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2026 EVIDENCE FOR SUCCESS Disability Conference

Conference At-A-Glance

Tuesday, June 23rd

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	Agave *AT for Schools*	Cholla	Willow *Sonoran Center*	Yucca *Advocacy & Policy*	Ironwood	Ocotillo A	Ocotillo B	Ocotillo C
7:30–8:30	**REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST** – Palo Verde Foyer							
8:30–10:00	**Opening Session & Keynote Presentation (Daniel Wendler, PsyD)** – Palo Verde Ballroom #101							
10:00–10:30	**BREAK & EXHIBIT HALL** – Palo Verde Ballroom							
10:30–11:45	ED1 AAC AI #201 **AI-Enhanced AAC in Schools: Ethical Use, Implementation, and IEP Considerations** Del Monte / Cutler	CLI SEN #202 **Empowering Independence through Smart Home Technology: Practical Tools and Tips for Disability Professionals** Rivas Parker	EMP CAI #203 **Two Systems, One Goal: Employment Through Tribal-State VR Collaboration** Sandaine / Seanez / Kelly	ADV #204 **Public Policy: Legislative Decisions & Agency Actions Affecting the Disability Community Today** Meyers	ED1 ED2 #205 **Scaling What Works: An Arizona Faculty Book Study Model for Implementing High Leverage Practices** Armfield	CLI #206 **Plain Language is Common Sense** Rosa / Frayer	CLI TRN #207 **Supported Decision-Making: How Advocates Can Use Technology to Maximize Independence** In / Mills	EMP MHT #208 **Trauma, Disability, and Employment: Reclaiming the Counseling Role in Vocational Rehabilitation** Amaya / Mayer
11:45–1:15	**LUNCH, EXHIBIT HALL & Door Prize Drawing** (at 1:00 pm – Palo Verde Ballroom)							
1:30–5:00	**Poster Presentations & Exhibit Hall Open to the Community** – Palo Verde Ballroom & Foyer							
1:15–2:30	ED1 AI #301 **Tech That Transforms: AI and Apps for Students and Teachers** Buti	CLI ECH #302 **It's My Party and I'll Adapt It If I Want To** Giardina	EMP #303 **From Cookie-Cutter to Custom Fit: Understanding Traditional, Supported and Customized Employment** Sandaine / Johnson	ADV #304 **Disability Policy – A Panel Discussion** Meyers / Petrone / Monahan / Lebsock / Ficchi	CLI AAC #305 **Sharing Our Stories Can Break the Ice, Build Bridges, and Eliminate Barriers** Brown	AI #306 **Integrating Generative AI and Human Agency in Disability-Centered Practices** Oxley / Armfield / Armfield	EMP SER #307 **Workplace Accessibility: A Proactive Step Towards Success** Odell	MHT #308 **From Burnout to Thriving: Building a Burnout-Proof Disability Community** Wendler / Aslinger
2:45–4:00	ED1 ED2 TRN #401 **Launching Independence: Integrating AT into Transition Planning** Wooten-LaFranier / Alam / Wojtak / Zwinger-Nathanson	CLI AI AAC #402 **Neuralink Brain-Computer Interface Clinical Trial in Action: AI, Communication, & Experiences with ALS and a Neuralink** Smith	EMP #403 **From Philosophy to Results: Advancing Employment First in Arizona** Griffiths / Winchester / Alvarez / Ayo	ADV NDA #404 **A Real Talk About Disability Justice** Snead / Dietrich / Bradley-Ryk / Upshaw / Drogosz	SER SEN VEN #405 **Occupational Therapy-Optometry: Collaboration to Support Independence through Home Health Services and Low Vision** Pomeranz	ED1 AI #406 **Beyond the Lesson Plan: AI as Your New Teaching Assistant** Champagne / Luna / Clark	EMP TRN CLI #407 **Utilizing Assessments: Functional Capacity Evaluations, Smart Home Technology and Workability** Goldstein	MHT #408 **Thriving Together: Reframing Caregiver Mental Health through an Integrated, Disability-Informed Approach** Ficchi
4:15–5:30	ED1 ED2 AI #501 **When Students Chat with Chatbots: Features, Settings, and Practices to Increase Safety and Reduce Risk** Haven	CLI #502 **From Mobility to Meaning: Physical, Cognitive, and Functional Outcomes of Exoskeleton Use in the Home** Story / Hartman / Radziak / Andrews	ED2 EMP NDA #503 **Internships Designed with Engineering Autistic Students in Mind (IDEAS in Mind)** Alvarez / Le Peau / Matsunaga	ADV #504 **From Story to Statute: A Step-by-Step Roadmap for Disability Advocacy and Legislative Success in Arizona** Lazzara / D'Aprile	CLI ADV #505 **Justice Armfield, Living My Life: Self-Advocacy on Social Media** Armfield / Schaffer	ED1 TRN #506 **What Comes Next? Connecting Students to Pre-ETS and VR for Life After High School** Moller / Romero	AAC #507 **Problem-Solving in Alternative Access for AAC: Parent and Clinician Perspectives** Madsen / Larson	MHT #508 **From Silence to Safety – A Collaborative Approach to Sexual Violence Prevention and Response** Griffiths / Huereña
5:30 – 7:00	**RECEPTION & NETWORKING (Pamela Rae Schuller) + Door Prize Drawing** – Palo Verde Ballroom							

