

Facing the Future **Together**



JULY 21-23 INDIANA'S VIRTUAL 2021
TRANSITION CONFERENCE

Facing the Future Together: Conference Information and Registration

This summer hundreds of transition students, young adults, families, teachers, VR staff, employment professionals, and disability services professionals will meet online at **Facing the Future Together**, July 21-23. We're looking forward to seeing you!

During the conference, state and national speakers will engage with our audiences in panel discussions, workshops, and "aha!" presentations about benefits, future planning, transition assessments and IEPs, jobs and career planning, postsecondary education, independent living, new assistive technologies, and so much more.

The conference, the first of its kind in ten years, will be facilitated online by the Center on Community Living and Careers (CCLC) of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. You'll be able to connect with presenters using a special, interactive conference app that allows you to move around the conference, visit exhibitors, and check out our **Facing the Future Together** resources.

Registration

Attendees, you'll find more information when you click on the registration link.

Cost: \$20 per day; \$60 for all three days.

Important: When registering, each participant will need to create their own account. Due to the way our registration system works, two or more people (e.g., co-workers, family members) will not be able to use the same email address. Each attendee must register separately.

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Whova!

Prior to the conference, you'll receive a link and instructions for setting up Whova, our conference presentation platform. With Whova, you can check to see which sessions you'd like to visit throughout the day and move from one presentation to another if you'd like. You can also check in with exhibitors, chat with friends, ask questions, and lots more.

Tentative Speaker Schedule

July 21

Keynote Address: 10-11:15 a.m.



Seena Skelton, Great Lakes Equity Institute

Applying an Intersectional Approach to Supporting Youth and Adults with Disabilities

Breakout Sessions

11:30-12:45 p.m.

Presenters	Titles
Seena Skelton Great Lakes Equity Center	Being a Critically Conscious Practitioner: Considering Intersectional Approaches in Transition Planning, Self-Advocacy Instruction, and Service Provision
Trevor Manthey VR Development Group	Future-Focused Motivational Interviewing, Part 1: Spirit and Collaborative Core Skills
Mika Baugh & Others (panel) Bosma Center for Visionary Solutions	Strategies, Techniques & Resources for and from Blind/Low Vision Students
Michelle Oja Indiana Department of Education, Special Education	Creating Work-Based Learning Experiences
Jonathan Kraeszig Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation	Wondering What Vocational Rehabilitation and Pre-Employment Transition Services Are All About?

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Presenters	Titles
Cecilia Buckley & Alexa Lucas Neurodiversity Coalition at IU Bloomington (panel)	Neurodiversity 101: How to Promote and Foster a Culture of Inclusivity for Neurodivergent Individuals
Brady Powers Center on Community Living and Careers Amy Corbin INvestABLE	Transition-Age Youth, Benefits, and ABLÉ Accounts
Trevor Manthey VR Development Group	Future-Focused Motivational Interviewing, Part 2: Building Motivation and Evoking Change
Sean Roy & Dale Versteegen TransCen Inc.	Seamless Transition: Laying the Foundation for Improved Student Employment Outcomes
Heidi Anne Brett Baker & Amy Howie Public Consulting Group (PCG) (panel)	The Pre-ETS Journey

3-4:15 p.m.

Presenters	Titles
Brooke Harris Garad Center on Education and Lifelong Learning	Sometimes We Are the Barriers: Approaching Transition with Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Mind
Becky Lohman & Angie Hoskins Easterseals Crossroads	The Indiana Benefits Information Network: Educate, Inform, Empower
Cliff Guya-Oliech, Grad Student Duquesne University	Using Videos to Support Soft Skills Acquisition for Employment
Candace Joles & Cheryl Litherland Vincennes University	Building Successful Strategies to Transition into College
Jessica Terry & Karen Rusk IN*SOURCE	The IN*SOURCE Youth Training Program

July 22

Keynote Address: 10-11:15 a.m.

