

6TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE APPRECIATION & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AWARENESS FORUM



Learn. Engage. Act.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 am to 10:30 am

The Regional Learning Alliance
850 Cranberry Woods Dr
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

Virtual Participation Options Available!

As our communities continue to respond to COVID-19, TPA is prepared to manage our in-person meetings and events with our attendees, guests, and presenters' health, safety, and well-being in mind. For this event, we will follow all universal precautions for masking & physical distancing.

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PREVENTING THE COLLAPSE OF THE ID/A SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

The pandemic and related economic factors have accelerated the decline of the Intellectual Disability & Autism (ID/A) care system. Instability, exacerbated by the pandemic, due to workforce challenges and systemic underfunding is straining Pennsylvania's care system closer to collapse than ever before. This year, we invite our community to **LEARN** more about how we got here (separating the facts from the politics), to **ENGAGE** with critical stakeholders, including advocates, families, DSPs, and providers who are experiencing the impact of a fragile system of care in everyday life, and to ask PA Legislators to **ACT** today - to commit to supporting an additional \$65M in state dollars on top of the Governors \$405M investment into the system to stabilize it.

AGENDA

9:00 am	Welcome & Opening Comments
9:15 am	Presentation from Dr. Amy Hewitt & Joe Macbeth: How Did We Get Here?
9:30 am	Stories of Impact from Advocates, Families, DSPs, & Providers
10:00 am	Open Discussion: Questions & Comments
10:15 am	Closing & How <u>YOU</u> Can Help
10:30 am	Appreciation & Adjourn

PRESENTERS



AMY HEWITT, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

At the University of Minnesota, Dr. Hewitt is the director of the Institute on Community Integration. Dr. Hewitt directs several federal and state research, evaluation and demonstration projects in the area of community long-term services and supports for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism.



JOE MACBETH, CEO NADSP

Joseph M. Macbeth is the Chief Executive Officer and President of the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) and has worked in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities for 40 years - beginning as a Direct Support Professional.