


Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!





Pennsylvania Forum:
#NextGenInclusion
 Toward Increasing Inclusion in Schools

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Our Mission





The mission of the PEAL Center is to educate and empower families to ensure that children, youth and young adults with disabilities and special health care needs lead rich, active lives as full members of their schools and communities.




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Welcome & Introductions 

Mary Hartley, PEAL Center
 William Del Toro Vargas, HUNE
 Maggie Gaines, #NextGenInclusion
 Consultant & PA Inclusion Collective

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Thank You to Our Funders 




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Our Partners and Host Committee Organizations: 


Mission Empower and HUNE
 ...along with Self-Advocacy Voices; The Arc of Pennsylvania, Include Me; School of Education, Arcadia University; Penn TASH; Pennsylvania's Education for All Coalition (PEAC); Imagine Different Coalition; Penn State Harrisburg, Career Studies Program & Special Education Certification Program; Montgomery County Down Syndrome Interest Group; and the PA Inclusion Collective.

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"I would like to see inclusion, where it's not something that people try to do but it's intentionally weaved into everything that's done. Making everything that we're doing more inclusive means that it's not an afterthought, There needs to be more collaboration up front on everything."

-Valerie C. Williams, Director, Office of Special Education Programs,
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services



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Getting Back to Inclusion

Data (infographic) at your table, text available online
Where we started and where we are today (Getting back to inclusion).
Segregation starts so early. There is often no going back.

What you can do. Know the Facts! Inclusion/Exclusion (documents shared: backed up with data and information)
Share resources: 2 booklets on each table (Inclusive Schooling)
Join us! PEAL #NextGenInclusion page
Share! Social media and online, in person (parents in your small social media groups, LTF, grassroots organizations, schools & school board!)

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Join PA NextGenInclusion Facebook Group




www.facebook.com/groups/panextgeninclusion

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Host Committee—HUGE Thank you! 


Alex Lee	Joe Gaskin	Paul Fogle
Ana Houseal	Katerri Beachum	Peter O'Halloran
Andre King	Linda Carmona-Bell	Rachel Schlosser
Betsy Winter Hall	Linda Rhen	Robin Conconan-Lahr
Cecilia Lee	Liz Healey	Sadia Batool
Cindy Duch	Luz Hernandez	Sandy Katz
Diane Perry	Maggie Gaines	Sharon Janosik
Graciela Slesaransky-Poe	Mary Hartley	Sherril Landis
Jenna Rufo	Natalie Saenz	Tricia Shelton
Jill Hrinda Patten	Nithya Naryan	

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Today's Agenda 

9:30 AM Welcome & Introductions by PEAL, HUNE, and Mission Empower	12:15 PM Introduction by Mia Rodriguez
9:40 AM Director Carole Clancy	12:20 PM Keynote: Director Valerie Williams
9:55 AM Introduction by Sarah Keegan	1:20 PM Dr. Jenna Rufo, Ed.D.
10:00 AM The Peterson Family	2:15 PM BREAK
10:45 AM BREAK	2:25 PM Pennsylvania Youth & Parent Panel
10:55 AM PANEL Discussion Pennsylvania Inclusion: Our History and Where We are Now	3:10 PM Introduction by Tamar Pettus
11:45 AM LUNCH/ Networking	3:15 PM Keynote: Michael McSheehan
	4:30 PM Next Steps for Everyone; Wrap UP

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Carole Clancy
 Director, Bureau of Special Education,
 Pennsylvania Department of Education


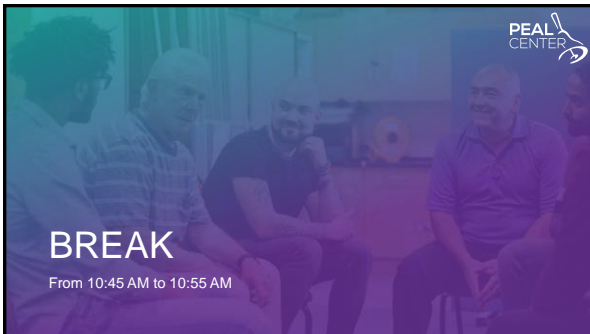
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The Peterson Family Respect - Include - Embrace

