KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Natural & Inclusive Learning Experiences

Early childhood is a critical period of growth for all children, particularly those with special needs. Inclusive practices have evolved significantly over the years, and learning together in a natural environment benefits both children with special needs and their peers. Finding the value that true inclusion can bring to an early childhood program leads to a shift in adult mindsets that is the key to making a real difference in the lives of all children.

Mary Hendricks, M.Ed.

Mary has been working in the field of special education for over 40 years. She has been an inclusion teacher, a co-teacher, an advocate for families, and an instructor of Early Intervention courses at Johns Hopkins University. Mary is an advocate for inclusion and for change. She continues her work in her current role as a Program Quality Specialist on the Early Childhood Team at JHU-CTE.

WELCOME

Abilities Network Project ACT is excited to partner with the Community College of Baltimore County for our 10th Annual Early Childhood Conference. This year’s theme, All Children Together, will focus on Project ACT’s primary mission: to strengthen each early childhood professional’s ability to include all children. In order to meet the needs of the early childhood community, a second day of programming has been added with a focus on capacity building for those in leadership roles.

REGISTRATION

STEP 1.
Register with the Community College of Baltimore County:
443-840-4700

STEP 2.
Go to www.anprojectact.org to complete a Course Selection form.

Registration Rates
Day 1 & Day 2 ~ $140  |  Day 2 only ~ $80
Early Bird Rate – Before July 31, 2019
Day 1 & Day 2 ~ $140  |  Day 2 only ~ $70
Member Rates
Day 1 & Day 2 ~ $140  |  Day 2 only ~ $75

A group discount of $5 per person for groups of 5 or more from the same agency is available. Discounts cannot be combined. No refunds will be issued.

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**SCHEDULE**

### DAY 1
8:30-9:00 Registration  
9:00-10:30 Session A  
10:45-12:15 Session B  
12:30-2:00 Lunch & Panel Discussion  
2:15-3:45 Session C

### DAY 2
8:00-8:30 Registration  
8:30-10:00 Keynote  
10:15-11:45 Session A  
11:45-12:45 Lunch & Vendors  
12:45-2:15 Session B  
2:30-4:00 Session C

- Resource Tables & Vendors  
- Raffles & Prizes  
- Photo Booth  
- Free Parking  
- Easy access from the Metro  
- 6-12 Core of Knowledge hours  
- Eligibility for one PAU

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**DAY 1**

**Leadership Symposium on Inclusion**

**PANEL EXPERTS**

- Leslie Seid Margolis, Esq., Managing Attorney for Disability Rights Maryland
- D’Lisa Worthy, M.Ed., Co-Director at the Center of Excellence in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
- Virginia Salzberg, M.Ed., Community Based Preschool Inclusion Team Leader, Baltimore County Public Schools
- Rene Averitte-Sanzone, Executive Director of Parents’ Place of Maryland
- Sharon Holloway-Genteman, LCSW, Director of PACT World of Care Inclusive Child Care Program
- Janette Guerra, M.Ed., Section Chief of Early Childhood Intervention, MSDE Division of Early Intervention & Special Education Services

**SESSIONS**

- Beyond the ABCs of ADA: A Closer Look at Inclusive Practices in Child Care and the Americas with Disabilities Act  
- Teacher Well-Being & Program Quality: Strategies for Reducing Teacher Stress  
  Syretha O. Storey, Ph.D.
- Understanding Your Leadership Style  
  Isabel Lainez

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**DAY 2**

**All Children Together Conference**

See full session descriptions on www.anprojectact.org

**A SESSIONS**

- Self-Care: Filling Up Your Own Cup  
  Lauren Spigelmyer
- Equity & Inclusion in Children’s Literature: Promoting Advocacy for Children with Special Needs  
  Petrae Hicks
- Navigating the Birth to Five Special Education World through the Lens of Families  
  Christine Alexander & Beth Boyle
- Inclusion of English Language Learners in Classroom Settings  
  Isabel Lainez
- Roadmap to Rampage: Protecting Children from Bullying  
  Alicia J. Turner

**B SESSIONS**

  Candace Cunningham
- Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Classroom Setting  
  Trish Kane & Neal Lichter
- Why Are These Behaviors Occurring and What Do I Do?  
  Lauren Spigelmyer
- When Lining Up Crosses the Line: Inside High Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder  
  Dr. Tiffany Garner
- Seizure Training for Child Care  
  Mary Wontrop

**C SESSIONS**

- Brain Architecture: Connecting with the Developing Child  
  Sandra Graham
- Developmental Perspectives on Behavior & Day to Day Behavior Management Strategies  
  Dr. Tiffany Garner
- The Magic of Science  
  Dawn Baker
- Integrating Sensory Strategies in Early Childhood Settings: Supporting All Children  
  Caitlin Sprouse
- Yoga & Mindfulness for Diverse Learners  
  Tara Geller