

NOPBC

National Organization of Parents of Blind Children

A division of the National Federation of the Blind

Presents



TAKING THE NEXT STEP

A Conference for Parents and Teachers

**At the National Convention of the
National Federation of the Blind**

July 1 – 6, 2014

Rosen Centre Hotel

Orlando, FL

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WELCOME TO THE 2014 NOPBC CONFERENCE!

** Insider Information **

The NFB National Convention is a complicated week of events. This important information can help you stay organized and take advantage of the many opportunities that will be available. The NOPBC Conference takes place within the NFB convention. The NOPBC conference, the NFB convention, & NFB Child Care have separate registration fees. To receive our special room rates, you must also register for the NFB convention.

SEMINAR DAY INFORMATION—TUESDAY, JULY 1

- On Seminar Day, Tues., July 1, adults, children, and youth are invited to start the morning together at the "Taking the Next Step" Seminar. At the end of the general session (10:45 a.m.) children *preregistered with NFB child care* will be escorted to the Music & Movement activity and youth 11-18 will be escorted to the Youth Track activity, while adults attend workshops. At the lunch break, pick up your child from child care for lunch on your own. After lunch there will be workshops for adults, a children's activity in the child care rooms, and a Youth Track activity.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH, CHILD CARE INFORMATION

- NOPBC daytime children's activities take place in NFB Child Care—Salons 21-24, Level 2. *To take part in an activity, your child must be registered for child care for that day.*
- Child care is provided by the NFB for children 6 weeks to 12 years old each day except Wednesday, July 2. Child care is also available on Banquet night, Sun., July 6. Children must be registered to attend. The child care schedule appears toward the end of this agenda.
- Other activities for children and youth include the Youth Get-Together, NABS Social, Cane Walk, Youth Style Show, and the first ever Breaking Barriers Triathlon, Youth Track activities, & the Tween Room, open for chaperoned, informal activities and snacks at various times during the week. Schedules appear toward the end of this agenda.

SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES ALL WEEK LONG

- Certain special NOPBC activities for parents, children, and youth are listed **only in this agenda**—for ex., our workshops, Cane Walks, children's activities, Tween Room, Dad's Night.
- Other activities that you and your child might want to attend are listed in the NFB Convention agenda (this is a separate document). Please register for both the NOPBC Conference and the NFB Convention so that you will be aware of all that is going on.
- Many activities will be going on at the same time. You & your child will have to make choices! Read this NOPBC agenda as well as the NFB agenda so that you don't miss out! For example:
 - NFB Convention sessions Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; Banquet Sunday evening—be sure to do your ticket exchange—details in the NFB Convention agenda
 - Tactile art, Mock Trial, Talent Show, Karaoke Night, a play written and performed by blind people, training center open houses, salsa dancing, tech demos
 - Activities of the Blind Students, Sports & Rec, Performing Arts, Writers, Educators, Lawyers, Computer Scientists, Guide Dog Users, Agriculture & Equestrian, Car Lovers
 - Our incomparable Exhibit Hall—the latest technology and other items of interest
 - The Banquet and scholarship presentations

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TAKING THE NEXT STEP

2014 National Seminar and Conference for Parents & Teachers

TUESDAY, JULY 1

9:00 am - 4:45 pm

Morning Program—Junior Ballroom G, Level 1

Workshops—Salons 3 - 8, Level 2

7:30 - 8:45 am REGISTRATION

Parents, children, and youth are invited to start the morning together at the "Taking the Next Step!" Seminar. At 10:45 a.m. children *preregistered with NFB Child Care* will be escorted to the Music & Movement activity in child care (Salons 21-24, Level 2) and youth 11-18 will be escorted to the Youth Track activity rooms (Salons 11 & 12, Level 2).

