

Family Voices of Mississippi

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Hello Friends,

We would like to announce that Family Voices of Mississippi is hosting the Partners in Health Care: Advocacy & Leadership Summit in June 2018 in two of Mississippi's distinguished cities, Pearl (June 14) and Tupelo (June 28).

The summit will be an interactive mini-conference that will center around teaching the participants about the important steps of health care transitioning for individuals with disabilities and their family, service providers, and other professionals. It is going to be a one-day event that will last from 8:00am-4:30pm. The summit will be broken down into three tracks (youth/self-advocate, parent/family care providers, & professionals). The topics will focus on teaching about the importance of collaboration between both the self-advocate, family members, service providers, and other professionals. The goal of the summit is to teach the participants the "how, when, & why" of the health care transition process and help them to understand that the goal is not about total independence, but rather effective interdependence.

We will have great keynote and breakout session speakers at each location. After attending breakout sessions, the participants will have to participate in a roundtable discussion to develop plans of action to successfully handle a health care transition scenario that their assigned group has been given. And at some point, during the summit they will have to do a group presentation of their scenario and chosen plan of action.

Our target audience for the summit are youth and adults with disabilities, their family members and friends, school district professionals (counselors, school nurses, special education directors/teachers), social workers, vocational rehab counselors, health care providers, and other service providers. The Partners in Health Care: Advocacy & Leadership Summit will help the participants to learn more about the collaborative measures that are important to have a successful transition from pediatric healthcare to adult healthcare during the lifetime of a person with special healthcare needs.

We are truly hoping that you will consider joining us at the summit as a sponsor, exhibitor, and/or participant. Please visit our website www.familyvoicesofms.org to learn more about the Partners in Health Care: Advocacy & Leadership Summit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Keishawna Smith at (601) 432-6929 or send an email to info@familyvoicesofms.org.

Thank you,

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