



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.*

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 Gallego Gomez (Fairfax ITC), Samita Arora (George Mason University)

9:00 AM – 9:55 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. Key Note Speaker >>>Dr. Michelle Reid, Superintendent,FCPS (9:15 AM- 9:30 AM).* Other Panelists:: Russell Wrightson (VA Homeschoolers), Carolyn Haydon (FTC Behavior), Dawn M.

Schaefer, M.Ed.,Director, Office of Special Education
 Procedural Support (FCPS)

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)*



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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 Schmidt, Carmen Zahra, Kat Radar, Darla Carter, Shannon Bond-Young, , Elizabeth Horn, Cortney Heykoop.*

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.*