

Arkansas Rehabilitation Association 2020 Virtual Conference: October 22nd- 23rd

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Check In 9:30-10:00 am Welcome 9:45 am		October 22 nd
Breakout Session(s) 1 10:00-11:05 am	<i>Martha's Vineyard: The Total Inclusion of Deaf Individuals in Society</i> -Dr. Keith Vire	<i>Immigrants from England settled on Martha's Vineyard in the late 1600s, carrying the gene that would result in the births of multiple deaf children. This resulted in the development of sign language which was used by the entire community fostering an inclusive community for the deaf population.</i>
	<i>or</i>	
	<i>Even Happier: Using your Signature Strengths to Achieve Even Greater Happiness</i> -Dr. Chrissy Whiting	<i>This is a workshop designed to discover one's strengths and how to utilize them to promote positivity in one's life and career, despite the negativity we witness through the media and people we come in contact with.</i>
Break 11:05-11:15 am		
Breakout Session(s) 2 11:15 am- 12:20 pm	<i>The Development of an LGBTQ+ Knowledge Repository for Rehabilitation Counselors/Educators</i> -Robert Stevens	<i>This presentation will discuss the basic LGBTQ+ vernacular, important moments in LGBT+ history, and learning best practices when working with this population. Questions highly encouraged!</i>
	<i>or</i>	
	<i>Emerging Disabilities: ethical considerations for practice</i> -Dr. John Sassin	<i>This presentation will address emerging disabilities from an ethical and social justice perspective. The CRC Code shows how rehabilitation professionals can expand their practice and adapt to society's challenges today.</i>
Break 12:20- 1:15 pm Awards and Lunch		
Breakout Session(s) 3 1:15-2:20 pm	<i>Availability of Supports and Speaking Out</i> - Dr. Angie Bassett & Kasey Hodges	<i>This mother-daughter duo will discuss their respective experiences, knowledge, and advice about finding supports and demonstrating advocacy for others as well as oneself.</i>
	<i>or</i>	
	<i>Enhancing Your Leadership Potential: Defining the Values That Drive You</i> - Robin Freeman & Veronica Jackson	<i>This workshop will help individuals to define the values, beliefs, and principals that influence and drive us to be a transformational leader. This awareness will assist and reflect in our client and professional relationships.</i>

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	or	
	Business Engagement for VR Counselors -Rodney Chandler, Teara Lindholm, Gretchen Hunt	Engaging business and industry is a critical component to training and assisting job seekers with obtaining competitive and integrated employment. We will discuss best practices for business engagement between employers, vocational rehabilitation staff, and educators.
Break 11:05-11:15 am		
Breakout Session(s) 2 11:15 am- 12:20 pm	How ARS can be Culturally Responsive to the Deaf Community (Part 2) -Cheryl Seymore	
	or	
	Passing the Baton-Moving on from Counseling and Case Management - Dr. Raymond Ortega	This presentation will focus on the legal ethical and practical issues involved in transitioning counseling and case management responsibilities to other professionals.
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Breakout Session(s) 3 1:15-2:20 pm	Finding the Funny in Unfunny Times - Dr. Penny Willmering	During this session, personal and professional struggles and anecdotes will be shared as well as the use of humorous coping strategies to deal with life stressors and life events, for oneself and the consumers we serve
	or	
	Measurable Skills Gains and Credential Attainment: An In-Depth Look - Christy Lamas	This presentation will help practitioners and those working in conjunction with Vocational Rehabilitation, to understand the new measures of productivity required by the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), how they are measured, and how it relates to Vocational Rehabilitation.

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