9:00 am WELCOME

Carlton Anne Cook Walker, President, NOPBC

9:10 am KID TALK

Dr. Marc Maurer, President, National Federation of the Blind

9:30 am TAKING THE NEXT STEP

Mark Riccobono, Executive Director, NFB Jernigan Institute

9:55 am FROM HOPES & DREAMS TO JOBS & DEGREES

Dr. Arielle Silverman, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of WA
Evelyn Valdez, Logistics Management Specialist, Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Veterans Administration

10:15 am STEPPING IN, STEPPING UP, STEPPING BACK

Carlton Walker, President, NOPBC

10:25 am STEPS IN THE LIFE OF A STUDENT

Jon Gabry, NJ; **Winona Brackett**, FL

10:45 am CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE ESCORTED TO ACTIVITIES

Children & Youth activities end at 12:15 pm

11:00 am NOPBC CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY (ages 5 - 12) in NFB Child Care Salons 21-24, Level 2

To participate, child must be signed up for child care for this day.

Music and Movement—**Conchita Hernandez**, Teacher of Blind Students

Tuesday, July 1, 2014 continued

11:00 am NOPBC YOUTH TRACK ACTIVITY (ages 11 - 18)

Salon 11 (ages 11 - 14), Salon 12 (ages 14 - 18), Level 2

Putting It Together for Good—Darian Smith, NFB Community Service Division

Trading Places—Joe Naulty, Dave Hutchins, NFB CARS Division

11:00 am - 12:15 pm NOPBC WORKSHOPS for PARENTS & TEACHERS

Independence in the Classroom

Salon 5, Level 2

Tools, tips, and techniques for setting up the classroom and training the student for independent functioning. Instructor: Jackie Anderson, Teacher of Blind Students

Independent Movement & Travel for Children with Additional Disabilities

Salon 6, Level 2

Working toward maximum independence and self-determination for the child with additional disabilities. Instructor: Denise Mackenstadt, NOMC

Low Vision Toolbox

Salon 7, Level 2

Useful items for low vision students and how to determine the most efficient method for the task. Instructor: Marci Carpenter, Secretary, NFB of WA

First Steps

Salon 8, Level 2

Exploration and independent movement and travel in early childhood. Instructor: Mary Jo Hartle, NOMC, Teacher of Blind Students

Accessible Technology

Salon 3, Level 2

Using accessible technology for meaningful participation in school, at home, and in the community. Instructor: Eric Guillory, Director, Youth Services, LA Center for the Blind

12:15 pm LUNCH on your own. Pick up children from Child Care.

1:30 pm CHILD CARE REOPENS

Salons 21 - 24, Level 2

Tuesday, July 1, 2014 continued

2:00 pm NOPBC CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY (ages 5 - 12) in NFB Child Care Salons 21-24, Level 2

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Self Defense Workshop—1Touch Self Defense

2:00 - 4:45 pm NOPBC YOUTH TRACK (ages 11 - 18)

Salon 11 (ages 11 - 14), Salon 12 (ages 14 - 18), Level 2

Putting It Together for Good, Darian Smith, NFB Community Service Division

Trading Places, Joe Naulty, Dave Hutchins, NFB CARS Division

Be Your Own Boss, Kevan Worley, Entrepreneur

2:00 - 3:15 pm NOPBC WORKSHOPS for PARENTS & TEACHERS

Independence Skills at Home & in the Community

Salon 8, Level 2

Teaching and supporting the development of independence skills for full participation in home and community life. Instructor: Mary Jo Hartle, NOMC, TBS

Hands Off!

