



32nd Annual Education Conference
Saturday, February 2, 2019
Oak Grove United Methodist Church – 1722 Oak Grove Rd., Decatur, Georgia

Conference Overview: After a child is diagnosed with a significant developmental or physical disability, families need resources and information. The annual FOCUS + Fragile Kids Education Conference invites professionals to speak on various topics to help parents (and other professionals) find the information they need! Representatives from community agencies will exhibit so participants can learn about services, such as respite care, therapy groups, assistive technology, and adapted equipment. Parents enjoy a day of networking with professionals, community agencies, and other parents and learn valuable information to help their child.....and their family.

About FOCUS + Fragile Kids: FOCUS + Fragile Kids is here to help children who are medically fragile or have significant developmental /intellectual/and or physical disabilities. We comfort with hospital visits and support groups, offer hope by information and education, provide fun activities for parents and kids and make equipment available to children in need.

Conference Registration: Please register by January 26, 2019. Late registrations are accepted on a space-available basis. **Sorry, no childcare is available.**

Registration Fees

- Parent - \$15
- Couple - \$20
- Professional - \$50

Exhibitor Fees

- Nonprofit Exhibitor - \$50
- Corporate Exhibitor - \$100

Agenda:

Registration and Exhibits Open (coffee, fruit, granola bars)	8:00-9:00 am
<p>Keynote Address: Dr. Zarat Boyd <i>“ Discovering One’s Unique Story”</i></p> <p>Parenting any child in a busy world can be exhausting, difficult and disorienting. If you are a parent or caregiver for a person with special or medically complex needs, life can be even more catastrophic, isolating, paralyzing, and fragmented, broken into so many little pieces. Comparison challenges. Divided attention. Traumatic memories. Impossible schedules. Financial pressures. It is downright painful to fit those pieces in a beautiful mosaic. Choose to reverse this trend. Discover your own unique story and how that story can be a gift to many. Learn practical strategies for overcoming tragedy and experiencing greater triumph.</p>	9:00-9:45 am
Exhibits Open	9:45-10:15am
<p>Workshops- Block 1</p> <p><u>Post-Secondary Options Panel:</u> Nathan Heald (Ga Tech Excel), Ramatu Muhammad (IDEAL), Bill Payne (Frazer Center)</p> <p><u>IEP Getting Started: Basics / Parental Rights Under IEDA :</u> Allison Vrolijk, Esq.</p> <p><u>Family and Sibling Support :</u> Dr. Alyssa Lee (The Arc Georgia)</p> <p><u>Toileting Tips:</u> Dr. Sara Mahan</p>	10:15 am-11:30 am
Lunch (provided), Exhibits Open	11:30-12:30 pm

<p>Workshops- Block 2</p> <p><u>Transition from Early Intervention Services to School:</u> Confirming Speaker</p> <p><u>IEP: For the Seasoned Family</u> : Allison Vrolijk, Esq</p> <p><u>The Change: Transition from Pediatrics to Adult Medicine:</u> Adult Disability Medical Home (ADMH)</p> <p><u>Advocacy</u> : Confirming Speaker</p>	<p>12:30-1:45 pm</p>
<p>Workshops- Block 3</p> <p><u>Family and Sibling Support</u> : Dr. Alyssa Lee (The Arc Georgia)</p> <p><u>Toileting Tips:</u> Dr. Sara Mahan</p> <p><u>Rare Genetic Disorders (Adoption/Disease, Family Planning, Family History)</u> : Emory Genetics</p> <p><u>Communication and Assistive Technology:</u> Dee Dee Bunn (Tools for Life)</p>	<p>2:00pm-3:15</p>

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