



Breaking Barriers: Life Beyond Labels 2025 Conference Schedule

Time	Location	Title	Presenters
9:00 – 10:00	Main room	Welcome & Keynote - Ramonda Olaloye	
10:00 – 10:15		Break	
10:15 am 12:00 pm	Sparks	Spanish - Transiciones en la educación especial de pre kínder...	Maria, Rosa, Mariela
	Ochoco	Caregiver Burnout	Tripp & Tonya Robertson
	Eastlake	Ableism 101	Fengxian Yuan, John Griffiths, Glenna Hayes
	North Sister Main	Connecting & Collaborating When There are Both IDD & Mental Health Care Needs	Panel
	Eileen	Living in a Supported Living House that My Parents Set Up. Feeling Empowered with a Disability	Andrew Selig
	Haystack	Self-care.... What is the Amygdala Hijack & Why Does it Matter	Erica Drake
	Doris	Understanding School Behaviors: Brain Insights & Practical Strategies for success	Erin Taylor
	Lava	Positive Behavior Support: Practical Strategies for Better Days	Stephanie Hunter & Tawny Allen
	Elk	Self-Advocacy Guide to DD Services (Panel)	Ryley Newport
	Tumalo	Empowering Yourself & Your Words in 2025 & Beyond	Stefany Cunningham
12:00 – 1:15	Main room	Lunch & Keynote - Alva Gardner	
		Award Presentations, Raffle Part 1	
1:15 – 2:15	Sparks	Spanish -Educación Especial Curso Introductorio 101	Damaris
	Ochoco	Social - Sexual Supports: The Unspoken need of Love, Sex & Relationships for People with Disabilities	John Griffiths and Glenna Hayes
	Eastlake	Connection, Community, Collaboration: Working Together for Employment Success	Erica Drake & Kelsey Hargrove, Rose Waibel
	North Sister Main	SSA Disability Process - Presenting & Answering all Questions	Ari Halpern
	Eileen	How to get help with Special Education	ODE/CODSN/FACT
	Haystack	Breaking Barriers with SEL: Supporting Students with Big Feelings in After-School Spaces	Karen Bures, Liv Roberts, Emmy Young
	Doris	High Desert Self Advocates: Growing Stronger & Time to Thrive!	Panel
	Lava	Moving from Awareness to Acceptance: Celebrate Neurodiversity!	Alex Kimmel
	Elk	Person-Centered Facilitation & Self-Advocacy... Alva Gardner (Keynote)	Alva Gardner
	Tumalo	There's Nothing We Can't Do: Insights from the Author of "Down Syndrome Loud: 20+ Stories About Disability & Determination"	Melissa Hart
	Middle Sister Main	Doing Your Best in a Job Interview	Margie Blackmore
	Odell	Inclusive Dance & Creative Movement	Stacey Koch
2:15 – 2:30		Break	
2:30 – 3:30	Sparks	Spanish - Metas de transición en el IEP: una hoja de ruta hacia el futuro	Maria Rangel
	Ochoco	Empowerment Through Advocacy	John Griffiths
	Eastlake	Pathways to Success: Understanding Supported Employment	Jennifer Knapp
	North Sister Main	Artificial Intelligence- Your Ultimate Collaborator, Creative Partner and Unexpected Friend	Michael Boll
	Eileen	My Journey to America & My Path to Self-Advocacy	Fengxian Yuan
	Doris	Visualizing Your Day: How Visual Prompts Can Lead to Stronger Independence and Autonomy	Susan Traugh & Matthew Traugh
	Lava	Possibilities! When Supports, Independence/Interdependence, Safety, & Self-Determination All Come Together	Alex Kimmel
	Elk	The Fitness Industry's Forgotten Population	Ryan Lockard
	Tumalo	Introduction and History of IDD	Erica Drake & John Merrick
	Odell	How I created the Kid Patrol from My Memories	Robby Dishner
	Haystack	Disability Awareness - Japan/ Nonprofit vision for Madras	Sam Robinson
3:35 – 4:00	Main room	Closing & Raffle Part 2	



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