

## 2026 Disability Health Action Summit: Beyond Barriers, Toward Solutions

Tuesday May 19, 2026

*Registration will be open from 12:00 – 5:00. Exhibits closed.*

1:00 – 1:10	<b>Welcome</b> Sherri Landis, CEO, The Arc of Pennsylvania
1:10 – 1:30	<b>Keynote</b> TBD
1:30 – 2:15	<b>General Session: <i>Legal Access as Disability Health Justice: Scalable Models for Breaking Systemic Barriers</i></b> Theresa Brabson, Esq., Legal Clinic for the Disabled
2:15 – 2:30	<b>Break</b>
2:30 – 3:15	<b>Panel Session: <i>Emergency Preparedness</i></b> Panelists: Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) – Research & Evaluation Group & PerformCare & Maria Brandt, The Arc of Blair County
3:15 – 4:00	<b>General Session: <i>Beyond the Diagnosis</i></b> The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC)
4:00 – 4:45	<b>Panel Session: <i>Policy Outlooks</i></b> Panelists

Wednesday May 20, 2026

*Registration will be open from 8:00 – 12:30. Exhibits open.*

8:00 – 8:50	<b>Breakfast &amp; Exhibitors</b>
8:50 – 9:00	<b>Welcome</b> Sherri Landis, CEO, The Arc of Pennsylvania
9:00 – 9:20	<b>Keynote: <i>Rural Health Transformation Plan</i></b> Secretary Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
9:20 – 10:05	<b>General Session: <i>CARE Down Syndrome</i></b> National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)
10:05 – 10:50	<b>General Session: <i>Bridging the Data Gap: Disability Inclusion in Community Health Assessments</i></b> Makhari Dysart & Hannah Wells, Institute on Disabilities at Temple University
10:50 – 11:20	<b>Break &amp; Exhibitors</b>
11:20 – 12:05	<b>Breakouts</b>

Option A: *Breaking the Silence: Building Accessible Mental Health Services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind Communities*  
Arden Norkus, Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre

Option B: *The Impact of Self-Advocate Storytelling on the Development of Disability Education Resources for Healthcare Providers*  
Karin Roseman, MSW, LCSW, Thomas Jefferson University FAB Center for Complex Care

Option C: *Empowerment Through Technology: Accessible, Affordable, Life-Enhancing Tech; Real Tools, Real Lives, Real Independence*  
Diana Petschauer, M.Ed., ATP, AHS Smart Living Tech, Arc Human Services

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12:05 – 1:15	<b>Lunch &amp; Exhibitors</b>
1:15 – 2:00	<b>Breakouts</b> Option A: <i>Designing for Neurodiversity: Building Inclusive Spaces for Health Equity</i> Sabra Townsend, MS & Wendy J. Ross, MD, FAAP, Jefferson Health  Option B: <i>Partnering with Caregivers to Promote Optimal Oral Health for People with ID/A</i> Saumya Ayyagari, MSN, MPH & Kelly Parker, RDH, Special Outreach Services
2:00 – 2:45	<b>Breakouts</b> Option A: <i>Preparing for Clinical Encounters with Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities</i> Alyssa Siegel, MD, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)  Option B: <i>The Community Supported Care Model: A Whole Person Health Solution for Pennsylvania</i> Charles Hooker, Ruth Siegfried & Shane Spotts, William Penn Human Services  Option C: <i>Integrating ADEPT-CARE for Youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities into a Medical School Curriculum</i> Cailey Bozic, Zekiel Factor & Meghan Hartman, Penn State College of Medicine
2:45 – 3:00	<b>Break &amp; Exhibitors</b>
3:00 – 3:45	<b>Panel Session: Self-Advocate Insights</b> Moderator: Shane Janick; Panelists: Michael Anderson, Raquel Ross
3:45 – 4:00	<b>Closing</b> Sherri Landis, CEO, The Arc of Pennsylvania
4:00 – 4:30	<b>Exit &amp; Exhibitors</b>