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7:00-8:00	**BREAKFAST & EXHIBIT HALL (& REGISTRATION)** – Palo Verde Ballroom & Foyer							
8:00-9:15	HLT ED1 #601 **Switch Hitters: Using Technology to Adapt Games for All** Giardina	EMP SER #602 **Inclusive Employment in Action: WorkAbility's Strategic Practices and Community Partnership with Diverse Ability Inc.** Voirol / Kitzberger / Jimenez / Zuber	ED1 #603 **Meeting Mayhem: An IEP Meeting Gone Wrong** McCulloch	EMP CAI #604 **Beyond Placement as Continued Resiliency: Post Employment Services in TVR** Emanuel / Dagel	ED1 ED2 EMP VEN #605 **Best Practices for the Incorporation of Assistive Technology in Multiple Environments** Heipp	AAC VEN #606 **Expanding Your AAC Universe — What's Beyond the Vocabulary** Legaspi / Martin / Walker	TRN EMP NDA #607 **Launching into Work: An Evidence-Informed Framework for Transition to Competitive Integrated Employment for Disabled Youth** Collmer	
9:30-10:45	ED1 ED2 ICT #701 **Through My Lens: Real Experiences and Real Solutions for Accessible Educational Materials** Gaylord / Zwinger-Nathanson / Burton	ED1 ED2 EMP TRN #702 **Technology to Compensate for Working Memory Challenges: Externalize, Categorize, Organize** Haven	TRN EMP CLI SER #703 **Bridging Research and Reality: Centering Youth, Families, and Employment Through Evidence-Based Predictors and Partnerships** Stoehr	EMP CAI #704 **Pre-Apprenticeships: Individualized, Creative Workforce Development for Tribal and Rural Communities (AI-RYAD)** Dagel / DiBiase	SER #705 **Building and Maintaining Assistive Technology Relationships in Rural Areas** Cumpston / Morlock / Hokanson	TRN #706 **Breaking Barriers to Employment and Post-Secondary Education** Rivera	ALL #707 **Seeing Disability Through Story: The Power of Short Documentaries** Schaffer	
10:45-11:15	**BREAK & EXHIBIT HALL** – Palo Verde Ballroom & Foyer							
11:15-12:30	CLI #801 **Empowering Every Traveler: Accessibility Initiatives at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport** McCullough	TRN ED1 SER #802 **Occupational Therapy Practitioners: Essential Partners in School Emergency Management Planning** Schmitz / Snead	TRN ED1 ED2 EMP #803 **Elevating Student Outcomes Through Coordinated Transition Services** Sanchez / Przecioski	EMP CAI SER #804 **Out-of-the-Box Outreach: Critical Connections and Collaboration with Tribal Communities** Emanuel / Dagel	SER AI #805 **AI, AT, and the Internet: Ethical Considerations** Plummer	NDA AAC ED1 #806 **Communication Changes Everything: Practical strategies to support students with Autism!** Buti	ED1 #807 **Cultivating Meaningful Participation: Applying UDL's Principle of Engagement to Advance Inclusive Learning Environments** Pinkerton	ALL #808 **Rapid Roundtable Forum** Baglione, Barrett, Carver, Chipley, Dietrich, Jackson, Knox, Meyer, Nahle, Sobie
12:30-2:00	**LUNCH, EXHIBIT HALL & Door Prize Drawing** (at 1:45 pm – Palo Verde Ballroom)							
2:00-3:15	ED1 ED2 AI #901 **Applying Universal Design for Learning to Evaluate and Humanize Artificial Intelligence in Inclusive Education** Hines	TRN SER #902 **Aligning Strengths to Build Capacity and Collective Impact** Voirol / Guysi	TRN ED1 #903 **Community-Based Instruction: Supporting Transition Skills in Middle School Beyond Classroom Walls** Alvarez / Cliff	EMP CAI #904 **Seeing the Whole Picture: Introducing TVR PATH and How to Use It** Donahue / McDermott	CLI EMP AI #905 **AI in the Workplace: Recent Developments** Dietrich / Colavito / Stevens	ALL #906 **Confessions of an Assistive Technology Abandoner** Markham-Creasman	CLI #907 **"Tech First" Movement and Programs: An Introduction** Shirley / Husbands / Hart	
3:25-4:30	**CLOSING SESSION (Pamela Rae Schuller) & Grand Prize Drawings** – Palo Verde Ballroom #1001							