



12th Annual Creating Your Own Path Conference

Thursday, September 3, 2026
MS Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
Madison, Mississippi

AGENDA

Continuing education and attendance certificates awarded only to those with corresponding evaluation sheets.

Time	Session	Location
7:30 am - 8:15 am	Registration/Vendor Exhibits Open	Lobby
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Auditorium
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Empowering the Next Generation of Neurodiverse Self-Advocates <i>Featured Speaker Haley Moss</i>	Auditorium
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break – Vendor Exhibits Open	Lobby
10:15 am - 11:15 am Breakout Sessions	Beyond the Diagnosis: Using Psychiatric Medications to Support Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder <i>Erin Harrell, In-Focus Psychiatry</i>	Auditorium
	Social Skills Development in Youth and Young Adults on the Autism Spectrum <i>Mary Wilsford Black, Madison County Schools</i>	Cafeteria
	From Confusion to Clarity: Waiver Services, How to Apply and Qualify, and Crisis Referrals <i>Kristin Kirby, Pamela Harkins, Sarah Greene MS Dept. of Mental Health</i>	Third Floor Training Room
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Break – Vendor Exhibits Open	Lobby
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Breakout Sessions	Empowering Neurodiverse Populations and Caregivers to Proactively Address Behaviors Interfering with Personal and Family Goals and Values <i>Shelia Williamson, T.K. Martin Center</i>	Auditorium
	Talking the Talk About Autism: Sharing, Advocating, and Telling <i>Haley Moss, Haley Moss LLC</i>	Cafeteria
	Vocational Rehabilitation <i>Jennifer Jackson, MS Department of Rehabilitation Services</i>	Third Floor Training Room
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch (provided)	
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Breakout Sessions	More Than Words: Practical AAC Strategies for Functional Communication <i>Morgan Mays, You May Speak Therapy</i>	Auditorium
	Living, Learning, and Working: Pathways to Successful Transitions <i>Leslie Junkin, MS Parent Training & Information Center</i>	Cafeteria
	Partnering for Student Success <i>Kelly Nusbaum, Behavioral Innovations</i>	Third Floor Training Room
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break – Vendor Exhibits Open	Lobby
2:45 pm - 4:15 pm	Transition for Persons with Autism Discussion Panel <i>Haley Moss, Haley Moss LLC</i>	Auditorium