

North Carolina POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION ALLIANCE



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Hosted by Lipscomb University

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May 17 – 19 in Nashville, Tennessee

Registration is now open! Click here.

<https://www.sepsea.org/2023-conference.html>

We look forward to seeing you all in Nashville next month!

- Catrina Lucio

MSW Candidate, Class of 2024 Vice Chair of Memberships & Communications, SEPSEA Independent Living Coach, H.O.W.L. Transition Program

SEPSEA mission is to promote access to quality inclusive postsecondary education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a shared focus on collaboration through program development, resources, research, and public policy in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina & beyond!

https://www.sepsea.org/uploads/1/3/4/2/134293302/sepsea_conference_2023_brief_agenda_draft.docx

SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**
Hilton Hotel 5-7 pm - Welcome Reception/Networking - Hilton Rooftop
- **Thursday, May 18, 2023**
9:00-10:00 am - Opening Session and Keynote from Think College
- **Friday, May 19, 2023**
12:30-2:00 pm – Lunch Alumni Panel hosted by Kenneth Kelty

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Save the Date – Our next meeting is on 5/31/2023

Updates & Developments FROM ACROSS THE STATE

Good News from Youth LEAD NC's New Program Coordinator, Meredith Huml!

Youth LEAD NC is thrilled to announce that our delegate application is available for our 2023 Youth Leadership Forum. APPLY TODAY to become one of tomorrow's disability rights leaders.

YLF is an event for youth and young adults with disabilities ages 15-30. It is a 4-day opportunity to encourage youth to practice advocacy in their lives, whether individually or in the community. This experience is aimed at empowering, skill strengthening, and evolving the future generation of disability rights leaders. NCYLF builds young leaders while enabling them to experience independence and find their voice as advocates through fun and engaging activities. This life-changing program is FREE to all participants and provides all requested accommodations, such as interpreters, CART, alternate formats, etc.

2023 Delegate Application as a PDF or Word Document is available here:
<https://www.youthleadnc.org/copy-of-2022-ncylf-1>

Please submit your delegate application by April 25th. There will be a Zoom information session on April 13th at 7 PM for a chance to address and questions or concerns you might have! Please email Meredith at meredith@youthleadnc.org to RSVP for our Zoom information session and receive the Zoom link.

Please contact Meredith at meredith@youthleadnc.org or 919-213-0018 with any questions! We are more than happy to assist you in completing your application or provide any accommodations that you need to complete your application.

Applicants will receive their acceptance status by May 25th.



The Forum will be in person again this year at NC State University from July 16 - 19, 2023



Member **UPDATES**



#IPSEDay

Public Awareness Week & IPSE Day

Shelby Bates from *Think College* reached out to ask for help spreading the word about a couple of national events related to raising awareness of inclusive postsecondary education for students with intellectual disability. Won't you please join in, and also share the below information with your networks? As you all know, it really is the more, the merrier in this work!

Public Awareness Week: This week-long event will offer daily virtual learning events. There's something for everyone, including information and resources for students, families, educators, transition professionals, and higher education personnel. Visit the event registration page for all the event dates, times, and descriptions.

IPSE Day: The public awareness week leads up to IPSE Day (May 1), a day to raise awareness and spread the word about inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) options for students with intellectual disability. Check out this IPSE Day webpage for more information on how to participate: <https://events.zoom.us/j/7582820202>

(or you can access the link at the top of this page : <https://thinkcollege.net/>)

How You Can Help

Could you help us promote the national public awareness week in your organization's communications (newsletters, social media, etc)?

Example event description: Think College Awareness Week is a national event to raise awareness of college options for students with intellectual disability. This week-long event will offer daily virtual learning events sharing information and resources for students, families, educators, transition professionals, and higher education personnel. All events are FREE and open to the public. ALL are welcome to attend, and you'll receive just one link to access any event - live or recorded! <https://bit.ly/TCAwarenessWeekP>

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Public Awareness Week & IPSE Day – *continued*

You can tag Think College on social media:

Facebook: [@thinkcollege](https://www.facebook.com/thinkcollege)

Instagram: [@thinkcollegeICI](https://www.instagram.com/thinkcollegeICI)

Join us, or invite others to join us, for ‘Get Ready for IPSE Day 2023.’ This event is Friday April 28th from 12-1pm ET.

Attendees will learn about resources to help you participate in the celebration and promote college access for students with intellectual disability on IPSE Day 2023 (May 1, 2023).

Registration link can be found at the top of this page: <https://thinkcollege.net/>

Hope to ‘see’ you soon at an awareness event! Thanks in advance for any help you can provide in promoting these upcoming national events.

With gratitude,

- **Shelby Bates** (she/her) - Technical Assistance Specialist - *Think College*
- Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Boston



We now have a NCPSEA Facebook Group!

Please use the QR code to connect or find us at NC Postsecondary Education Alliance and join.

Huge thanks to Jacklyn Boheler for creating a FB group for NCPSEA! This is a place to ask questions and share ideas and experiences.

Jacklyn Gerda Boheler, MS, OTR/L,
TEACCH Autism Program, Project Coordinator
| [Work Together NC](#) & HEELS 2 Participation





Work Together NC

Possibility to Opportunity

Have you heard the great news? Phase 1 of Work Together NC's website is live – serving as your one-stop hub for all things related to the transition to adulthood and ID/DD. Click [HERE](#) to explore our service/program database or submit an upcoming event to our calendar! Not seeing an NC-based service/program you know about? Let us know! Email – worktogethernc@med.unc.edu.



Thanks to Alexandra Raxter Mathis, MAEd, WCU
UP Program Coordinator, for these joyous photos!



Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Self-Advocate at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities – Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Be a 2023 LEND PWD/Self Advocate Trainee

Deadline extended!

Develop Your Leadership Skills

Learn More About Disability

Practice Academic and Communication Skills

Share Your Lived Experience

Who can Apply?



Be able to come to CIDD 2 to 3 times per week



Completed high school with an IEP



PSE or training in leadership, self-advocacy



Basic computer skills:
- Word processing
- Internet



Interested in Self-Advocacy Leadership to support PWD

When to Apply

1. Complete the online application by ~~March 20~~ **April 26**.
2. Include your resume, 2 reference letters and a personal statement.
3. Complete an interview.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by May 5.

The program starts mid-August 2023.

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How to Apply

Go online for the application:

https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eCK2POVBrOEYM7A

or scan this QR code:



Questions? Contact anna.ward@cidd.unc.edu

Save the Date...

**Our next
PSEA meeting
is on
5/31/2023,
at 3pm
at the CIDD.**

See you there!



**More great photos from WCU UP
Program Coordinator, Alexandra
Raxter Mathis, MAEd.**

Got photos? Send them in!

