

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 **Welcome**
Sherri Landis, CEO, The Arc of Pennsylvania

1:10 – 1:30 **Keynote**
TBD

1:30 – 2:15 **General Session: Legal Access as Disability Health Justice: Scalable Models for Breaking Systemic Barriers**
Theresa Brabson, Esq., Legal Clinic for the Disabled

2:15 – 2:30 **Break**

2:30 – 3:15 **Panel Session: Emergency Preparedness**
Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) – Research & Evaluation Group & PerformCare

3:15 – 4:00 **General Session: Beyond the Diagnosis**
The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC)

4:00 – 4:45 **Panel Session: Policy Outlooks**

Wednesday May 20, 2026

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

8:00 – 8:50 **Breakfast & Exhibitors**

8:50 – 9:00 **Welcome**
Sherri Landis, CEO, The Arc of Pennsylvania

9:00 – 9:20 **Keynote: Rural Health Transformation Plan**
Secretary Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

9:20 – 10:05 **General Session: CARE Down Syndrome**
National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)

10:05 – 10:50 **General Session**
TBD

10:50 – 11:20 **Break & Exhibitors**

11:20 – 12:05 **Breakouts**
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: *Preparing for Clinical Encounters with Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities*

Alyssa Siegel, MD, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

12:05 – 1:15 **Lunch & Exhibitors**

1:15 – 2:00 **Breakouts**

Option A: *Partnering with Caregivers to Promote Optimal Oral Health for People with ID/A*

Saumya Ayyagari, MSN, MPH & Kelly Parker, RDH, Special Outreach Services

2:00 – 2:45 **Breakouts**

Option A: *The Community Supported Care Model: A Whole Person Health Solution for Pennsylvania*

Charles Hooker, Ruth Siegfried & Shane Spotts, William Penn Human Services

Option B: *Integrating ADEPT-CARE for Youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities into a Medical School Curriculum*
Zekiel Factor & Cailey Bozic, Penn State College of Medicine

2:45 – 3:00 **Break & Exhibitors**

3:00 – 3:45 **Panel Session: Self-Advocate Insights**

3:45 – 4:00 **Closing**

Sherri Landis, CEO, The Arc of Pennsylvania

4:00 – 4:30 **Exit & Exhibitors**