

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Conference Time: 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Resource Fair Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: NOVA Community College, Annandale Campus

Hosted by: All Needs Planning & The 7Q Foundation

Who is it for? *Parents, caregivers, educators, service providers, and community partners who want to better understand the full journey of special needs planning—from infancy through adulthood.*

Conference Agenda

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM | Registration & Coffee | Getting Grounded

Pick up your agenda, name badge, and a comprehensive resource guide. Enjoy light refreshments as you settle in and start connecting with other families, educators, and providers.

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM | Laying the Foundation: Early Intervention & Effective Support

Calling all parents of littles—bring your children along! Learn what early intervention looks like, explore local resources, and hear from experts about how early supports can shape future outcomes >>>> Panelists: Adriana Gomez (Fairfax ITC), Samita Arora (George Mason University)

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM | Pathways to Learning: A Guide to School Options

Explore schooling options from public, private, and homeschool perspectives, and gain practical insights into navigating IEPs and placement decisions >>>> Panelists: Ashley Bobst (VA Homeschoolers), Jenna Smith, Kathy Matthews (IEPs & private day schools)

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | Anatomy of an IEP

A step-by-step look into what makes up an IEP, what parents should know, and how to advocate effectively >>> Speaker: Lizzett Uria (PEATC)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Lunch & Learn *Grab lunch and choose a table hosted by our expert speakers. This is your chance to ask questions in a smaller group setting and dive deeper into the topics that matter most to you.*

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Planning with Purpose *Prepare for the future with practical strategies for long-term planning, Medicaid waivers, and family support >>> Speakers: Kristin and Kathy (All Needs Planning)*

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Transition Planning *Learn how to prepare for middle school, high school, and the transition into adulthood with tools and supports that empower independence >>> Speaker: Heidi Lawyer (PEATC)*

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM | All Things Adult: Employment, Legal Planning, and SSI *A comprehensive panel covering the realities of adulthood—employment, benefits, housing, legal planning, and SSI >>>> Panelists: Maura, Kat, Darla, Shannon, Elizabeth Horn, Kristin Carleton.*

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Meet the Speakers! *Wrap up the day by connecting directly with our speakers. Get your final questions answered, receive guidance, and walk away with the support you need to move forward with confidence.*