

LIFE Conference 2025 Schedule

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