



Symposium #2

Beyond the IDEA and WIOA Requirements: Knowing what to expect
when it matters!

February 28, 2023

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Virtual Event

Opening Remarks

Valerie Williams, Director, Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education

Danté Allen, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education

General considerations on knowing what to expect when it matters

David Bateman, Principal Researcher, American Institutes for Research

Entering the K-12 system - Panel

Johan Mora Valverde (moderator), Youth Engagement Manager, SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

Kelsey Biswanger, Parent Mentor, Michigan Alliance for Families

Maisie, Student, Metro Detroit Area, MI

Peggy, 1st Grade Teacher, Metro Detroit Area, MI

Amanda, Special Education Resource Teacher, Metro Detroit Area, MI

The middle years - Panel

Johan Mora Valverde (moderator), Youth Engagement Manager, SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

Paola Jordan, Director, Metropolitan Parent Center, NY

Tomas & Maya, Students, New York, NY

Carland Washington, Principal, West Prep Academy, New York, NY

Life after high school - Panel

Johan Mora Valverde (moderator), Youth Engagement Manager, SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

Ruben Flores, Young Adult, Salem, OR

Sarah Mora, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Specialist, Oregon Commission for the Blind, Salem, OR

Kathryn Eckert-Mason, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Counselor Specialist, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Salem, OR

Questions and Answers

Selected Panelists

Closing Remarks

Valerie Williams, Director, Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education