

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Registration / Visit with Exhibitors**
Location: Mezzanine / Windsor I
- 9:00 am – 10:30 am **Opening of Conference** - Location: Windsor II and III
Sam Gleese, ADA Coordinator, City of Jackson
Presentation of Colors
Color Guard, Jackson Fire Department
National Anthem
Clayton Pepper, MDRS
Words from the City
Dr. Robert Blaine, City of Jackson
Remarks
Chris Howard, MDRS Executive Director
Introduction of Guest Speaker
Chris Howard, MDRS Executive Director
Keynote Speaker
Senator Sollie Norwood
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **BREAK - Visit with Exhibitors, Resource Connection**
Sponsored by Telesouth Communications, Inc.
Location: Windsor I

YOUTH TRACK

Breakout Session - Choose one of the following:

- 11:00 am – 11:45 am **“LIFE Looks Good”**
LIFE of Mississippi
Location: Windsor II and III
- “Help Me Find My Career Path”**
LaVonda Hart, MDRS Vocational Rehabilitation Director
Location: Winston I and II
- “Real Life Experiences”**
Panel/Discussion
Location: Churchill I and II
- “Options Without A High School Education”**
Sandy Crist, Mississippi Community College Board
Location: Windsor IV and V
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **WORKING LUNCH FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS**
“Skills to Pay the Bills”
LIFE of Mississippi
Location: Windsor II and III

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ADULT TRACK

11:00 am – 11:45 am **Breakout Session - Choose one of the following:**

“Only want a Job? How about a Career?”

Sandra Giddy and Suzanne Anderson, MDHS

Location: Canterbury

“Community Plan of MS Dual Complete” – Medicare Advantage

Kenya Taylor, UnitedHealthcare

Location: Surrey II

“When will my Benefits be Cut?”

Lynda Hall, MDRS

Location: Surrey I

11:45 am – 1:00 pm **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm **Breakout Session - Choose one of the following:**

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Kenya Taylor, UnitedHealthcare

Location: Winston I and II

“When will my Benefits be Cut?”

Lynda Hall, MDRS

Location: Surrey I and II

“Blindness Support for Work”

Chip Farrington, Emerald Cost Vision Aids, Inc.

Location: Churchill I and II

“Working for a Better Tomorrow”

Mike Jones and Micah Dutro, Disability Rights of MS

Location: Windsor IV and V

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm **BREAK**

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2:00 pm – 2:45 pm **Breakout Session - Choose one of the following:**

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Kenya Taylor, UnitedHealthcare

Location: Winston I and II

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Location: Surrey I and II

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Location: Windsor IV and V

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Registration / Visit with Exhibitors**
Location: Mezzanine / Windsor I
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am **Opening of Conference** - Location: Windsor II and III
Sam Gleese, ADA Coordinator, City of Jackson
White Cane Safety Observation
Ollie Lester, The Addie McBryde Center for the Blind
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am **“Real Life Experiences”**
Panel/Discussion
Location: Windsor II and III
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **BREAK - Visit with Exhibitors, Resource Connection**
Sponsored by MDRS
Location: Windsor I
- 11:00 am – 11:45 am **Breakout Session - Choose one of the following:**
- “Assistive Technology Workforce Trends”**
Chris Walker, ATP, MDRS Rehabilitation Technologist
Location: Churchill I and II
- “Business Development Services in the Workplace”**
Josh Woodward, MDRS Business Development Director
Location: Surrey I and II
- “Deaf Supports”**
Cathy Brown, MDRS VR State Coordinator for Deaf Services
Location: Canterbury
- “Start your own Business”**
Aletha Washington, Jackson State University
Location: Winston I and II
- “I’m a Person with a Disability Looking for a Job”**
LaVonda Hart, MDRS Vocational Rehabilitation Director
Location: Windsor IV and V
- “Disability, Addiction and Employment”**
Shane Garrard, The Arc of Mississippi
Location: Manchester I and II
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

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1:00 pm – 1:45 pm **Breakout Session - Choose one of the following:**

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1:45 pm – 2:00 pm **BREAK - Visit with Exhibitors, Resource Connection**

Location: Windsor I

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm **Keynote Speaker**

Augusta Smith, Executive Director, LIFE of Mississippi

Location: Windsor II and III

3:00 pm **CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**