

# Montana Youth Transitions Virtual Conference

## Agenda at-a-glance

### **NOVEMBER 16 (MONDAY)**

**9:00-10:15 AM      Keynote: Jason Corning**

*Deafblind on the Move:* An entrepreneur, a professor, a TEDx Talk speaker, a mentor, and a leader of the Deafblind community, Jason always has something adventurous going on in his life. In this presentation, he will share his personal experience on what kind of physical challenges he has been through and how he is taking action to break down the barriers. In his world, being Deafblind is not destiny. It is a catalyst to an innovative life experience that no one has ever imagined before.

### **10:30 AM- NOON    CONCURRENT SECTIONALS**

- **Transition Supports and Options for Students with Complex Needs** (Cheri Reed)
- **The Interface between the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) – connecting the work of High Schools and Vocational Rehabilitation services** (Ann Verploegen, OPI and Andrew Lowney, VRBS)
- **Y: Post-secondary Education Accommodations for Students with Disabilities** (Bonnie Kurien, UM Disability Services for Students)
- **Y: Comment, Like, Share, or Block? Tips for Safely Using Social Media** (Dr. Mary Jo Krile)

### **1:00- 2:30 PM      CONCURRENT SECTIONALS**

- **It's all about Me: My Choice, My Voice** (Isaac Baldry and Theresa Baldry)
- **Turning 18? What you should know about Social Security** (Margaret Keener, NCILS)
- **Y: Redefining Deafblind - Best Practices in Self-Advocacy** (Jason Corning)
- **Y: Spending, Saving, and Protecting Your Wallet** (Beki Brandborg)

### **2:45-4:15 PM      CONCURRENT SECTIONALS**

- **Digital Lives During a Pandemic: Strategies for Using Social Media and Virtual Learning with Youth Adults with Disabilities** (Dr. Mary Jo Krile)
- **Practical Ideas to Support Students with Anxiety and Their Parents in Transition Planning** (Ann Verploegen, OPI)

**6:00-7:30 PM      Parent to Parent Roundtable** (Jen Hermanson and Cherie Ronish)

A facilitated and safe space for parents to connect, share resources, and ask questions about transition.

**\*\* Y= Presentation geared specifically toward a youth audience** (please note that youth and adults are welcome to attend any presentation)

## NOVEMBER 17 (TUESDAY)

### 9:00-10:15 AM      **Keynote: AJ Paron and Devin Wildes**

*What's Your Definition of Success?* Learn from AJ Paron and Devin Wildes, a dynamic mother and son, on their journey to help Devin find his way in his career. Devin, who has autism, is an accomplished artist, speaker and community activist. His journey is full of twists and turns full of adaptations and lessons on finding one's true self.

### 10:30 AM- NOON    **CONCURRENT SECTIONALS**

- **Transition 101 for Educators** (Ann Verploegen)
- **Parents Planning for Purpose, Pivots, and Potential** (AJ Paron)
- **Y: Apps and Tools for Reading, Notetaking, and Keeping Track of It All** (MonTECH)
- **Y: I'm Ready to have My Own Place! (But how do I start?)** (Shanda Walker, MHA)

### 1:00-2:30 PM      **CONCURRENT SECTIONALS**

- **All you Need to Know about Pre-ETS Services** (VRBS panel)
- **COVID-19: Impacts on Our Health and Well-being** (Erin Butts, Great Falls Public Schools)
- **Y: Have a Voice Before You Vote!** (McKeely Shannon, Forward Montana Foundation)
- **Y: It's Not Just Hotdogs and Donuts** (Dr. Leanne Beers)

### 2:30-5:30 PM      **VENDOR FAIR**

The vendor schedule and descriptions will be available on the MYT Conference page. This is an opportunity to connect with providers who support transition across the state of Montana.

### 6:00-7:30 PM      **YOUTH FORUM** (facilitated by Zach Ronish and Candy Cohen)

A facilitated and safe space for youth to gather, talk about life after high school and make new friends!

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## **November 18 (Wednesday)**

**9:00-10:15 AM      Keynote: Michael Beers**

*To Boldly Go!* What does this quote mean to us in today's world how it can apply to your life as an individual? Mike embodies this philosophy in his own life – moving from advocating for his needs in IEP meetings to serving as a school board member; from being a shy, quiet teen to thriving as a stand-up comic. Join Mike in his journey of turning transition into a way of life!

### **10:30 AM- NOON    CONCURRENT SECTIONALS**

- **Vocational Rehabilitation 101** (Sara Seltzer, VRBS)
- **Healthy Relationships: Are We on the Same Page?** (Dr. Leann Beers)
- **Educator Roundtable: Sharing Best Practices, Questions and Resources around Transition** (Ann Verploegen, Sara Bailey, Ashley House)
- **Y: Be Your Own BOSS! (Building Occupational Success Skills)** (John Howard & Becca Gervais, Summit ILC)



## **Thank you for participating!**

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**Certificates of Completion** will be available for download from the MYT Conference page after the conference has been completed.

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