

**Building Partnerships ... Working Together**  
**Mississippi Parent Conference**  
**October 2017**

Jackson Convention Complex – Jackson, Mississippi  
**Thursday, October 19, 2017**

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| <b>8:00 – 9:00 A.M.</b>   | <b>Conference Registration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Participant Registration</li><li>➤ Speaker Sign-In</li></ul>  |
| <b>9:00 – 10:15 A.M.</b>  | <b>Welcome/Conference Challenge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Gretchen Cagle, Director</b>, Office of Special Education<br/>Mississippi Department of Education</li><br/><li>❖ <b>Pam Dollar, Director</b>, Mississippi Parent Training &amp; Information Center</li></ul><br><b>Keynote Speaker – Ronnie Sidney II, LCSW</b><br>A Story of Resilience: Beating the Odds  |
| <b>10:15 – 10:30 A.M.</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>10:30 – 11:30 A.M.</b> | <b>Speakers - Natasha Ouiorga &amp; Kimberly Merchant</b><br>Andrew F. Strategies and Tools  |
| <b>11:30 – 1:30 P.M.</b>  | <b>Lunch on Your Own</b>   |
| <b>1:30 – 2:30 P.M.</b>   | <b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Ronnie Sidney – Helping our most Vulnerable Youth Beat the Odds</li><li>2) Erin Mason, Dr. Cynthia Armstrong, &amp; Angela Givhan<br/>– Incorporating Technology</li><li>3) Michelle Goreth, MSN &amp; Amy L. Carroll, MSN – 504 Plans and Concussions</li><li>4) Dr. Leslie LaVergne – Including Young Children with Special Needs</li><li>5) Monique Henderson &amp; Gabby Davis – Migrant, EL, &amp; Homeless</li></ul> |
| <b>2:30 – 2:45 P.M.</b>   | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>2:45 – 3:45 P.M.</b>   | <b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Laurie Sherrill – Transition and Youth Career Services</li><li>2) Dr. Margaret Ellmer &amp; Christa Dunnam – Universal Design for Learning</li><li>3) Selina Merrell – De-escalating Aggressive Behaviors</li><li>4) Dr. Leslie LaVergne – Including Young Children with Special Needs</li><li>5) Edryce Thompson &amp; Amy Shelly – Developing IEPs for Educational Benefit</li></ul>                                     |

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**Welcome/Conference Challenge**

- ❖ **Pam Dollar, Director**, Mississippi Parent Training & Information Center
- ❖ **Armerita Tell, Director**, Parent Outreach, Office of Special Education  
Mississippi Department of Education

**Keynote Speaker – Dr. Rosemarie Allen**  
Associate Professor at Metropolitan State University of Denver

**10:15 – 10:30 A.M.**

**Break**

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**Speaker - Gretchen Cagle**  
**“Graduation Options”**

**11:30 – 1:30 P.M.**

**Lunch on Your Own**

**1:30 – 2:30 P.M.**

**Concurrent Sessions**

- 1) Dr. Rosemarie Allen – Continuation of Keynote Address
- 2) Dr. Julie Kelly Lowery– Mental Illness and Behavior
- 3) Christy Dunaway – Preparing for Emergencies
- 4) Shelia Radcliffe, Ed.S. – Dyslexia 101
- 5) Leslie Junkin – Advocacy Skills

**2:30 – 2:45 P.M.**

**Break**

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