GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR AHEAD CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

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
AGENDA

• 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
  - Exceptional and immersive
  - Product demonstration sessions
  - Program across the globe
  - Free stuff (pens, squishies, stickers)

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)
• Chit 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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