



## Complete Conference Schedule

**Day 1– Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check-In

*9:15 to 10:45 – Session 1 (90 minutes)*

*Wide Open Spaces of AHEAD in Texas (Tiffany Rivers, Tamara Mancini, and AHEAD in Texas BOD)*

*\*All members needed in attendance.*

*11:00 to 12 noon – Concurrent Session 2 (60 minutes)*

*Deaf Student Mentor (Lei-Sea Sky)*

*Empowering Through Connection: The Role of Peer Mentors (Justo Garcia and Angie Maxey)*

*12:15 to 1:30 – Welcome Lunch*

**\*\*Exhibit Hall and Silent Auction Open!**

*1:45 to 3:00 – Concurrent Session 3 (75 minutes)*

*Navigating Work-based Learning and Workforce Programs: Finding Effective Solutions (Brenda Aviles and Jill Strawbridge)*

*Integrating MS Forms and MS Power Automate to Streamline Data Collected by Forms (Sharon Betzold)*

*3:15 to 4:15 – Roundtable Discussion – SB 412 and HB 1361 (60 minutes)*

*Facilitators: Cindy, Samantha, Tamara, Marilyn*

## Day 2– Thursday, April 4, 2024

**\*Exhibit Hall and Silent Auction OPEN from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

*9:15 to 10:15 – Concurrent Session 4 (60 minutes)*

*Creative Accommodations to Support Students with Neurodiversity, Mental Health Challenges and Disabilities (Betsy Furler)*

*How You Doin’? ...Honestly, how are you? (Abbi May, Stephanie Nelson, Crystal Fuqua)*

*10:30 to 11:30 –Concurrent Session 5 (60 minutes)*

*Assistive Technology to Support Learners and Create More Inclusive Campuses (Rachel Kruzel)*

*Empower to Employ: An Introduction to Vocational Rehabilitation Services (Marquita Greer and Elaine Wilson)*

*11:45 to 1:30 – Keynote Speaker (TBA) and Lunch*

**“Students with Disabilities – The Transition from High School to College”**

Lindsey Drennan and Elspeth Doskey

Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Dallas office

*1:45 to 3:00 – Concurrent Session 6 (75 minutes)*

*We Need You: Behavioral Threat and Assessment (BTAM) (Samantha Johnson)*

*Layman's Guide to Why We Do What We Do in a DSO (Marilyn Harren)*

*3:15 to 4:30 – Housing Roundtable Discussion (75 minutes)*

*Facilitators: Elvira, Tiffany, Laura, Shawn*

## Day 3— Friday, April 5, 2024

**\*Exhibit Hall and Silent Auction OPEN from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

*9:00 to 10:30 – Concurrent Session 7 (90 minutes)*

*Is That a Reasonable Accommodation? Establishing Technical Standards and Essential Elements*  
(Marilyn Harren)

*Oh No You Better Not! Lessons Learned From A HUD Complaint* (Larry Phillippe)

*10:45 to 11:45 – Concurrent Session 8 (60 minutes)*

*Meet the TECHniques Center* (Sharon Betzold)

*Simplifying WCAG for Electronic Accessibility* (Terisa O’Dowd)

*12:00 to 1:00 – Lunch/Affiliate Meeting*

**Last Chance Exhibit Hall/Final Silent Auction Bids**

*1:15 to 2:30 – Session 9 (75 minutes)*

*Saying no! A Review of Justifications when Unreasonable Accommodations Must be Declined*  
(Diego Demaya and Debby Jones)

*2:45 to 3:30 – Wrap-Up Session: AHEAD in Texas Board Members*

*End of Conference - Winners must pick up Silent Auction items before they leave. **No shipping!***

**\*Please turn in CEU forms to the check-in desk by 4:00 pm.\***

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