

## BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE IV

### Destination: Employment



**REGISTRATION:** Current registration 1000. Registration will close at 1200.

**HOTEL ROOM BLOCK:** The room block for the \$120.00 rate is full. Additional rooms are still available at the government rate of \$161. You will need to call the hotel.

**ACCOMODATIONS:** If you need an accommodation, please make sure when you registered you requested an accommodation. You will be contacted by Jill Larson to make your arrangements.

**TRANSPORTATION TO THE HOTEL:** There is no hotel shuttle. Super Shuttle, Taxi, Uber, or Lyft are options.

**PARKING:** \$18.00 a day for both hotel guests and daily commuters.

**MEALS:** All meals will be served in the Grand Ballroom E & F. There will be no speakers or interruptions with announcements. Tuesday and Wednesday hot breakfast. Lunch will be served using Lazy Susan turntables located at your tables. As you spin please watch your drinks. The hotel is set to accommodate meals. Please make sure when you registered you requested an accommodation. You will be contacted for specifics.

**WI-FI:** Wi-Fi is free in hotel rooms if you are a Marriott Rewards member. Its free to sign up. There will be a Wi-Fi hub in our conference center for participants to download the Institute schedule and handouts.

**SCHED:** Institute information including: the schedule, breakout choices, speaker bios, handouts, and their PPTS will be on the SCHED app. It will be linked to Eventbrite and participants will receive information how to download. Encourage participants to download the app and the materials they want to view prior to arriving.

**PROGRAM:** There will be a small program listing the keynotes, breakout times, vendor information, sponsors, etc.

**GENERAL SESSIONS:** Institute opening, keynotes, panels will be held in Marquis Central and South. Across from the Grand Ballroom E & F where you will have meals.

**ACCESS TO THE PARK:** There is a local bus that will take you to Disneyland, California Adventure and Downtown Disney for \$5.50 roundtrip. It runs every 30 minutes and you catch the bus outside the hotel to the right. Wait at the green benches. The bus stops operating 30 minutes after the parks close.

**VENDORS, MICROBUSINESS, RESOURCE TABLES:** Be sure to take the time to check out these resources. They will be set-up throughout the day on Tuesday and some will be available Wednesday until 12:00.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS:** Will be offered by San Diego State University.

**REMEMBER THAT ELECTION DAY: November 6<sup>th</sup>. Plan ahead.**

## Monday, November 5, 2018

- WorkAbility I Advisory Meeting 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
- CA PROMISE meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- TPP Meeting 2:00 – 6:00 pm
- **Registration open during these hours: 12:00-3:00 p.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.**
- WorkAbility I Committees Meetings:
  - BEL 2:00 – 3:00 pm
  - Technology 6:30 - 7:30 pm
  - Mentoring 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- **Film Premiere, “Swim Team” 7:00-9:00 pm**

Three swimmers from the Jersey Hammerheads, a competitive team of teens on the spectrum strive to rise above their disability in and out of the pool.



Lara Stoleman, the filmmaker, is an award-winning producer and director of television and film. A former producer for NVC News, her work has appeared on Netflix, PBS, NBC, MSNBC, TLC, AMC, VH-1 and *The New York Times' Website*. Kristin Wright, State Director of Special Education, Joe Xavier, State Director of Department of Rehabilitation, and Lara Stoleman will be at the premiere to enjoy and answer movie questions.

Popcorn will be provided and a no host bar available.

The premiere will begin at 7:00 PM. The premiere will show a 50-minute closed captioned version of the film.

## Tuesday, November 6, 2018

- **Registration open during these hours:** 6:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 11:45 am - 1:00 p.m.
- **Youth strand** for 30 interested youth, in becoming California leaders. There is an application and some funding available. Contact Nick Wavin and Richard Rosenberg if you know potential students.
- There will be **33 breakout choices thought out the day**. Schedule to come out in approximately one week. WorkAbility I is well represented.

**DOR:** Representatives from DOR will be available throughout the entire day to meet with participants and answer any TPP or WIOA questions. Room TBA.

**Welcome and Opening:** Kristin Wright, CDE, Joe Xavier DOR, Johnny Collett, Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) U.S. Department of Education.

### Johnny W. Collett, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services — Biography

Johnny Collett is the assistant secretary in the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the United States Department of Education. In this capacity, he serves as the advisor to the U.S. education secretary on matters related to the education of children and youths with disabilities, as well as employment and community living for youths and adults with disabilities. The mission of his office is to improve early childhood, educational, and employment outcomes, and to raise expectations for all people with disabilities, their families, their communities, and the nation.



**Keynote: RJ Mitte.** At the young age of three, Louisiana native Mitte was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, much like his character "Walt Jr." on AMC's hit show "Breaking Bad." Having CP has never deterred his drive to succeed in television and film, as a chance encounter with a casting director landed Mitte in various roles on SHOWTIME's "Weeds," NBC's "Vegas," and CW's "Everybody Hates Chris," until being cast in his life changing role on "Breaking Bad."