Salon 5, Level 2

Honoring the child's right to personal space and control over his/her body. Instructor: Carlton Walker, Teacher of Blind Students, President, NOPBC

Independent Movement & Travel for the School-Age Child

Salon 6, Level 2

High expectations, real-life goals, and how to achieve them in the area of independent movement and travel. Instructor: Dezman Jackson, NOMC, Blind Industries & Services of Maryland

Tactile Graphics—The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly

Salon 7, Level 2

The basics of creating a good tactile graphic that will really work for the blind child. Instructors: Carol Castellano, Director of Programs, NOPBC; Pat Renfranz, Treasurer, NOPBC

I Get Around

Salon 3, Level 2

Getting around independently when you do not drive. Instructors: Pam Allen, Director, LA Center for the Blind; Roland Allen, NOMC

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Tuesday, July 1, 2014 continued

3:30 - 4:45 pm NOPBC WORKSHOPS for PARENTS & TEACHERS

Low Vision Technology

Salon 3, Level 2

From low tech to high tech, learn about the many options for the low vision student. Instructor: Janet Bernhardt, CLVT, Outreach Consultant, LA Center for the Blind

Saying It My Way

Salon 5, Level 2

Encouraging communication, learning, and play in children with communication needs. Instructor: Natalie Shaheen, Director of Education, NFB Jernigan Institute

Social Skills for the School-Age Child

Salon 6, Level 2

Encouraging appropriate social interaction and play. Instructor: Sheena Manuel, Outreach Specialist, Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness

How to Set Up a Saturday School

Salon 7, Level 2

Empowering families to learn and teach the skills of independence. Instructor: Jackie Anderson, Teacher of Blind Students

College Checklist: Is Your Blind Child Ready? Are YOU Ready?

Salon 8, Level 2

Preparing for heading off to college—what parents and students need to know, with a special visit from one of "the roommates from hell."

Instructors: Kim Cunningham, second vice president, NOPBC; Kayleigh Joiner, Student; Dr. Arielle Silverman, Fellow, University of WA; Debbie Kent Stein, Editor, Future Reflections

By 5:30 pm Pick up children from child care promptly!

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm YOUTH GET-TOGETHER (ages 11- 18)

Salon 11, Level 2

6:00 - 8:00 pm NOPBC FAMILY HOSPITALITY

Grand Ballroom B, Level 1

Relax, snack, chat, meet new families and teachers, and connect with old friends. Veteran attendees will be on hand to welcome you and provide information. Co-sponsored by Professionals in Blindness Education (PIBE).

8:00 pm to 11:00 pm NABS Student Social (ages 14 - 18)

Salon 11, Level 2

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Child Care is CLOSED on this day.

Register for the NFB Convention, purchase your Banquet tickets, visit the Exhibit Hall & Independence Market. Check the NFB agenda for interesting meetings and activities such as the NOPBC Youth Style Show & Triathlon, Youth Track, tactile art, math ed, tech groups, Resolutions Committee, sleep-wake cycle, Krafters, performing artists, Paralympic panel, Sports & Rec, blind musicians, blindness ed, deaf-blind, Mock Trial, student meeting.

7:00 – 8:45 am NOPBC Board Meeting

Salon 14, Level 2

8:45 – 10:30 am CANE WALK Session I

Room W203 C, Convention Center Level 2

11:00 am – 12:45 pm CANE WALK Session II

Room W203 C, Convention Center Level 2

Wondering if your child should use a cane? Curious about how a cane works? Learn and *experience* the Discovery Method of travel at these special workshops. Parents, teachers, blind/VI children, and siblings are welcome. Coordinator: Jeff Altman, NOMCT, CVRCB

11:00 am – 12:30 pm TWEEN ROOM OPEN (ages 11-14) Text or call

Carol Akers at 614-570-2083 for location. Feel free to bring your lunch.

