



LEADING THE CHARGE

March 28, 2024 | 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
DoubleTree Hazard Center, Mission Valley

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Join us for the 9th Annual Leading the Charge - *Collaborating for Effective Services* One-Day Educational Event hosted by DDPN in partnership with San Diego Regional Center.

Keynote: Toni Saia, Ph.D., CRC, LAC - What Does Disability Culture & Identity Mean?

Dr. Saia will contextualize how disability is defined, understood, and perceived by society, focusing on the history and evolution of disability rights, culture, and identity. Understand why it is important to shift the way we think, view, and respond to disability and how it impacts the person, inclusive practices, and access to the community.

Dr. Saia is an Assistant Professor and the Director of the Rehabilitation Technology Certificate at San Diego State University within the Department of Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education. She is a disabled woman with a deep commitment to social justice, inclusion, and equity for all. Her professional work history has involved advocating for a progressive understanding of disability within the applied fields. A shift from diagnosis to disability as a culture and identity -- one worth choosing and celebrating.

It will be a day packed full of informative sessions.

Session Topics will include:

- **Customized Employment**
- **Disability Culture**
- **Home and Community Based Services**
- **Leaders Empowering Self-Advocates**
- **Living Options**
- **Paid Internship Program**
- **Supported Decision Making**
- **Working Together As A Team - Client, Family & Provider**

Who Should Attend? Individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, family members, service providers, agency directors and support staff, regional center and DOR staff, Transition Program staff and students ...

Interested in your organization having an Exhibit Table at the Resource Fair? At the Fair, share information about your services and goods, answer questions regarding your organization, and make important referrals and contacts. We anticipate approximately 400 attendees who will have the opportunity to explore the Resource Fair from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ticket cost to exhibit at the conference is \$175 for For-Profit Organizations and \$75 for Not-For-Profit Organizations. Lunch can be purchased for an additional \$25 per person. ***Register to reserve a table using the Exhibit Table Ticket today!***

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Registration includes a continental breakfast, tea and coffee, and lunch.

Conference garage parking is included with registration and validation will be given at event. Family members facing financial constraints can request a scholarship by contacting wendy.forkas@adjoin.org.

Translation available upon request PRIOR to event please contact wendy.forkas@adjoin.org.

We hope you can join us!

Wendy Forkas
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