

# LIFE Conference 2025 Schedule

Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
8:00 - 8:30	<b>Registration, Continental Breakfast and Visit Sponsor Exhibitors</b>		
8:30 - 8:45		<b>Welcome Remarks</b> S. Hope Vella	
8:45 - 9:30		<b>Keynote Address: We Are Worthy</b> Kayla Kosmalski	
9:30-10:00		<b>State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) Awards</b>	
10:00-10:30	<b>Break – Networking &amp; Visit Sponsor Exhibitors</b>		
10:30 - 11:45 <b>Concurrent Session 1</b>	<b>Social Security Benefits &amp; Paths to Gaining Financial Independence</b> Jillian Mathews Alan Scott, AAS, WIP, CPWIC	<b>A Seat at the Table: Make Your Voice Heard by Key Delaware Decision Makers!</b> DE Senator Eric Buckson, BS, MS DE Senator Trey Paradee, BA, MBA DE Senator Marie Pinkney, MSW, LCSW, CCM DE Representative Kevin Hensley	<b>Be Ready for Emergencies: Prepare Everyday</b> Beth MacDonald, BA, ED Lizzy MacDonald Laura Strmel, MPA
11:45 - 12:00	<b>Break – Networking &amp; Visit Sponsor Exhibitors</b>		
12:00 - 1:15		<b>Luncheon</b>	
1:15-1:45	<b>Break - Networking &amp; Visit Sponsor Exhibitors</b>		
1:45 - 3:00 <b>Concurrent Session 2</b>	<b>Claiming Your Power: Protecting Civil Rights for People with Disabilities</b> Marissa Band, Esq., MPAP Maitri Campbell	<b>“Everything to Somebody”: A Documentary Focused on Disability and Mental Health</b> Greg Gouge Karyn Harvey, Ph.D. Nancy Lemus Joey Melvin Phoenix Laura Thien	<b>Accessing Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Across the Lifespan</b> Julie Conway, SLPD, CCC-SLP, ATP Jessica Davenport, B.S. Beth Mineo, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
3:00 - 3:15	<b>Break – Networking &amp; Visit Sponsor Exhibitors</b>		
3:15 - 4:30 <b>Concurrent Session 3</b>	<b>Unlocking Potential: The Life-Changing Impact of Comprehensive Literacy</b> Mateo Moreno Tina Moreno, M.A., CCC-SLP, ATP	<b>Aging with Dignity</b> Rebecca Bradbeer Karin Roseman, MSW, LCSW Melissa A. Smith Dr. Mary Stephens, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FAADM	<b>The Journey to Employment... including Owning Your Own Business</b> Stacey Bragg, MS Deb Cordrey Lillian Harrison
4:30 - 4:45	<b>Adjourn: Turn in Evaluations and Prize Giveaway</b>		