2:45 – 4:00 pm NOPBC YOUTH STYLE SHOW

W203C, Convention Center Level 2 (Rehearsal begins at 1:00 pm)

Our young blind models & NFB stars strut their stuff on the runway. Come enjoy the fashions and music and support NOPBC. \$5 at the door. Coordinator: Kim Cunningham, 2nd VP, NOPBC

4:00 – 5:30 pm NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSION (ages 11-18)

Salon 11, Level 2

The Play's the Thing—Help write, direct, & act in a short play. Bring something to write with. Robert Leslie Newman, NFB Writers Division

5:45 – 6:15 pm NOPBC BREAKING BARRIERS TRIATHLON

Pool Area (in case of rain: Salon 9, level 2)

Swim through shark-infested waters, race through an alligator-infested swamp, shoot down barriers to independence (on hotel grounds—no danger involved). Join us for this fun-filled family fundraiser. \$5 to participate. Raise money for NOPBC by collecting pledges—bring pledge sheets and donations to event. Coordinator: Andrea Beasley, 1st VP, NOPBC

Wednesday, July 2, continued

7:30 – 9:30 pm PARENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM—PLP

Salon 14, level 2

Has the NOPBC helped you and your family? Would you like to get more involved? Come learn about leadership opportunities in your state.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

In the morning, visit the Exhibit Hall and the Independence Market; attend the NFB Board of Directors meeting—it's open to all. In the afternoon, drop the kids off at their activities and come to the NOPBC Annual Meeting!

8:30 am CHILD CARE OPENS

Salons 21 – 24, Level 2

NOPBC CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY (ages 5-12) in NFB Child Care

Takes place during Child Care morning session.

To participate, child must be signed up for child care for this day.

Tinkering with Tools—Dave Hutchins, Joe Naulty, NFB CARS Division

12:45 pm CHILD CARE WILL BE OPEN EARLY—Salons 21 – 24, Level 2

Give your child lunch, then drop child off early at child care on this day—*so that you can attend the NOPBC Annual Meeting which begins at 1 pm.*

NOPBC CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY (ages 5-12) in NFB Child Care

Takes place during Child Care afternoon session.

To participate, child must be signed up for child care for this day.

Beep Kickball—Judy Byrd, Beep Kickball Association

1:00 – 4:00 pm NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSION (ages 11-18)

Salon 11, Level 2

Student to Student—National Association of Blind Students (NABS)

1:00 – 4:00 pm NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN ANNUAL MEETING: OPTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

W202 B, Convention Center, Level 2

Attention parents and teachers! Be sure to attend this important meeting featuring the 2014 Distinguished Educator of Blind Children, update from the NFB Jernigan Institute, accessible science, astronomy, 3-D printing, tactile graphics, tech innovations, accessible textbooks, programs and sports for youth, writing contest winners, Parent Power, kid power, NOPBC business, elections.

Special bonus: meeting attendees receive priority entrance ticket to Braille Book Fair!

Thursday, July 3, 2014 continued

5:00 - 7:00 pm BRAILLE BOOK FAIR

W205A-B-C, Convention Center Level 2

A book lover's dream! Browse tables of new and used Braille and print/ Braille books. Volunteers will box your books and deliver them to the post office for Free Matter shipment to your home. Books are free; donations are encouraged to help support our Braille programs. Co-sponsored by NOPBC & +NAPUB. Coordinator: Krystal Guillory, Teacher of Blind Students, NFB of Louisiana BELL Coordinator.

7:30 - 9:00 pm DADS' NIGHT OUT

All dads, sighted and blind, are welcome at this NOPBC-sponsored event. Call Bill Cucco at 201-602-6318 for location.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

7:00 - 9:00 am NOPBC BOARD MEETING

Salon 14, Level 2

9:00 am CHILD CARE OPENS—Salons 21 - 24, Level 2

NOPBC CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY (ages 5-12) in NFB Child Care

Takes place during Child Care morning session.

To participate, child must be signed up for child care for this day.

Making Raised-Line Drawings—E.A.S.Y LLC Staff

9:30 - 12:00 pm NFB CONVENTION OPENING SESSION!

Grand Ballroom, Level 1

Be there for the bang of the gavel and the roar of the crowd! See the NFB Convention Agenda for program details.

12:15 - 1:45 pm TWEEN ROOM OPEN (ages 11-14) *Text or call*

Carol Akers at 614-570-2083 for location. Feel free to bring your lunch.

