



Annual Adult Autism Conference

DAILY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10 2026

CROWNE PLAZA FOSTER CITY
1221 CHESS DRIVE

8:00 AM TO 4:15 PM
IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL

Morning Program

TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION
8:00 AM	Registration	Hotel Lobby
8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast and Resource Fair	Foyer
9:00 AM	Welcome and Conference Overview	Ballrooms A B and C
9:15 AM	Keynote Address State of the Safety Net Christine Bagley Director of Safety Net Services California Department of Developmental Services	Ballrooms A B and C
10:00 AM	Keynote Panel Regional Center Updates Legislation and Family Priorities Monica Cosio Martinez Sean Galvin and Dr Becky Nanyonjo	Ballrooms A B and C
10:45 AM	Dedicated Resource Fair Time	Hall and Foyer

Lunch Seating

11:00 AM	Blue Ticket Lunch Marco Polo Bistro and Cafe Florian
11:45 AM	Red Ticket Lunch Marco Polo Bistro and Cafe Florian

Afternoon Breakout Rooms

ALEXANDRIA Research and Clinical Care	BALBOA Lanterman Act Advocacy, Legal and Financial Planning	COLUMBUS Self Determination Caregiving and Technology	DRAKE Housing, Day Programs, Employment and Public Benefits
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Breakout sessions begin at 12:30 PM. Please allow 15 minutes between sessions.



AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SCHEDULE

12:30 PM TO 1:15 PM

ROOM	SESSION	PRESENTERS
ALEXANDRIA	Neuromodulation TMS tDCS DBS and TNS	Dr John Hegarty and Dr James McCracken
BALBOA	Keeping the Lanterman Promise: Deinstitutionalization, Landmark Cases and Why Advocacy Still Matters	Stephen W Dale Esq LLM, Tony Anderson, Teresa Anderson
COLUMBUS	Understanding the Self Determination Program Is It Right for Your Family	Ken Parekh and the GGRC Self Determination Team
DRAKE	Belonging and Housing Viable Paths in Your Own Community	Lisa Zuegel and Gia Pham

1:30 PM TO 2:15 PM

ROOM	SESSION	PRESENTERS
ALEXANDRIA	Comorbidities Gastrointestinal Disorders and Epilepsy	Dr Vivien Nguyen and Stanford presenter
BALBOA	Best Practices in Using ABLE Accounts and Special Needs Trusts	Ellen Cookman Esq, Thomas Martin Esq
COLUMBUS	Life Is Like a Roll of Toilet Paper Legacy Planning for Families of People with Disabilities	Trudy Grable
DRAKE	Work with Purpose Exploring Employment Opportunities at The Social Connection	Sara Trail

2:30 PM TO 3:15 PM

ROOM	SESSION	PRESENTERS
ALEXANDRIA	Sleep Disorders	Dr Antonio Hardan and Stanford colleagues
BALBOA	Multigenerational Special Needs Planning and Advanced Estate Planning	Mark Gilfix Esq and Michael Gilfix Esq
COLUMBUS	State of Autism Technology What Is Real What Is Coming and How to Find It	Dan Feshbach
DRAKE	Transitioning After High School – Day Programs and Alternative Pathways	Dana Hooper, DeAnna Pursai

3:30 PM TO 4:15 PM

ROOM	SESSION	PRESENTERS
ALEXANDRIA	Transition Age and Aging	Dr Thuc Quyen Nguyen and Dr James McCracken
BALBOA	Taking Care of Our Loved Ones After I Am Gone Navigating Special Needs Financial Planning	Ken Prodger and Scott Gill
COLUMBUS	Advanced Self Determination – What’s Coming/Updates and the “Nitty Gritty”	Ken Parekh and the GGRC Self Determination Team
DRAKE	Planning for Your Loved One with Special Needs – How to Access Public Benefits	Michael Belioff and Genevieve Cornish

CONFERENCE ENDS AT 4:15 PM