

Expanding the Possibilities 2024

MEET OUR TOP INSPIRATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Modesto Hinojosa

My Journey: Positive Change

Modesto, a 23-year-old guy who uses a wheelchair, experienced a life-altering moment almost nine years ago when Transverse Myelitis left him with a c3 complete spinal cord injury. At just 14 years old, he faced the daunting uncertainty of his future, but with unwavering determination and the support of therapy, he defied the bleak prognosis given by doctors. Through years of perseverance and self-discovery, Modesto realized the boundless opportunities available to individuals with disabilities, leading him to advocate for unity and understanding within communities. His mantra, "Life is too short to be too stressed," drives his mission to inspire positive change and empower others to embrace their potential, demonstrating that even the smallest efforts can yield profound transformations

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GUEST SPEAKER

Preventing Behavior Problems in Children with Disabilities at Home and in the Community

Children with disabilities present unique challenges with regards to management of behavioral issues. This presentation will address the specific challenges faced by parents of children with disabilities and offer ideas for preventing and managing these behaviors.



Lourdes Valdes
Ph.D

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GUEST SPEAKER

Tried & True Tips & Tricks to Make the Transition Plan Effective and Relevant for Your Teen

This training will touch on key concepts that parents need to be aware of to navigate transition successfully. Transition is a huge topic, and Cynthia will do her best to give you tips and tricks to help you make the most of the transition plan on the IEP.

Objectives include:

1. Present brief overview of options, services, and supports for teens in special ed during transition.
2. Understand the evaluations upon which transition plans are based and know how to request appropriate evaluations for your teen.
3. Present a framework of Ikigai for coaching you teen to think through what they want to do after high school.
4. Developing relevant transition goals.



Cynthia Singleton

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Sensory Processing and Solutions to Promote Participation in All Settings from Early Childhood Throughout Lifespan

In this presentation, parents will learn about sensory processing throughout the lifespan. The challenges that they face and how it affects development, learning, and behavior in their environments. Parents will receive strategies which can be implemented at home and school to help the child be more successful across all settings.



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