1:30 pm CHILD CARE REOPENS—Salons 21 - 24, Level 2

NOPBC CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY (ages 5 - 12) in NFB Child Care

Takes place during Child Care afternoon session.

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Science Adventures—Robert Jaquiss, American Thermoform; Cary Supalo, Independent Science

Friday, July 4, 2014 continued

2:00 - 5:00 pm NFB CONVENTION SESSION

Grand Ballroom, Level 1

See NFB Convention Agenda for program details

7:00 - 10:00 pm NOPBC CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY (ages 5 - 12)

This activity is for children whose parents are attending NOPBC evening workshops.

Salon 12, Level 2

Crafts & Games

7:00 - 10:00 pm NOPBC YOUTH TRACK ACTIVITIES (ages 11 - 18)

Salon 11, Level 2

7:00 - 8:00 Dance Party—Conchita Hernandez and Alex Castillo

8:00 - 10:00 BYOD—Bring Your Own Device—Christopher Nusbaum

7:00 - 9:45 pm NOPBC CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

7:00 - 8:15 pm Unified English Braille (UEB)

Salon 14, Level 2

It's new. It's coming. What is it, how will the transition be made, and what will it mean to your child? Instructor: Casey Robertson, Teacher of Blind Students

7:00 - 8:15 pm IEP Basics for Parents of Blind/VI Students

Salon 13, Level 2

The sections of the IEP, essential assessments, how assessment information is used, how to be an active and effective participant.

Instructor: Carlton Walker, NOPBC President, Attorney, TBS

8:30 - 9:45 pm Spanish Language Session

Salon 14, Level 2

This session will cover a range of subjects of interest to parents of blind children. Instructor: Conchita Hernandez, TBS

8:30 - 9:45 pm IEP Development and Legal Process Overview

Salon 13, Level 2

Do's & don'ts for the IEP meeting; preparing for mediation, due process, appeal, etc.; overview of the legal process; how to prepare for a due process hearing so you don't have to have one! Instructor: Carlton Walker, NOPBC President, Attorney, TBS

SATURDAY, JULY 5

9:00 am – 12:00 pm NFB CONVENTION SESSION

Grand Ballroom, Level 1

See NFB Convention Agenda for program details

12:15 – 1:45 pm TWEEN ROOM OPEN (ages 11-14) *Text or call Carol Akers at 614-570-2083 for location. Feel free to bring your lunch.*

2:00 – 5:00 pm NFB CONVENTION SESSION

Grand Ballroom, Level 1

See NFB Convention Agenda for program details

7:30 – 9:30 pm PARENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM—PLP

Salon 14, level 2

Has the NOPBC helped you and your family? Would you like to get more involved? Come learn about leadership opportunities in your state.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

9:00 am – 12:00 pm NFB CONVENTION SESSION

Grand Ballroom, Level 1

See NFB Convention Agenda for program details

12:15 – 1:45 pm TWEEN ROOM OPEN (ages 11-14) *Text or call Carol Akers at 614-570-2083 for location. Feel free to bring your lunch.*

12:30 – 1:45 pm NOPBC BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Location to be announced.

Come share your ideas and help to plan next year's conference.

2:00 – 5:00 pm NFB CONVENTION SESSION

Grand Ballroom, Level 1

See NFB Convention Agenda for program details

7:00 pm BANQUET

Grand Ballroom, Level 1

NFB CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

For children 6 weeks to 12 years. Child must be registered with Child Care.

Please pick up your child promptly!

DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Tues., July 1	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	1:30 - 5:30 pm
Wed., July 2	Closed	Closed
Thurs., July 3	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	12:45 - 5:30 pm
<i>Because of our 1:00 NOPBC Annual Meeting time on this day, staff will be present in the child care rooms before 1:00 pm. After you give your child lunch, you may take him/her back to child care early so that you can get to our meeting on time.</i>		
Fri., July 4	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	1:30 - 5:30 pm
Sat., July 5	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	1:30 - 5:30 pm
Sun., July 6	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	1:30 - 5:30 pm
Banquet		6:30 pm - 30 min. after end of Banquet

YOUTH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE (ages 11 - 18)

Call or text Carol Akers at 614-570-2083 for Tween Room location (ages 11 - 14).