Linda Hedenblad, VR Development Group

Personal and Professional Resilience



Breakout Sessions

11:30-12:45 p.m.

Presenters	Titles
Linda Hedenblad VR Development Group	Ethical Decision Making
Mary Ellen Jones & Bitta DeWees Stone Belt Arc	DSP Boost Program: Our Answer to Solving the DSP Crisis!
Lydia Hamilton, Jane Harlan-Simmons & Don Dumayas (panel) Center for Health Equity	Sexual Health Education Needs and Individuals with Disabilities
Lindsey Cox Elkhart Community Schools Libby Zeeb, Northeast Indiana Special Education Cooperative (panel)	Friday, Indicator 13th: Transition IEP Monitoring Doesn't Have to Be a Nightmare
Ashley Anderson University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Transition Planning Starting in Early Grades

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Presenters

Cathy Pratt, Betty Lou Rowe
Indiana Mental Health Initiative
Teresa Grossi
Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

Titles

Reducing the Stigma of Mental Health: The Role of “Bring Change to Mind” in Indiana

Stan Keepses & Melissa Walden,
The Arc Southwest Indiana

The Inclusive Talent Pipeline

Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation All Staff Meeting

Pam Warner
Indiana Department of Workforce Development
Michelle Oja
Indiana Department of Education, Special
Education

**Using Indiana Career Explorer to Develop
Effective Transition Portfolios**

3-4:15 p.m.

Presenters

Cathy Pratt & Betty Lou Rowe
Indiana Resource Center for Autism

Titles

Living a Quality Life After High School

Indiana Cadres of Transition Leaders—Working Meeting

Lisa Graham
Grant County Special Education Co-op
Jamie Westgate
IMPACT, Indiana Wesleyan University (panel)

**IMPACT: A Postsecondary Transition Program at
IWU**

Matt Norris & Lydia Hamilton
Center for Health Equity

**The Americans with Disabilities Act: 31 Years of
Disability Rights in Employment and Community
Life**

Amy Gaffney
Indiana Resource Center for Autism

**Evidence-Based Strategies to Support People as
They Transition to Adulthood**

July 23

Keynote Address: 10-11:15 a.m.



**Mary Morningstar, Portland State University
College and Career Readiness Requires Collaboration!**

Breakout Sessions

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Presenters	Titles
Mary Morningstar Portland State University	Help! I'm a Transition Educator! Now What Do I Do?
Megan Stevenson & Student Erskine Green Training Institute	Postsecondary Vocational Training at the Erskine Green Training Institute
Kellie Freeman & Niki Ford Carmel Clay Schools	What You Can Do Now to Prepare for Life Beyond K-12
Melissa Keyes Indiana Disability Rights	Options to Support Self-Determination and Decision-Making in Adulthood
Brian Norton Easterseals Crossroads	Assistive Technology for Transition: Show and Tell

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Presenters	Titles
Amanda Crecelius PATINS Mike Nevins Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center	Adapting and Creating Transition Assessments for All Students
April Regester University of Missouri-St. Louis	Attending College: Perspectives of Families and Young Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Wendy Waldman, Jean Capler & Penny Torma Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana	Brain Injury Overview: Strategies, Accommodations, and Interventions for Education, Employment, and Community Integration
Anne Higley Center on Community Living and Careers	Demystifying (at Least a Little) the Benefits Application Maze

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Presenters	Titles
Three 20-Minute Short Talks	
Nikol Prieto Easterseals Crossroads	The INDATA Project Core Services
Allison Craney Eastwood Middle School, Washington Township	SOAR with Social & Emotional Learning
Allie Cunningham Inspire Case Management	Case Management and Understanding the Medicaid Waiver

3-4:15 p.m.

