National Federation of the Blind Maryland State Convention

November 8-10, 2019

Maryland Parents of Blind Children

Welcome Maryland Parents and Families of Blind Children! Thank you for joining us this weekend! It is our hope that the time spent here will serve to better Empower Parents to Empower Their Children. Please do not hesitate to ask questions, network with other families, and have fun!

Preregistration and On-Site Registration for General Convention

* Please be sure to visit the Registration table, located in the Promenade Foyer (outside of the International Ballroom) to pick up your convention registration materials, name badge, and banquet tickets.
* Registration Activities are available:
	+ Friday from 2:00 – 6:00 pm
	+ Saturday from 8:00 – 8:25 and 12 – 12:15 pm
	+ Sunday from 8:30 – 8:50 am

Fun With Friends Convention Child Care Activities

* All Childcare (for children ages 6 weeks to 9 years) will take place in the Pratt Room on the Lower Level
* Hours:
	+ Friday, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
	+ Saturday, 8:15 am – 5:15 pm
	+ Saturday Night for Children of those attending the Banquet, 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm or until conclusion of the banquet (whichever is earlier)

Cane Walks

* Cane Walks with individualized cane travel instruction by an NOMC (travel teacher) will be available throughout the weekend.
* To reserve a slot for your child and/or yourself please contact Melissa Riccobono by texting or calling 443-803-0266, or by emailing MelissaARiccobono@gmail.com
* Cane Walks are first come, first serve, so please get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Exhibit Hall

* The Exhibit Hall is located in the International Ballroom E and the Promenade Foyer. It will operate on Friday from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Friday, November 8, 2019

\*\*Fun With Friends Childcare available in the Pratt Room, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

\*\*Teen/Tween Activities held in the Hopkins Room, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

8:00 – 8:45 Registration Hallway outside Carroll room

9:00 – 9:45 Introductions and Convention 101 Carroll Room

*Melissa Riccobono, President MD Parents of Blind Children*

10:00 – 11:45 Keynote Session – Empowering Parents to Empower Their Children Carroll Room

*Jackie Anderson, Teacher of Blind Students and Consultant*

12:00 – 1:15 Box Lunch Carroll Room

*Please, take time to visit the Exhibit Hall during your lunch break.*

*(International Ballroom E and the Promenade Foyer)*

1:30 – 2:15 Independent Living and Daily Life Skills Carroll Room

*Mary Jo Hartle, Teacher of Blind Students*

2:30 – 3:15 Orientation and Mobility Philosophies and Approaches Carroll Room

*Maurice Peret, Career Mentoring Coordination, NFB*

3:30 – 4:15 Career Goals and Mentoring Programs Carroll Room

*Panel led by Maurice Peret*

4:30 – 5:15 Movement and Social Interactions Carroll Room

*Carla McQuillan, Montessori Educator and Administrator*

5:30 – 7:00 Parent and Families Networking Dinner Carroll Room

 *Pizza Party*

6:30 – 8:00 Bell Academy Reunion Peale Room

8:30 – 11:30 NFB Family Games Night International Ballroom DF

Saturday, November 9, 2019

\*\*Fun With Friends Childcare available in the Pratt Room, 8:00 am – 5:15 pm

\*\*Teen/Tween Activities held in the Hopkins Rooms, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

7:00 – 8:15 IEP Workshop and Continental Breakfast Carroll Room

 *Conchita Hernandez, Low Incidence Specialist, MSDE/MSB*

8:30 – 12:00 General Session International Ballroom ABC

 *Please see General Session Agenda for specifics*

12:00 – 1:45 Parents’ Luncheon Carroll Room

 *Sponsored by Brown, Goldstein, & Levy*

*Maryland Parents of Blind Children Division*

2:00 – 5:00 General Session Resumes International Ballroom ABC

 *Please see General Session Agenda for specifics*

6:00 Reception and Cash Bar Promenade Foyer

6:30 – 10:00 Fun With Friends Childcare Pratt Room

 *Childcare available for children of those attending the banquet.*

 *Please pickup children within 15 minutes of close of banquet.*

7:00 – 10:00 53rd Annual Convention Banquet International Ballroom ABCDF

Sunday November 10, 2019

7:30 – 8:30 Maryland Parents of Blind Children Board Meeting Carroll Room

8:30 – 9:00 NFB BELL Academy Participants Final Rehearsal Poe Room

9:00 – 12:00 General Session International Ballroom ABC

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