Tues., July 1	11:00 am - 12:15 pm	Youth Track
	2:00 - 4:45 pm	Youth Track
	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Youth Get-Together
	8:00 - 11 pm	NABS Social (ages 14 - 18)
Wed., July 2	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Tween Room
	2:45 - 4:00 pm	Youth Style Show
	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Youth Track
Thurs, July 3	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Youth Track
Fri., July 4	12:15 - 1:45 pm	Tween Room
	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Youth Track
Sat., July 5	12:15 - 1:45 pm	Tween Room
Sun., July 6	12:15 - 1:45 pm	Tween Room

NOPBC 2014 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

TUESDAY, JULY 1

9:00 - 10:45 am	NOPBC Taking the Next Step Seminar <i>General Session</i> (Adults, Children, Youth)
10:45 am	Children & Youth are escorted to their activities
11:00 am - 12:15 pm	NOPBC Children's Activity in Child Care (ages 5 - 12)
11:00 am - 12:15 pm	Youth Track (ages 11 - 18)
11:00 am - 12:15 pm	NOPBC Concurrent Workshops
P.M Session	NOPBC Children's Activity in Child Care (ages 5 - 12)
2:00 - 4:45 pm	Youth Track (ages 11 - 18)
2:00 - 3:15 pm	NOPBC Concurrent Workshops
3:30 - 4:45 pm	NOPBC Concurrent Workshops
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Youth Get-Together
6:00 - 8:00 pm	NOPBC Family Hospitality
8:00 - 11:00 pm	NABS Social (ages 14 - 18)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

7:00 - 8:45 am	NOPBC Board Meeting
8:45 - 10:30 am	Cane Walk Session I (Adults, Children, Youth)
11:00 am- 12:45 pm	Cane Walk Session II (Adults, Children, Youth)
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Tween Room open
2:45 - 4:00 pm	NOPBC Youth Style Show (rehearsal at 1 pm)
4:00 - 5:30 pm	Youth Track (ages 11 - 18)
5:45 - 6:15 pm	NOPBC Breaking Barriers Triathlon
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Parent Leadership Program (PLP)

THURSDAY, JULY 3

A.M. Session	NOPBC Children's Activity in Child Care (ages 5 - 12)
1:00 - 4:00 pm	NOPBC Annual Meeting—you may drop your child off early in Child Care this p.m. in order to get to the meeting on time
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Youth Track (ages 11 - 18)
P.M. Session	NOPBC Children's Activity in Child Care (ages 5 - 12)
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Braille Book Fair
7:30 - 9:00 pm	Dad's Night Out

FRIDAY, JULY 4

7:00 - 9:00 am	NOPBC Board Meeting
A.M. Session	NOPBC Children's Activity in Child Care (ages 5 - 12)
9:30 am - 12:00 pm	NFB Opening Session
12:15 - 1:45 pm	Tween Room open
2:00 - 5:00 pm	NFB General Session
P.M. Session	NOPBC Children's Activity in Child Care (ages 5 - 12)
7:00 - 9:45 pm	NOPBC Workshops
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Children's Activity (ages 5 - 12) for children whose parents are in the NOPBC workshops
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Youth Activity (11 - 18)

SATURDAY, JULY 5

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	NFB General Session
12:15 - 1:45 pm	Tween Room open
2:00 - 5:00 pm	NFB General Session
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Parent Leadership Program (PLP)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	NFB General Session
12:15 - 1:45 pm	Tween Room open
2:00 - 5:00 pm	NFB General Session
7:00 pm	Banquet

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