



# Conference Schedule

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- + = Mental Health

## Tuesday, October 21, 2008

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration/Information - Lobby

## Wednesday, October 22, 2008

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration/Information - Lobby

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Pre-Conference Workshops

- ◆ Innovative Transition Practices - GDOE (Session 1 of 4) Mary Morningstar Grand Ballroom D
- ◆▲▶ Transition of Deaf Students: How Can I Become Effective as a Post-Secondary Provider, Employer or Interpreter? Deborah Mayer Grand Salons A/B
  - Part 1: Juggling an Interpreter's Life
  - Part 2: Successful Transition: How Can I Move the Mountain?
- ▲ PEPNet iTransition: It's All About Me Katherine Bruni\* Grand Salon E
  - A Free Online Transition Curriculum (Session 1 of 2)

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm Break

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm Pre-Conference Workshop

- ▲▶ Deaf Professionals and Designated Interpreters Poorna Kushalnagar\* Grand Salons A/B
  - Attitude, Behavior, and Working Relationships
  - Gallaudet University Regional Center at Flagler College and ADARA

1:45 pm - 4:00 pm Pre-Conference Workshops

- ◆ Innovative Transition Practices - GDOE (Session 2 of 4) Mary Morningstar Grand Ballroom D
- ▲ PEPNet iTransition: It's All About Me Katherine Bruni\* Grand Salon E
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4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

- ◆ Division on Career Development and Transition - GDOE Lu Nations-Miller Grand Ballroom D
  - Transition Assessment Discussion

## Thursday, October 23, 2008

7:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration/Information - Lobby

9:00 am - 11:45 am Freedom Scientific: (Session 1 of 2)

- AT Train-the-Trainer - JAWS for Windows: Jeff Bazer Henry
  - All Tools Necessary for Success in the Workplace

### WORKSHOP I

- 9:00 am - 10:15 am
- ◆ TOPSTEP: The Offender Parolee Probationer Ivey A. Webb Douglas/Paulding
  - State Training Employment Program
- ◆ Innovative Transition Practices - GDOE (Session 3 of 4) Mary Morningstar Grand Ballroom D
- Assistive Technology to Support Struggling Readers Sally Kempf Fulton/Cobb
- Aiming for Achievement: Joy Zabala\* Forsyth
  - Accessible Instructional Materials in K-12 Schools
- ▲ 2008 MSP for Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Persons Who Are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard of Hearing or Late Deafened (Panel) Douglas Watson\* DeKalb/Gwinnett
- ▶▲ Interpreting, C-Print, CART and TypeWell: We Can All Play Nicely Philip Hyssong Cherokee
- \* Supporting Literacy Instruction for Students Using Augmentative Communications Deidra Bunn Rockdale
- + Understanding Severe Brain Injury: Mimi Gold Fayette/Newton
  - Impact on Learning and School Transition Planning

10:15 am - 10:30 am Break



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## Thursday, October 23, 2008 - Continued

### WORKSHOP II

10:30 am - 11:45 am

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| ◆ A Plan to Achieve-Self Support (PASS), A Plan for Your Working Future          | Yana Wiggins     | Cherokee         |
| ◆ Innovative Transition Practices - GDOE (Session 4 of 4)                        | Mary Morningstar | Grand Ballroom D |
| ◆ Transition: The REACH Program  | Linda Williams   | Douglas/Paulding |
| ● Get SETT for Success with AT in Post-School Environments                       | Joy Zabala       | Forsyth          |
| ● Using Assistive Technology to Support Math Success                             | Sally Kempf      | Fulton/Cobb      |
| ● Cognitive Support Technologies:<br>Person Centered Technology for Independence | Ben Satterfield  | Rockdale         |
| ▲ PEPNet iTransition: It's All About Me<br>A Free Online Transition Curriculum   | Katherine Bruni* | Fayette/Newton   |
| +▲ Psycho-Social Adjustment for Persons Aging<br>with Hearing and Vision Loss    | BJ LeJeune*      | DeKalb/Gwinnett  |

11:45 am - 12:00 pm Break

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Opening Luncheon - Grand Ballroom East

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Keynote Presentation: Music Within  
Richard Pimentel, Senior Partner, Milt Wright & Associates, Inc.