Throughout the years, Mitte has been a motivating role model to his peers around the world by championing his disability with the goal of removing the stigma associated with disability. By bringing awareness to those who sustain life-threatening illness, Mitte has engaged in public speaking on his own issues with bullying and prejudice and serves as the official Ambassador for United Cerebral Palsy Association, and Shriners Children's Hospitals. He has also blogged for the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) and was a spokesperson for the National Disability Institute's Real Economic Impact Tour encouraging increased financial literacy and economic empowerment among youth and adults with disabilities.



**CA Youth Leaders – “See It, Be It, Bring it to Others”.**

Facilitated by Chris Coulston and Kevin Fortunato, two National Youth Leaders from Delaware/Pennsylvania. Thirty youth from throughout California will meet on Tuesday to discover new talents, practice leadership skills and bust through those employment myths.

**SELPA Directors and Administrators:** Meeting with Johnny Collette following the keynote. Approximately one hour. CDE will send out the invitations.

**PM Panel:** Kristin Wright, CDE Facilitator Kristin is facilitating a conversation with Anita Wright, Northrup Gruman and Tari Hartman Squire, Lights, Camera, Access.

**Breakout sessions offer the opportunity to explore transition in depth.**

Youth Focus - 7	School-Based - 10	Career Dev/ Pre-ETS - 8	Collaboration - 9	Family - 5
	Postsecondary Ed - 6	Employment - 7		

**WorkAbility Committee Meetings:** 5:30 -6:30 pm. Rooms TBA.

Will have by room assignments by October 1. BEL, HSS, GRC, FTN, WLS.

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

- **Registration is closed.** Please direct questions to CA Transition Alliance table.

**GENERAL SESSION:** NEW PSA! Myth Busters.



Students share the myths that surrounded the attainment of Competitive Integrated Employment. All participants will be given a link to download and use the PSA with students and your communities.

Mr. Joey Travolta, the Director from Inclusion Films, and featured students will introduce the PSA.



## Keynote: Becky Curran

Becky received her Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Providence College, where she gained a passion for influencing change behind the scenes in the entertainment industry. Upon graduation and after 100 job interviews, Becky started working in the Creative Arts Agency, the world's leading entertainment and sports agency. Five years later, she worked at CBS Television Studios, where she assisted with the casting of pilots and television series. During this transition, she also served as the Marketing Director and Co-Founding Board Member of the Catalina Film Festival. She also founded DisABILITY In Media, which focuses on positive disability inclusion storytelling through social media.

In high school, Becky took an interest in public speaking and participated in Forensics and Toastmasters clubs. Becky began her motivational speaking career in 2011. She delivered her first TEDx Talk in 2014.

Becky was born with achondroplasia, the most common type of short-limbed dwarfism. She stands 4 feet tall. Her parents always taught her to keep a positive outlook, no matter how harsh the outside world may be. She grew up participating in sports such as sailing, skiing, soccer, and swimming, amongst her "average" height peers. When people ask her about whether or not she likes being a little person, she always has the same answer. "I never want to change but I want the way the outside world reacts to my difference to change."

There will be **20 breakout choices throughout the day.**

**Combined WorkAbility Regional Meeting:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Marquis Center & South

**Individual Region Meetings:** 2::15 - 3:00 pm. Rooms TBA

### **Mandatory for Project Contacts**

*The project contact must attend all region and statewide meetings/trainings and submit all mandated documentation within required timelines. Per the Statement of Assurances.*

***You must sign in.***

All others are welcome.



## Thursday, November 8, 2018 Post-Conference Trainings

Registration 8:00 am.

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm

### **Option 1: Collaboration Facilitated by Joanne Cashman and Vicki Shadd**

Collaborations...Networking...Local community of Practices... Come learn some effective practices that will help you build new partnerships, create a local community of practice, strengthen existing connections or improving a challenging relationship. Maximize each other's contributions and stay focused on a common goal .... Successful support systems and outcomes for youth.

### **Option 2: Transition Planning: Meeting the Mandate and Beyond**

**Facilitated by Sue Sawyer**

Are you overwhelmed by all the changes that are impacting transition for your students with IEPs? This interactive, hands-on workshop will explore IDEA mandates for IEPs, recent legislation and regulations that impact transition, person centered planning, the high school diploma and the course of study, assessment strategies, transition services, and collaboration.

### **Option 3: Best Practices to Achieve Employment**

**Facilitated by Linda O'Neal and Richard L. Rosenberg**

(benefits planning, certifications, job-finding options)

This workshop will share best practices in providing career pathway work-based learning opportunities for all youth with mild, moderate and significant disabilities. Individualized job development strategies for paid and unpaid work experiences as well a direct hires will be discussed.