# National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute

## DARE TO BE REMARKABLE:

## Pathways Towards Structured Discovery

A three-day national training conference for education and rehabilitation professionals who work with blind transition-age students and adults.

### Date

December 15-17, 2020

### Conference Schedule

Dare to Be Remarkable will begin Tuesday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern and will conclude Thursday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern.

### Agenda

#### Tuesday, December 15, 2020

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern

Zoom link:

Meeting ID:

11:00 AM Welcome and Housekeeping

11:15 AM Keynote 1a: Structured Discovery Teaching in Education. Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind, Baltimore.

Keynote 1b: Structured Discovery in Education and STEM. Dr. Natalie L. Shaheen, Assistant professor of blindness and low-vision, Illinois State University, Normal.

12:00 PM Education Panel: Moderator, Karen Anderson, Education programs coordinator, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute, Baltimore.

1:00 PM Mix and Mingle Coffee Break

* Q&A on national certification programs
* Q&A on national assessments for youth

1:30 PM Concurrent Breakout Session I

1. Creating Dynamic Structured Discovery Programs for the Senior Population. Lead presenter: Nami Wallace, Iowa Department for the Blind, Des Moines.
2. Keeping the Fire Burning: Building a Post-Center Plan. Lead presenter: Hanna Geisinger, Iowa Department for the Blind, Des Moines.
3. Bridging the Cultural Chasm: Supporting Diverse BLV Youth as Rising Professionals with Inclusive Practices. Lead presenter: Ann Wai-Yee Kwong, Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, San Francisco.
4. Applying Structured Discovery at a State-run Training Center. Lead presenter: Deja M. Powell, Washington Department of Services for the Blind, Seattle.
5. Working with Blind English Learners. Lead presenter: Conchita Hernandez, Maryland Department of Education, Baltimore.
6. A Structured Discovery Approach to Access Technology Training and Curriculum. Lead presenter: Enrique Mejia, Iowa Department for the Blind, Des Moines.

2:30 PM Concurrent Breakout sessions II

1. Everyone Deserves High Expectations: Building a 4+ Program with a Structured Discovery Mindset. Lead presenter: Helen Stevens, Iowa Department for the Blind, Des Moines.
2. Orientation and Mobility for Blind Individuals With Additional Disabilities: A New Framework. Lead presenter: Denise Mackenstadt, Retired, Sequim.
3. An Overview of Inclusion of LGBTQ+ Students at Structured Discovery Centers. Lead presenter: Tai Tomasi, Alabama Freedom Center, Birmingham.
4. Engaging Blind Students in a Visual and Virtual World. Lead presenter: Jay Robinson, NFBSC, West Colombia.
5. Structured Discovery Practitioners as Agents of Social Justice for the Blind. Lead presenter: Justin Salisbury, Associated Services for the Blind, Inc., Philadelphia.
6. Mobile Productivity Apps for Transition Age Youth. Lead presenter: Jack Mendez, Louisiana Center for the Blind, Ruston.

3:30 PM Mix and Mingle Coffee Break

* Q&A Café

4:00 PM Topical Workgroup Sessions: Day One

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* Administrators and Directors of Training Centers
* Cane Travel and O&M Instructors
* Braille and Communications Instructors
* Access Technology Instructors
* Home Management, ADL, ILS, and Related Fields
* Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, Evaluators and Supervisors, including Pre-ETS
* Teachers of Blind Students, TVI, Parents and Teachers, including Pre-ETS
* Employment Specialists and Vocational Coaches
* Current Consumers Attending Rehabilitation Training Programs

5:00 PM Networking on Your Own

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#### Wednesday, December 16, 2020

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern

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11:00 AM Welcome and Housekeeping

11:15 AM Keynote 2: Structured Discovery Training Across the Rehabilitation Landscape. Edward Bell, Ph.D., Director, Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston.

11:45 AM Structured Discovery Training Center Panel: Moderator: Edward Bell.

