

Thursday, March 4, 2027

7:40 am	<i>Course Webinar Opens</i>	
7:50	Welcome and Course Overview	Clarissa Kripke, MD, FAAFP and John I. Takayama, MD, MPH
SESSION 1: IMPACT OF POLICIES FROM NATIONAL TO LOCAL		
8:00	Grounding Ourselves in the Principles and Values of Disability Rights During Times of Uncertainty	Ari Ne'eman
8:30	Q & A	
8:40	Navigating Policy Changes in California, Impacting People with I/DD & Their Families	Sheraden Nicholau
9:10	Q & A	
9:20	Improving Access to Early Education and Developmental Services	Carrie Rodrigues, NCSP, LEP
9:50	Q & A	
10:00	<i>Break</i>	
10:15	Panel: Navigating Intersectional Identities Moderator: Irene Loe, MD	Panelists: Bethany Ziss, MD Kavita Sreedhar Lateef McLeod, PhD
10:45	Q & A	
10:55	Measuring High-Priority Outcomes in Autistic Adults: AASPIRE Healthcare Toolkit	Joseph Vera, MA/MPH, CCC-SLP
11:25	Q & A	
11:35	<i>Virtual Networking and Resource Fair</i>	
12:05 pm	<i>Recess for Lunch</i>	
SESSION 2: MODELS OF CARE		
1:00 pm	Disability in Poetry	Jennifer Bartlett
1:30	Q & A	
1:40	Effective Screening for Learning Disabilities	Nadine Gaab, PhD
2:10	Q & A	
2:20	AFFIRM California: Family Support for Children with Special Healthcare Needs	Rachel Willard Grace, MPH
2:50	Q & A	
3:00	<i>Break</i>	
3:20	Panel: Delivering High Quality, Timely Mental Health Care to People with Developmental Disabilities Moderator: Richard Goldwasser, MD	Panelists: Veronica Regueiro, PsyD Stephanie Parker, MD Anna Fernandez, LMFT
3:50	Q & A	
ANNUAL SHRIVER LECTURE & AWARD		
4:00	Introduction	
4:10	Implementing Collaborative, Inclusive and Effective Health Care Transition for Youth and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities	Megumi Okumura, MD, MS
4:40	Q & A	
4:45 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>	

Friday, March 5, 2027

7:45 am	<i>Course Webinar Opens</i>	
7:50	Welcome and Daily Overview	Clarissa Kripke, MD, FAAFP and John I. Takayama, MD, MPH
SESSION 3: CLINICAL EVIDENCE		
8:00	Reimagining Autism Care	Steven Merahn, MD
8:30	Q & A	
8:40	Qualitative Research on Outcomes of Interventions for Autistic People	Moderator: Katherine McDonald, PhD
	• Autistic Experiences of Applied Behavior Analysis • The Views of Autistic Adults on Early Autism Interventions • Autistic Adults' First-person Perspectives on Mental Health-related Services	Laura K. Anderson, PhD Kathy Leadbitter, PhD & Elizaveta Nosova Lana Andoni, PhD
9:10	Q & A	
9:20	Catatonia: What is it? How to Diagnose and Treat It	Eva C. Ihle, MD, PhD
9:50	Q & A	
10:00	<i>Break</i>	
10:15	Helping People with Disabilities Adapt to Climate Change	Diana Howard, MD & Alexander Sherriffs, MD
10:45	Q & A	
10:55	Developmental Disabilities and Feeding Methods – Feeding Children with Cerebral Palsy	Paula Rabaey, PhD, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA
11:25	Q & A	
11:35	<i>Virtual Networking and Resource Fair</i>	
12:05 pm	<i>Recess for Lunch</i>	
SESSION 4: THE CUTTING EDGE		
1:00 pm	Advances in Technology: HoloBoard - Advancing Letterboards with Augmented Reality	Diwakar Krishnamurthy, PhD
1:30	Q & A	
1:40	Innovations in Reproductive Healthcare: Expanding Options for People with Disabilities	Jennifer Karlin, MD, PhD
2:10	Q & A	
2:20	Self-Injurious Behavior in People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Caroline L. Roberts, PhD
2:50	Q & A	
3:00	<i>Break</i>	
3:20	Cancer Care for People with Developmental Disabilities	Melissa Levin, MSW, LICSW and co-presenter with lived experience
3:50	Q & A	
4:00	Mental Health Care for Caregivers of People with I/DD	Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiolam, MD, PhD
4:30	Q & A	
4:40	Closing Remarks	
4:45 pm	<i>Course Adjourns</i>	

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