Presenters	Titles
Steve Hutton Epilepsy Alliance Ohio	OMG I Have Epilepsy. What Do I Need to Consider About My Postsecondary Education Opportunities?
Enjema Beckley & Anthony Harl Indiana Office of Career & Technical Education	What Is Career Tech Education and How Can It Benefit Me?
Adria Nassim Center on Community Living and Careers	Alone Together
Mary Ellen Jones Stone Belt Arc Youth Self-Advocates (panel)	Using Self-Advocacy Through Pre-Employment Transition Services to Build Tomorrow's Leaders
Lisa Graham Grant County Special Education Co-op	Building an Inclusive Athletic Program One District at a Time: Champions Together



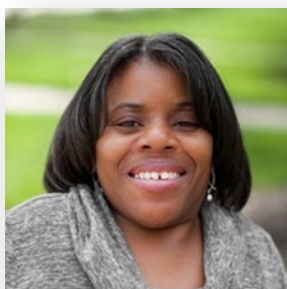
Accommodations & Accessibility

We believe in access! Attendees at all **Facing the Future Together** keynote presentations and breakout sessions will have access to CART live-captioning services and ASL interpreters.

Conference presentations and accompanying materials and handouts will be created and provided by the presenters themselves. In order to ensure that all attendees have the chance to fully participate and take advantage of all the conference has to offer, the Center on Community Living and Careers will provide all presenters with accessible documentation and presentation training prior to **Facing the Future Together**.

Questions? Contact Lori Pierce at lopierce@indiana.edu.

Keynote Speaker Bios



Seena Skelton

Seena Skelton, Ph.D., is director of operations for the Great Lakes Equity Center. She has 25 years' experience working in school psychology, special education, systems change, school improvement, inclusive practices and educational equity, and she has provided equity-focused technical assistance to educators, families, and organizations at local, state, and regional levels. Dr. Skelton holds a doctorate in school psychology, a master's in education, and a bachelor of science in psychology. Dr. Skelton currently serves as a member of the Indiana Disability Rights

Roundtable, Administration for Community Living, Supported Decision-Making Stakeholder Group, and the Midwest Regional Education Laboratory–Midwest Achievement Gap Research Alliance. As an adjunct professor, Dr. Skelton taught educational psychology, classroom management, collaborative consultation, and inclusive and multicultural education. She's co-authored publications on topics related to improving outcomes for historically marginalized youth. These include the book chapter "Addressing Equity and Providing Transition Education to a Diverse Student Population," and the article "Situating My Positionality as a Black Woman with a Dis/ability in the Provision of Equity-Focused Technical Assistance: A Personal Reflection."



Linda Hedenblad

Linda Hedenblad MSE, CRC, MINT, has spent her adult life working, directly and indirectly, serving people with disabilities. Her job titles have included: therapist, homeless outreach specialist, mental health case manager, vocational rehabilitation counselor, senior researcher, program manager, and business owner.

As an educator, Hedenblad has gained a national reputation for presenting topical issues while infusing humor and vitality into her training style. In addition to her role as an educator, she is the owner of the VR Development Group, which offers online courses for busy rehabilitation professionals. As a lifelong advocate of accessible learning, she is also co-owner of YesLMS, the most accessible learning platform on the market today.

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Mary Morningstar

Dr. Mary E. Morningstar is a professor in Special Education at Portland State University and co-director of the Career and Community Studies program, a fully inclusive postsecondary education program for youth with intellectual disability. She is director of the Transition Coalition, a national center offering online, hybrid, and in-person professional development and resources for secondary special educators and transition practitioners. Dr. Morningstar's research encompasses three interrelated areas: (a) college and career readiness for youth with disabilities, (b) teacher education and professional development, and (c) secondary inclusive school reform. She has recently authored a practitioner-friendly book, *Your Complete Guide to Transition Planning and Services* (2018), and has published over 55 peer-reviewed journal articles. Her digital and web-based professional development has extended for almost 15 years, through the Transition Coalition, www.transitioncoalition.org.

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With a focus on the transition from high school to adult services and supports, some of CCLC's key projects include the **Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center** and the **Benefits Information Network**. Our staff provide training and technical assistance as well as resources to Indiana teachers, staff of Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation, and employment professionals working with people with disabilities throughout the state.

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