* Jennifer Kennedy, Executive Director, Blindness: Learning in New Dimensions, Minneapolis.
* Julie Deden, Executive Director, Colorado Center for the Blind, Littleton.
* Pamela Allen, Executive Director, Louisiana Center for the Blind, Ruston.
* Dean Georgiev, Director, Ho`opono New Visions Program, Honolulu.
* Greg DeWall, Supervisor, Nebraska Center for the Blind, Lincoln.
* Lucy Mallahan, Director, New Mexico Commission for the Blind Orientation Center, Alamogordo.

1:00 PM Mix and Mingle Coffee Break

* Q&A Café on National Certification Programs
* Q&A on national Assessments for Youth

1:30 PM Concurrent Breakout Session III

1. Incorporating Health and Fitness into the Training Experience. Lead presenter: Katy Olsen, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston.
2. Low Vision Logic a Commonsense Approach. Lead presenter: Eileen Rivera Ley, Blind Savvy USA, LLC.
3. The Importance of Immersion Training in Pursuit of the NOMC. Lead presenter: Niah Howard, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston.
4. Blindness, Literacy and Employment in the 21st Century. Lead presenter: Anastasia DeGuzman, South Carolina Commission for the Blind, Colombia.
5. Structured Discovery: Virtually the Best Option. Lead presenter: Joanne Gabias, SAAVI, Tucson.
6. Creating Dynamic Structured Discovery Programs for the Senior Population. Lead presenter: Duncan Larsen, Colorado Center for the Blind, Littleton.

2:30 PM Concurrent Breakout sessions IV

1. Say YES to YES NH and How ICE is NICE! Lead presenter: David J. De Notaris, Services for Blind and Visually Impaired, Concord.
2. The Quest for Independence: The Massachusetts Commission for the Blind Pre-ETS Best Practices Guide. Lead presenter: David D’Arcangelo, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, Springfield.
3. Mobile Productivity Apps for Transition Age Youth. Lead presenter: Jack Mendez, Louisiana Center for the Blind, Ruston.
4. Show Me and I Will Understand: Overcoming the Barrier of the Visible Difference. Lead presenter: Eric Guillory, Louisiana Center for the Blind, Ruston.
5. Group Instruction in Adjustment-to-Blindness Training. Lead presenter: Justin Salisbury, Associated Services for the Blind, Inc., Philadelphia.
6. Structured Discovery: Virtually the Best Option . Lead presenter: Joanne Gabias, SAAVI, Tucson.

3:30 PM Mix and Mingle Coffee Break

4:00 PM Topical Workgroup Sessions: Day Two

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6:00 PM Networking on Your Own

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#### Thursday, December 17, 2020

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11:00 AM Welcome and Housekeeping

11:15 AM Keynote 3a: Structured Discovery Across the Employment Landscape. Anil Lewis, M.P.A., Executive Director, NFB Jernigan Institute, Baltimore.

11:35 AM Keynote 3b: Structured Discovery: The Entrepreneurial Difference. Kevan Worley, President/CEO Worley Enterprises, Denver.

12:00 PM Consumer Panel: Moderator, Anil Lewis

* Jacob S. Kamaunu, Ho`opono New Visions Program of Hawaii.
* Amber Sherrard, Louisiana Center for the Blind.
* Charis Glathar, Colorado Center for the Blind.
* Candice Chapman, Blindness: Learning in New Dimensions.
* James Stinsen, Nebraska Center for the Blind.
* Alex Rendon, New Mexico Commission for the Blind Orientation Center

1:00 PM Mix and Mingle Coffee Break

* Employer and Employee Networking Break

1:30 PM Topical Workgroups: Meet to finalize work plan.

3:00-5:00 PM Plenary Session: Topical workgroups come back to the main conference in order to report back to the larger conference on outcomes and goals.

6:00 PM Final Networking Opportunity

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### Conference Adjourn

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