GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR AHEAD CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

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INTRODUCTION

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HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- Jenn’s 1st AHEAD experience
- Danny’s 1st AHEAD experience
- 2007 AHEAD in Charlotte, NC
• Learn about leaders in our field, roles they play in best practices
• Learn important terms, abbreviations used throughout the Conference
• Importance of using the AHEAD Conference and connections to your benefit
• Gather take-aways from the AHEAD Conference
• How to identify action items for self, staff, admin, campus/institution
• Resources available, mentioned in individual sessions
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• SIG – Special Interest Group
• KPC – Knowledge and Practice Community
• UD – Universal Design
• AT – Accessible/Adaptable/Assistive Technology
• JPED – Journal for Postsecondary Education & Disabilities
• OCR – Office of Civil Rights
  • not to be confused with “Optical Character Recognition”
• TNAHEAD? CAPED? Huh??
  • Find your state’s AHEAD affiliate
  • Instant community
WHAT HAPPENS AT THE AHEAD CONFERENCE?

- Concurrent Sessions
- OCR and Legal Year in Review Sessions
- Poster Sessions
- Refreshment Breaks, mingling and networking
- Vendor/Exhibit Hall
  - Receptions and Breakfasts
  - Product demonstrations, tutorials
  - Programs across the globe
  - Free stuff (pens, squeezies, stickies)
WHAT TO GLEAN FROM YOUR SESSIONS (PLUS, OUR HANDY-DANDY HAND-OUT)

- Presenter contact info
- Peer contact info
- Take-Aways from the session
- Brainstorming ideas of resolution
- Legal Cases referenced
- Books/Articles recommended
ACTION ITEMS

- For you and your staff
- For faculty
- For administrators
- For your campus(es)
“WORKING” AT AHEAD

• Network
  • Don’t stay in your room!
  • Hang out at the hotel bar (you don’t have to drink)

• Chat-up colleagues
  • Curb your phone time
  • Talk to others

• Planned excursions
  • Skip out and visit some local attractions with a new buddy
  • AHEAD-arranged events
FUTURE AHEAD CONFERENCES

• **2023 Conference**  
  Oregon Convention Center  
  Portland, Oregon  
  July 17 – 21, 2023

• **2024 Conference**  
  Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor  
  Baltimore, Maryland  
  July 15 - 19, 2024
QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your attention and participation!

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