

“Let’s Talk Tech” Agenda

Monday, August 18, 2025 | 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome, Presentation of Governor's Proclamation and Opening Remarks**
- **Stephanie Jones**, Director of Innovations, Developmental Disabilities Administration
 - **Secretary Dr. Meena Seshamani**, Maryland Department of Health
 - **Secretary Carol Beatty**, Maryland Department of Disabilities
 - **Deputy Secretary Marlana R. Hutchinson**, Developmental Disabilities Administration
- 10:15 a.m. Keynote Address: Low-Tech to High-Tech**
- Precious Myers-Brown**, Chief Innovations & Dream Officer
Vista Supports, LLC
- 10:50 a.m. Lived Experience: I See Differently: Meta Ray-Ban Smart Glasses**
- Jessica Stein**, Advocacy Specialist, Western Maryland Regional Office
Developmental Disabilities Administration
- 10:55 a.m. Wearable Technology**
- **Zigglebee**: Shari Bailey, Founder and CEO
 - **Lotus**: Natalie Shearer, COO and Head of Accessibility
 - **Candese**: Dr. Tyler Susko, Founder and CEO
- 11:50 a.m. Keynote Address: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Employment**
- Steve Pelton**, Executive Director
We Thrive Together
- 12:30 p.m. Break**

1:00 p.m.

Let's Talk Technology Breakout Sessions

- **Employment: Technology Solutions and Resources for Employment**
Lori Berrong, Director of Maryland Assistive Technology Program
Maryland Department of Disabilities
- **Remote Supports: Remote Supports as a Technology Solution to Increase Independence in the Home and in the Community**
Jason Ray, CEO
Simply Home
- **3-D Printing Possibilities: How 3-D Printed Items Can Be a Low-Tech Solution**
Nora Walker, CRS A/D, Communications & Fabrication Coordinator
Maryland Department of Disabilities, Technology Assistance Program
- **Enabling Technology: How Shift Training Can Lead to a Better Understanding of Technology and Technological Solution Outcomes**
Kaley Hembree, Communications and Project Coordinator
Tech First Shift

1:40 p.m.

Vendor Showcase

Discover over 20 vendors showcasing technology solutions designed to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. Access the full vendor list [here](#).

3:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks

- **Stephanie Jones**, Director of Innovations, Developmental Disabilities Administration
- **Daphni Steffin**, Chief Operations Officer for Opportunities Inc.
Co-Chair of Maryland's Technology First Task Force

3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

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