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm Break

1:45 pm - 4:00 pm Workshop On Wheels - The Atlanta Area School for the Deaf

Part 1: Accessible Print for Students with Hearing Loss

Part 2: Center for Accessible Technology in SIGN (CATS)

Kenney Moore\* Main Lobby

1:45 pm - 4:30 pm Freedom Scientific: (Session 2 of 2)

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| ● AT Train-the-Trainer - PAC Mate OMNI:<br>An Essential Tool for Success in the Workplace and Beyond | Jeff Bazer | Henry |
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### WORKSHOP III

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm

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| ◆ Customized Employment:<br>Leading with Contributions Rather Than Competition                                 | Michael Callahan    | Fulton/Cobb      |
| ◆ Partners in Transition   | Susan Wright*       | Douglas/Paulding |
| ◆ Project MY VOICE: Multimedia Empowerment for Youth to<br>Voice Outcomes Individually Created for Empowerment | Toni Van Laarhoven* | DeKalb/Gwinnett  |
| ● Transitioning Out of Nursing Facilities and How AT Can Help  | Naomi Walker*       | Forsyth          |
| ◆▲ Journey Toward Employment: Sometimes a Rocky Road   | Sister Bernie Wynn* | Rockdale         |
| ▶▲ How Interpreters Affect Literacy  | Caryl Williams*     | Grand Ballroom D |
| * AAC in the Workforce: Prospection and Triumphs   | Sam Creech          | Cherokee         |
| + Traumatic Brain Injury: Epidemiology, Causes,<br>Outcomes, Assessment and Validity                           | Robert Godsall      | Fayette/Newton   |

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm Break

### WORKSHOP IV

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

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| ◆ Transition and Social Security Benefits: How We Can Help                                     | Shanti Aaron*       | Douglas/Paulding |
| ◆ What Works? Finding the Right FIT for Students<br>Within Career and Technical Programs       | Virginia Turner     | Forsyth          |
| ◆ RCLD Model for Making Informed Decisions Re: Accommodations                                  | Nancy Reed*         | Fayette/Newton   |
| ● Using Microsoft Accessibility Features:<br>Making Your Computer Easier to See, Hear, and Use | Kristen McNally     | Cherokee         |
| ◆▲ Late Deafened Adults: Barriers to Employment  | Robin Titterington* | Fulton/Cobb      |
| ●◆▲ Sign Me a Lesson: Tutorials in ASL   | Caryl Williams*     | Grand Ballroom D |
| * Supporting Switch Access for Students with<br>Significant Physical Disabilities              | Deidra Bunn         | Rockdale         |
| ◆●▲ Living, Learning, Working and Teaching in a Hearing World                                  | Crissie Gordy*      | DeKalb/Gwinnett  |

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm *Music Within* - The Richard Pimentel Story - Grand Ballroom East  
Film Screening (Speech-to-Text) and Discussion Afterwards

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## Friday, October 24, 2008

7:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration/Information - Lobby  
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Exhibit Hall and AT Solutions Computer Lab - Galleria Exhibit Hall  
 8:30 am - 9:45 am Plenary Session - Grand Ballroom East  
 Keynote Presentation: Celebrating the Bigger "D"  
 Anil Lewis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Georgia  
 9:45 am - 10:30 am Break - Galleria Exhibit Hall

### WORKSHOP V

10:30 am - 11:45 am

◆ Attitude Check	Beth Butler	Cherokee
◆ Brain-Based Education: Using the Power Tool of Storytelling for Critical Thinking Skills and Information Retention	Sherry Norfolk	Forsyth
◆ Opportunities in Georgia's Technical College System and How to Access Them (Panel)	Francine Shuman*	Fayette/Newton
◆ Workplace Accommodations: Research Findings for Evidence-Based Practice	Karen Milchus*	DeKalb/Gwinnett
▲ Audiology on the Job: The VR and Audiology Partnership	Nancy Mascia*	Fulton/Cobb
+▲ Adapting a Substance Abuse Screening Instrument (SAVR-ASL) for Persons Who are Deaf	Debra Guthmann	Henry
▲ HumanWare: New DeafBlind Communicator	Dominic Gagliano	Douglas/Paulding
* Using Visual Supports to Enhance Language, Learning and Behavior for Students with Autism	Christine Swaim	Rockdale

