Common Causes of Unexpected Death in the Community – Sherry Neal, R.N – BC, CDDN
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Active Shooter & Emergency Preparedness - Kevin Moore
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How Do You Do Wellness? - Amanda Progress, SHRM-CP, PHR
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C-Suite and Executive Management

For attendees leading organizations seeking information on topics including potential systems level movements, various models of payment reform, and where data can drive change.

Completing a Successful Merger Process from Initial Discussion to 1-year After Consolidation - Mark McHugh, Paul Selden & Susan Gardner
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Stronger Community Opportunities Through Organized Transportation (SCOOT) - Dan Strick & Kara Pierce
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Change Management: Survival and Success Through Change -
India Alexis Ehioba, MNA, CFRE
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Services and Supports in an Era of Recreational Cannabis - Coffee Talk Discussion -
Mark Peyskovich
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