

## CHHS 50th Anniversary Conference

### Fostering Educational and Vocational Success for Young Adults with Disabilities

#### COMMUNITY RESOURCE ROUNDTABLES

During mid-day gaps in your schedule as well as during lunch, please feel free to sit down and chat with representatives from some of our community resources and find out how they support success. Most representatives will be available from 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. The roundtable conversations are set up to allow you to spend 15 to 20 minutes exploring with two or three organizations of your choice.

Community Resource	Representative
GiGi's Playhouse	Lisa Callaghan
Suburban Access	Patty O'Brien
DRES – Disability Resources & Educational Services at the University of Illinois	Jeanette Elliott
Label-Us-Able	Ann Jackson
SSSRA – South Suburban Special Recreation Association	Tammy McMahon
Good Shepherd Center	Brendan McCormick
Department of Rehabilitation Services	Rochelle Chambers-Hyndman
The Arc of Illinois	Paul Blobaum
GSU – Access Services	Angela Szepanik-Sanchez
South Chicago Parents & Friends	Tom Schell Merideth O'Brien
Elmhurst Learning & Success Academy (ELSA) at Elmhurst College	Tim Ahlberg
Sertoma Centre, Inc.	Gia Washington
ICan Dream Center	Kenyetta Weaver



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#### EXHIBITORS

Elmhurst Learning & Success Academy (ELSA) at Elmhurst College

Illinois Association of Microboards and Cooperatives

Easy Street Theater, NFP

GiGi's Playhouse Tinley Park

Thomas Clark Law

Unique Sweets

CTF Illinois

Brett Kurlander

Trinity Christian College

Good Shepherd Center

Illinois Department of Child and Family Services

If I Squeeze Your Head I'm Sorry

Sertoma Centre, Inc

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

*All conference attendees will receive a standard certificate of attendance via email.*

*Be sure to sign in to each session you attend.*

The Illinois Early Intervention Training Program has approved *Empowering Families to Successfully Navigate Early Transitions*, Chelsea Guillen, MS for **1.0 hours of EI credential credit in the area of Working with Families**.

Teachers, administrators, school social workers, school speech pathologists, school nurses, school psychologists, and school counselors may receive up to **5.0 hours of Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDU)** for the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). See Andrea DelPaolo in the Exhibit Hall to request credit.

The Departments of Communication Disorders, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy at GSU are approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to sponsor continuing education for **Illinois-licensed professionals** in these disciplines. This conference is offered for up to **5 hours of continuing education**.

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### **HANDOUTS AND OTHER MATERIALS**

You can find an archive of this conference, as well as any materials provided by presenters, on our university's open access site

<https://opus.govst.edu/chhs50/>

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### **COME AND MEET TEMPLE!**

**Temple Grandin**

will be available to meet guests, share stories, and sign books

**Meet and Greet 4pm – 6pm**

**Engbretson Hall**

*Books available for purchase at event table and from Follett Bookstore*

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### **FEEDBACK APPRECIATED**

Thank you for attending and participating. We plan to make this an annual event, and welcome your thoughts regarding speakers, exhibitors, community resources, and ways to connect in the Southlands.

Please help us learn how to do the next conference better by completing the session surveys and the online post-event survey you will see in your email later today.

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# THANK YOU

An event with the ambitions and scope of this conference is only possible with teamwork. To all of the friends, volunteers, presenters, panelists, and community partners that gave generously of their time, effort, and beautiful minds, thank you for making it happen.

A very special shout-out goes to **Alexis Sarkisian and Friends of the GSU Library** for sponsoring the Temple Grandin movie day and providing water throughout the day for our guests; and to **Patti Herbst and The Center for Independence** for generously providing lunch and popcorn for our Temple Grandin movie day.

All of our supporters at GSU have been extraordinarily responsive and courteous:

**Follett Bookstore** – James Sexton, thank you for jumping aboard

**The Center for Performing Arts** - Lana Rogachevskaya\*, thank you for sharing in the vision; Jane Cox\*, for keeping us on track and getting the word out; Jon Cobb, for making it all happen even with Shen Yun

**The School of Extended Learning** – Amy Barsha and especially Michelle Sebasco, for running the conference registration

**Arena Food Services** – Thank you for saying yes even during Spring Break with Construction

**Facilities Development and Management** – for setting up our physical environment and figuring it all out even with Spring Break, Construction, and Shen Yun

**Department of Public Safety** – for keeping us secure

**University Print Shop** – John Adducci, thank you for our great signs and materials

**Instructional Technology Services** – for having our backs when technology is not being friendly

**Marketing and Communications** – Sarah Hirsch\*, Zion Banks, and Isabella Hollingsworth for helping us bring the event to life; Michael Scalzo and Tim Cappos for designing everything

**The GSU Library** – Paul Blobaum, thank you for setting up our event page on OPUS

We extend so much gratitude to the CHHS staff who have saved the day more than once:

**Julie Anderson\*** – who did everything from designing notepads to wrangling volunteers

**Laura Owens\*** – who took charge of our website and e-blasts

**Zoyla Ramirez\*** – who helped make sure our bills were paid and our travelers situated

**Ron Sandhyapagu** – who printed nametags, stuffed bags, and learned all about OPUS

**Karen Cesar** – who took the time to graciously and respectfully help us coordinate our space in the midst of construction

\*The **Conference Planning Board** is a group of very special people who are invested in making GSU and the community it serves a better place for people of all abilities. The group has done so much to make sure all voices are heard, to recruit volunteers, presenters, and exhibitors, and to kick-start our community assessments and goal-setting. We are off to a great start thanks to:

**Tamekia Bell, Cindy and Gail Berner, Anjali Fulambarker, Mike Hart, Ann Jackson, Nicole Koonce, Angela Riccelli, Caren Schranz, Angela Szepanik-Sanchez, Joann Tomesieski-Peters, Maurice Webb, and Michele Webb-Blondell**