

2019 AWA Conference: Innovations & Opportunities in the New System

July 10-12, 2019

[**Click here for descriptions of Breakout Sessions](#)

Wednesday, July 10th

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Check in & Registration		
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome		
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Keynote--Simply Home		
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions	Enabling Technology: Revolutionizing the Way We Care	Community of Champions	Working with Personality Disorders
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch in Hall A		
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions	Beneficiary Appeals Under the PASSE	Innovative Vocational Training Strategies	The Team's Foundation
1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Break		
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions	Empower Updates	Arkansas Total Care Updates	Summit Updates
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Break		
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	PASSE & DHS Panel Q & A		
4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Day 1 Wrap Up		

Thursday, July 11th

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Check in & Registration		
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome		
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Keynote--NADSP		
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions	Best Practice in Direct Supports	A Journey to College Graduation and Employment	Supported Decision Making & Guardianship
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch Keynote-- James Meadours		
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions	Experience is the Best Teacher: Q & A with James Meadours	Compassion Fatigue vs. Burnout	Fighting the Machines: How ARChoices Beneficiaries Defeated the Algorithm That Cut Their Care
1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Break		

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions	Advocacy in Forward Motion - Crossing Language and Cultural Barriers to Reach Family Advocates and Self-advocates	The Process of Discovery: How to Use Community Connections for Job Development	Opportunities for Employment of Individuals with Disabilities in the Health Care Industry
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Break		
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions	Living Happy Healthy and Safe	Self-Advocates Speak And Stand up for Your Selves	The Other Dual Diagnosis: Mental Illness and the DD/IDD Individual
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Reception at Embassy Suites		
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	DANCE!!!		

Friday, July 12th

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	AWA Annual Board Meeting at Embassy Suites		
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Awards & Celebrations		
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Legislative Advocacy Panel		

Large Room (207, 208, 209 combined)	Room 207	Room 208	Room 209
	Embassy Suites		