Introduction by Sarah Keegan, self-advocate, Arc of PA: Include Me


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BREAK

From 10:45 AM to 10:55 AM

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Pennsylvania Inclusion: Our History and Where We are Now (Panel Discussion)

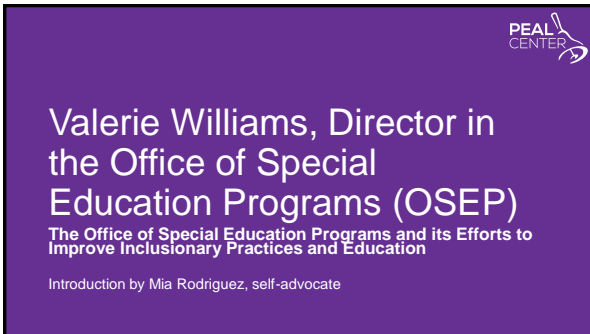
- Sherri Landis, Executive Director for The Arc of Pennsylvania
- Joe Gaskin
- Judy Gran, partner in Reisman Carolla Gran & Zuba LLP

Moderator: Robin Cunconan-Lahr, Chair of TASH PA education committee

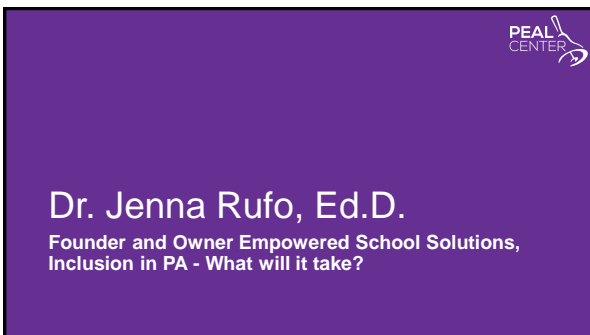
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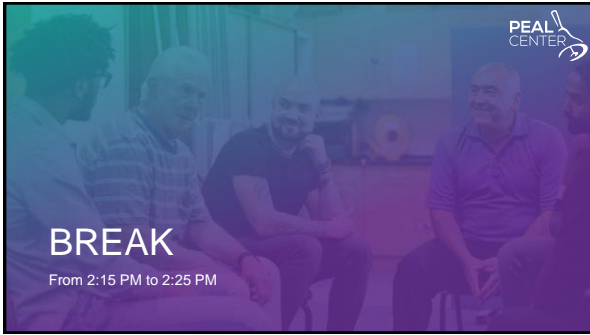
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BREAK
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Pennsylvania Youth & Parent Panel

- Sienna Bell and her mother Linda Carmona-Bell
- Alex Lee and his mother Cecilia Lee
- Megan Neeson and her mother Marisa Neeson

Moderator: Graciela Slesaransky-Poe, Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Professor at Arcadia University

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Before our last speaker...announcement.
We have two evaluations

PADDC: Our primary funder needs your feedback. Please find paper copies on your table. PEAL staff can support electronic version of this, please let us know.

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Michael McSheehan


From Retrofitting to Redesigning: Disability-Affirming Education and the Next Generation of Inclusion

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Have more questions?


Contact The PEAL Center to talk to a Family Resource Specialist!

<https://www.pealcenter.org/need-to-talk/>





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Next Steps for Everyone; Wrap UP 

- Sign up for Social Media #NextGenInclusion & Share, Share Share!
- Self-Advocates educate self-advocates; Parents educate parents
- Educate your fellow advocates, school districts
- FB page: share your experience and what is happening where you live
- FB page: resources that are already available in Pennsylvania
- Reach out and support inclusion



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Join us tonight!

5:30-7:00 pm across the hall.

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Thank You!



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