11:45 pm - 12:15 pm Break - Galleria Exhibit Hall  
 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm Transition Luncheon and Awards - Grand Ballroom East  
 Keynote Presentation: A Passion for Transition  
 Nancy O'Hara, Director, Georgia Department of Education  
 Division for Special Education Services  
 Sherry Norfolk, Storyteller  
 1:45 pm - 2:00 pm Break - Galleria Exhibit Hall  
 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm Employer Panel - Grand Ballroom East  
 Moderator: Commissioner Michael Thurmond (Invited)  
 Georgia Department of Labor  
 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm Break - Galleria Exhibit Hall

### WORKSHOP VI

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	◆ Georgia's Labor Marketplace	Ralph Towler	Fayette/Newton
	◆ Six Habits of Highly Successful Support Service Coordinators: Motivating Faculty	Cindy Camp*	Douglas/Paulding
	◆ The Georgia SPDG: Update on Interagency Transition Councils (ITCs)	Tom Erdmanczyk*	DeKalb/Gwinnett
	● Arithmetic, Algebra, Headaches, O My!	Kristen McNally*	Rockdale
	● Conversations with Living Legends: A Panel of Paralympians and Other Athletes	Martha Rust*	Cherokee
	● Financing Assistive Technology for Living, Learning, Working and Playing	Jackie Wilks-Weathers*	Clayton
	● The Americans with Disabilities Act and Court Accessibility	Pamela Williamson*	Forsyth
	● Assistive Technology and Job Accommodations: Georgia VR Case Studies	Rajesh Pagadala	Fulton/Cobb
	* Ready, Set, Engineer: Using Visual Supports for the Classroom and Effectively Using Supports	Gina Gelinas	Henry

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Banquet with Cultural Enrichment - Grand Ballroom East  
 Keynote Presentation: Creativity and ASL  
 Peter Cook, Educator and Deaf Performing Artist



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## Saturday, October 25, 2008

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8:30 am - 12:00 pm Exhibit Hall and AT Solutions Computer Lab - Galleria Exhibit Hall  
**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

### WORKSHOP VII

8:30 am - 9:45 am	◆ Summary of Performance: The Easy Way	Lu Nations-Miller	Cherokee
	◆ Innovative Facilitation of Transition/Vocational Assessment	Cliffe Rice	Rockdale
	● Providing Access to the Curriculum for Students with Significant Cognitive Impairments through AT and Adapted Materials	Jessie Moreau	Henry
	● The Work of a Student in the Age of Assistive Technology	Joe Tedesco	DeKalb/Gwinnett
	● Adaptive Driving Equipment: The Nuts and Bolts (and Levers and Wires) of Driving	Beth Anderson Gibson	Forsyth
	▲ Deaf and Hearing People Working Together	John (Rou) Jarvis*	Fayette/Newton
	▲ THE Hearing WAVE OF THE FUTURE: Cochlear Implants for Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind	Dorothy Walt*	Douglas/Paulding
	▶▲ Oral Interpreting: What and Why	Christine Smith	Fulton/Cobb

9:00 am - 11:00 am BlazeSports: Adaptive Sports Demonstration - Galleria Exhibit Hall  
9:45 am - 10:00 am Break - Galleria Exhibit Hall

### WORKSHOP VIII

10:00 am - 11:15 am	◆ A World of Knowledge Open to All: Georgia's Own Post-Secondary Alternative Media Access Center	Tamara Rorie	Douglas/Paulding
	◆ Becoming a Better Citizen Through Community Based Vocational Training for Students with Multiple Disabilities	Gloria Cha-Gardiner	DeKalb/Gwinnett
	▶●▲ Video Relay Service	Patricia Bodine-Smith Mark Camp*	Henry Rockdale
	● Talking Techie: Establishing Collaborative Efforts Between Disability Services and IT	Susan Jacoby	Fayette/Newton
	▲ Portfolios for Student Growth	Michael Quinn*	Fulton/Cobb
	▲ Transition-Based Evaluations Designed Specifically for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	Debra Walker	Forsyth
	▶ Yes, It's All In Your Mind! An Exploration into Short-Term Memory, Consecutive Interpreting and Brain Busters	Charles Willis	Cherokee
	+ Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)		

11:15 am - 11:30 am Break  
11:30 am - 12:45 pm Closing Plenary Session - Grand Ballroom East  
Harmony International Youth Chorus  
Keynote Presentation - Brave New World and VRS Regulations  
Ed Bosson (Ret.), Texas Public Utility Commission

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