



**Leadership
in Disabilities
& Achievement of
Hawai'i**

15th Annual Traveling Mini Conference 2022

Program Agenda

Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Welcome & Introductions

9:00 am - 9:05 am

Rosie Rowe, Executive Director
Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawai'i



Keynote Speaker

9:05 am - 10:05 am

Julie J. Weatherly, Esq.

As the founder of Resolutions in Special Education, Inc., a special education law firm in Alabama, Julie has provided legal representation and consultation to school agencies across the country in the area of educating students with disabilities.

**The Year in Review:
Special Education Legal Hot Topics,
Guidance, and Case Law**

In this brief special education legal update, Julie will highlight some of the important legal developments related to COVID and non-COVID topics during 2021 and the first quarter of 2022, including some Ninth Circuit decisions and U.S. DOE guidance.



Intermission

10:05 am - 10:10 am

Breakout Sessions

10:10 am - 11:10 am

Breakout 1

International **DYSLEXIA** Association®
Hawai'i Branch x HIDA

Advocating for your Child with Dyslexia

Effective parenting includes providing your child with dyslexia with an accurate picture of themselves as learners - what works for them, doesn't work, and why. This session is aimed to provide parents with specific steps to help them effectively advocate for their child with dyslexia.

Kathy Ferguson, Ph.D.
Jennifer Leoiki-Drino

Breakout 2



Awareness, Accommodations, and Adapting Supports for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Understanding brain-based difficulties for those affected by developmental delays including Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is important for designing approaches that can support positive outcomes.

Jana Moya, MSW, LMFT
Sina Pili, MSW

Breakout 3



Building Relationships with IEP Team Members

The IEP is vital to student success but it is more than just a document. The IEP represents the work and perspectives of the entire IEP team. The roles and responsibilities of team members can help know how each members role will influence decision making.

Lauren Collier, SPED Teacher - HIDOE



Rise Up!



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Intermission

11:10 am - 11:15 am

Dad Panel

11:15 am - 11:50 am

DAD Panel

Dads will share their journeys of raising children with disabilities. There will be candid discussion of their joys as well as their struggles in dealing with autism, deafness and emotional and learning disabilities.



They will offer suggestions for parents (moms and dads) on what they have discovered on their journey.

David Hendrickson
Peter Kawamura
Tom Scheiling
Owen Asato
Mark Philpott

Exhibitors

11:50 am - 12:25 pm



ABC Group
ARC Hilo

Boys & Girls Club of Hawai'i
Community Children's Council
Comprehensive Service Center



Great Heights
INPEACE

Hawai'i International Dyslexia Association (HIDA)



Lanakila Pacific
Makaha Learning Center
Mau Loa Learning

Maui Economic Organization
Read to Me International



Special Parent Information Network (SPIN)
UNITE!

Wai'anae Parent Child Development Center
Hawai'i Disability Rights Center (HDRC)



Intermission

12:25 pm - 12:30 pm

Endnote Speaker

12:30 pm - 12:55 pm

Vera Zambonelli

Collaborative Advocacy: A Candid Reflection

Founder and Executive Director of
Hawai'i Women in Filmmaking

Vera describes guided principles and lessons learned while asking critical questions on the pursuit of, and practices in how collaborative advocacy can be achieved.



Closing Remarks

12:55 pm - 1:00 pm



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