

Deaf Education Alliance Summit 2017

Better Together-Students Improve When We Improve
January 27-28, 2017

SIGNING TIME
Family Concert
(SAT-27th - 3:30p-4:30p)
TICKETS SOLD
SEPARATELY Go to:
<http://m.bpt.me/event/25825>

ONE FREE TICKET
AVAILABLE TO
The FIRST 30
REGISTERED
For both days

LOCATION

LSU Health Sciences Center
411 South Prieur
New Orleans, LA 70112
Questions:
Contact Rana Ottallah
dea.chair@deaffocus.org

SUGGESTED HOTEL

Holiday Inn - Metairie, New Orleans Airport
2261 N. Causeway Blvd.
Metairie, Louisiana
Rate: \$109 plus tax
Good thru 12/29/16
Code: DES

Early Bird
Special
\$10 Off
Ends Dec. 9th

REGISTRATION

REGULAR RATE (2 days): \$150 (deadline January 22)

Daily Rate: \$85

Contact Rana at dea.chair@deaffocus.org for special pricing for groups of 10 or more

At the door: \$100 per day or \$185 for two days

No refunds after December 10, 2016

Lunch is provided both days. Parking is on your own \$10 per day

For more information and to register go to www.deaffocus.org



Rachel Coleman

Keynote Friday

Early Childhood Bilingualism with Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students & Impact on Student Outcomes

Rachel Coleman – With Signing Time Foundation, is an American musician and Emmy nominated actress. In 1998, Rachel and her husband Aaron discovered that their daughter Leah was deaf. In 2000 their daughter Lucy was born with spinal bifida and cerebral palsy. In 2001, Rachel teamed up with her sister Emilie to create Signing Time! – a children's video series that teaches basic ASL vocabulary to children of all abilities. She produces, directs and stars in Signing Time, Baby Signing Time, and Rachel & The Treeschoolers. Rachel is a mentor, an advocate and role model for families raising children with disabilities. Signing Time is often one of the first resources families seek out when they discover their child has hearing loss, Down syndrome, autism or communication delay.

Friday - January 27, 2017

8:00a – Registration
Announcements
9:00a **Keynote – Rachel Coleman**
12:30p - Lunch
1:15p Mock IEP Dr. Angela Trahan
2:45p **Breakout Sessions**
Graduation Pathways
Nannette Olivier
Educational Interpreting
Denise Crochet/Nicky Gilles
DeafBlind Support Services
Michael Norman

Saturday – January 28, 2017

8:00a – Registration
Announcements
8:45a **Keynote – Paula Rodriguez**
11:00a **Bullying – Ari Latino**
Identify, Prevent & Report
Student Presentation
11:45a - Lunch
12:30p **Breakout Sessions**
Early Intervention
Linda Frantz
Visual Learning
Robby Porter
Federal and State Laws
Related to DDBHH
John Veezay
Communication Plan &
IEP Development
Melodie Sparks & Ashley Argrave
Breakout Sessions
CI as a tool for success
Shelley Chesney/Theresa Nicholls
High School Transition
Melissa Bayham
Educational Audiologist &
Their Role in Student Success
Wendy Jumonville
Parent Advocacy &
Student Self-Advocacy
Jill Guidry
3:15p **Ends**



Paula Rodriguez
Keynote Saturday
'When Deaf Kids Thrive'

Paula Rodriguez, MSW, LCSW, BACS founded Deaf Focus Services in 2009 to bridge the gap in service between the deaf and non-deaf community and to provide direct communication and counseling support for the Deaf community and families who have children who are deaf or hard of hearing. A graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University and LSU, Paula is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Board Approved Clinical Supervisor specializing in child and family therapy and behavior management and intervention. Paula is familiar with deafness and the impact of hearing loss on families. She is a nationally certified sign language interpreter with over 25 years of experience. She has worked as a sign language interpreter, school social worker, and therapist. She provides consultation to teachers and counselors. She also provides trainings and workshops related to deafness, sign language, and behavior management. Paula serves on the Governor's Council of Disability Affairs and was awarded the GOLD Service Provider of the Year Award in 2016.

CEUs applied for



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