



2022 Fall Virtual Conference

Bridging Gaps: A Multidisciplinary Endeavor

Thursday & Friday

October 27 & 28, 2022

Registration Deadline: October 21

AER Members & MDRS Staff: \$40

Non-AER Members: \$50

*FREE to Vendors, Students studying visual impairments, Individuals
& Veterans who have visual loss,
& Families whose members have a visual loss*

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Continuing education credits/units will be available for the following:
ACVREP, MSOTA, CRCC, and Mississippi Educators

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Conference Learning Objectives

- Participants will outline strategies in helping individuals who are blind or visually impaired become more well-rounded and self-sufficient.
- Participants will demonstrate an understanding of three or more specific techniques or resources to bridge gaps in a variety of domains (i.e., employment, social, educational) for persons who are blind or visually impaired.
- Participants will identify nine fundamental areas known to have a lifelong impact for individuals with blindness or low vision.

Target Audience

Parents, Students with Visual Impairments, Counselors, Special Educators (Transition Coordinators, Paraprofessionals, Teachers), Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Teachers of the Visually Impaired, Orientation and Mobility Specialists, Certified Low Vision Therapists, School Administrators, Veterans, Employers, Certified Assistive Technology Instructional Specialists, Social Workers, Visual Impairment Services Team Coordinators, and Advocates

Continuing Education Information

We are in the process of obtaining approval for this Conference as a Continuing Education Learning Event (13.75 hours) for the following professions: ACVREP, AOTA, CRCC, and MS Educators.

For credit of any kind, registrants are expected to attend every session.

Agenda

Day 1, Thursday, October 27, 2022

- 8:15 – 8:30 Opening Session
- 8:30 – 10:00 KEYNOTE: Kristin Smedley: *When All Things Are Equal, Blindness is the Competitive Edge*
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 Concurrent Sessions A & B
- Session A – Susie Thomas: *Expand Your World View*
- Session B – Cantrice Moffitt: *Career Advantage for VIPs: An Online Job Preparation program for People with Vision Loss*
- 11:15 – 11:30 Break
- 11:30 – 12:00 Mary Rodgers Beal: *Talking Book Services Information*
- 12:00 – 12:15 Break
- 12:15 – 1:00 MAER Awards & Lunch! (Door Prize)
- 1:00 – 1:15 Break
- 1:15 – 2:15 Concurrent Sessions C & D
- Session C – Cantrice Moffitt: *A Closer Look: IEPs and Transitioning to College*
- Session D – Brittany Herrington: *Managing Daily Behavioral Needs*
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 3:30 Concurrent Sessions E & F
- Session E: Susie Thomas: *Light Up Their World: Economic Activities to Use with the Lightbox*
- Session F: Justine Taylor: *Benefits of Lighting Contrast and Filters*
- 3:30 – 3:40 Break
- 3:40 – 4:40 Melisa Matthews: *Self Advocacy Through the Years with Panel Discussion*
- 4:40 – 4:50 Break
- 4:50 – 5:50 Zack Ahonle: *Section A of the Proposed New CRCC Code of Ethics – What Blindness and Low Vision Rehabilitation Professionals Need to Know*
- 5:50 – 6:10 Wrap UP & Door Prize

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Day 2, Friday, October 28, 2022

- 8:15 – 8:30 Opening Session & Welcoming
- 8:30 – 10:00 KEYNOTE: Carl Arredondo III: *Service Before and After Vision Loss*
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 Concurrent Sessions G & H
Session G – Amber Hodges & Tara Hill: *Multiple Perspectives on Career Education*
Session H – Belinda Rudinger: *Using a Mac with VoiceOver: Getting Started*
- 11:15 – 11:25 Break
- 11:25 – 12:00 Dorothy Young: *Services in Mississippi for Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired*
- 12:00 – 12:15 Lunch
- 12:15 – 1:00 Herbert Humphrey, *Advances in Accessibility*
Panelists: Stephanie Steffer, *CViConnect*,
Kristina Somoza Toole, *Low Vision, Etc.*
Chip Farrington, *Emerald Coast, Inc.*
- 1:00 – 1:15 Break
- 1:15 – 2:15 Concurrent Sessions I & J
Session I – Erika Fundelius & Manda Nordes: *Creative Connections Across the ECC in Health and Sexuality Education in Students with Vision Loss*
Session J – Roxanne Ayres: *Creating Digital Content for Students with Visual Impairment Using Switch Access*
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 3:30 Erika Fundelius: *STOP: The Issue of and Answer to Stop Handling of Children with Disabilities*
- 3:30 – 3:40 Break
- 3:40 – 4:40 Kendra Farrow: *Independent Living Skills: A Foundation for Success*
- 4:40 – 4:50 Break
- 4:50 – 4:55 video, *Disability Rights Mississippi (DRMS)*
- 4:50 – 5:30 MAER Business Meeting
- 5:30 – 5:50 Closing Session/Door Prize