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disAbility Rights and Resources **Virtual Summit**

Breaking Barriers to Advance Access

9:00 - 9:45 Introduction and Keynote Address

*Colleen Miller, dLCV Executive Director
James Harris*

10:00 - 11:00 Effective Legislative Advocacy: A Case Study

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*Colleen Miller, dLCV Executive Director
Jason Young, Community Brain Injury Services Executive Director*

EDUCATION

IEP Essentials

Susannah Clarke, Medical Home Plus IEP Advocate

EMPLOYMENT

Neurodiversity in the Workplace

*Alden Blevins, dLCV Director of External Relations
Nicole Durose, dLCV Disability Rights Advocate*

COMMUNITY

Changes to Medicaid and Cardinal Care

*Sarah Cariano, Virginia Poverty Law Center Senior Health Policy Analyst and
Deputy Director of the Center for Healthy Communities
Emily Hardy, Esq. Virginia Poverty Law Center Staff Attorney and Deputy
Director of the Center for Healthy Communities*

INTERSECTIONALITY

**Providing Counseling to Boys and Men of Color: Culturally Sensitive
Theory and Practice**

James Harris, LPC, Men to Heal Founder

11:00 - 11:30 Break

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PANEL: How is Mental Health Care Evolving in Virginia?

Martin Mash, Vocal Virginia Network Program Director

Dr. Zipporah Levi-Shackleford, Creative Approach Development Center

Founder and PAIMI Council Chair

EDUCATION

IEP Realities

Kate Flinn, VCU VA Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

Family Mentorship Coordinator

Lindsey Dougherty, Parent Advocate

EMPLOYMENT

Reasonable Accommodations on the Job: Title I of the ADA

Shelesha Taylor, dLCV Disability Rights Advocate

COMMUNITY

PANEL: Supports and Resources for Elders and Adults with Disabilities

Carol Cooper Driskill, dLCV Disability Rights Advocate

Tamar Goodale, Jefferson Area Board for Aging Long Term Care

Ombudsman

Linda Hamrick, DARS Office of the State LTC Ombudsman Medicaid

Managed Care Advocate Manager

Cindy Smith, Wise County DSS Adult Protective Services Family Services

Specialist

INTERSECTIONALITY

PANEL: Gender Dysphoria and Legal Protections

John Cimino, dLCV Attorney

Jennifer Levi, GLAD Senior Director of Transgender and Queer Rights

Kevin Barry, Quinnipiac University Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and

Co-Director of Civil Justice Clinic

Ezra Young, Esq., Civil Rights Scholar and Attorney

12:30 - 1:45

Lunch Break

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1:45 - 2:45

dLCV Litigation Highlights

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Becka Herbig, dLCV Director of Litigation

EDUCATION

Youth Mental Health: It's Never Too Early to Talk About It

Nicole Hunter, Healing Hearts Counseling Founder and Director

Miranda Schnoor, NAMI Virginia Educational Support and Help Line Coordinator

Julie Cabral, MatthewSmiles Founder and Advocate

EMPLOYMENT

Pre-ETS, VR, and Social Security, Oh My! Vocational Transition Services 101

Rachel Loria, dLCV Senior Disability Rights Advocate

Beth Klein, dLCV Disability Rights Advocate

COMMUNITY

Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits: Perks & Pitfalls to Be Aware of so You Get All You Deserve

Elizabeth Horn, dLCV Senior Disability Rights Advocate

INTERSECTIONALITY

Breaking the Stigma: Mental Health Advocacy in Prison and Jail

Sheba Williams, NoLef Turns Executive Director

2:45 - 3:15

Break

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3:15 - 4:15

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Nothing About Us Without Us: How to Advocate for Yourself

Christina Brookman, Disability Advocate and host of "Speaking in Spoons: A Chronically Ill Podcast"

Joseph DePhillips, Legally Blind Self-Advocate and Retired Federal Government Employee

Jessica Daggett, Vocal Virginia Education Program Director

EDUCATION

Understanding Virginia's Medicaid Waivers

Lucy Beadnell, ARC of Northern Virginia Director of Advocacy

EMPLOYMENT

Customized Employment

Richard Kriner, LPC, PBSF, DARS Autism Project Coordinator and Customized Employment Coordinator

COMMUNITY

Unlocking Your Power: Embracing Help with Decisions for a Better Future

Dana Traynham, dLCV Senior Attorney

INTERSECTIONALITY

Discipline, Restraint and Seclusion in Schools: What the Data Tells us about Race and Disability Status

John Cimino, dLCV Attorney

4:30 **Closing Remarks**

Alden Blevins, dLCV Director of External Relations and Autistic Self-Advocate

