



**NEC**  
**Winter Summit 2021**

**Friday, January 29 2021**

**Hearing Loss and Educational Implications**

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Time	Title	Presenter
8:45am to 9:00am	Welcome and Introductions	Tracy Evans Luiselli, PhD
9:00am to 10:30am	Hearing Loss: Types and Classification of Hearing loss	Nicole Laffan, Au.D., M.S., CCC-A/ SLP
10:30am to 12:00pm	The Latest Audiological News for Children with CHARGE Syndrome & Usher Syndrome	Margaret Kenna, MD, MPH Boston Children's Hospital
12:00pm to 12:45pm	Keynote Working Lunch: New Directions for the Field of Deafblindness: Lessons Learned, Dreams, and Action	Maurice Belote California Deafblind Services
12:45pm to 1:45pm	Assistive Listening Devices and Environmental Considerations	Nicole Laffan, Au.D., M.S., CCC-A/ SLP
1:45pm to 2:00pm	Break	
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Sign Language – Types and Selection Process: Tactile Protractile Haptics	Karen Hopkins, Director, Maine Center for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Kristen Shorey

**Friday, February 5 2021**

**Vision Loss and Educational Implications**

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Time	Title	Presenter
9:00am to 10:15am	Overview of the Visual System	Christine Roman Lantzy, PhD
10:15am to 10:30am	Break	
10:30am to 12:00pm	Basic Eye Conditions Resulting in Visual Impairment Implications for Learning	Christine Roman Lantzy, PhD

12:00pm to 1:00pm	Working Lunch: NEC DB Leadership Presentations	VT – Northeast ME – Tech and Literacy CT – Student Profiles for Program Staff
1:00pm to 2:30pm	Brain-based Visual Impairment CVI Overview: Causes and Characteristics	Christine Roman Lantzy, PhD
2:30pm to 3:00pm	Discussion	Christine Roman Lantzy, PhD

**Friday, February 12 2021**  
**CMV Awareness Day**  
**An Inconvenient Truth: What You Should Know About Cytomegalovirus (CMV)**  
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Time	Title	Presenter
9:00am to 10:00am	What is CMV & cCMV? • Prevalence • Importance of Testing and Universal Screening	Dr. Gail Harrison, MD
10:00am to 10:45am	A Story About Grace: A case study from a medical perspective, followed by Grace’s dad who will describe his personal journey from diagnosis to today.	Dr. Margaret Kenna, MD Shayne Gaffney
10:45am to 11:00am	Break	
11:00am to 11:45am	Audiological Considerations Related to CMV: Risk factors for hearing loss; when to test for each risk factor; the range from minor to severe issues. Although there’s no way to point to the trajectory – how to begin to paint the picture. Connecting with you EHDI Champion.	Dr. Brenda Balch, MD
11:45am to 12:15pm	Vision Considerations Related to CMV: Ocular issues and brain-based visual impairment; the importance of early identification, follow-up, and intervention	Tracy Evans Luiselli, PhD Talia Mango, M.Ed.
12:15pm to 1:00pm	Working Lunch	State EHDI Groups – Information & Contacts: CT, MA, MA, NH & VT
1:00pm to 2:00pm	An Inconvenient Truth: What Everyone Should Know • Increased Risk Factors for Parents (Lisa Saunders) • Universal Precautions (Nellie Brown) • Preventing Exposure in Childcare Settings, Including OSHA Advisories (Nellie Brown)	Lisa Saunders Nellie Brown
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Parent Perspectives Panel: • Family journeys • Where we’ve been	Vanessa & Scott Colleran Shayne Gaffney

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where we are today</li> <li>• What we want you to know and do</li> </ul>	Lisa Saunders
3:00pm to 3:45pm	<p>Drs. Balch, Kenna, and Harrison will offer their perspectives... Where do we go next?</p> <p>Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAP and EHDl Focus in Your State</li> <li>• Contact Your EDHI Champions to Help Educate Others</li> <li>• The Bottom Line: We Need Universal Screening</li> <li>• MACMV Coalition website</li> <li>• Family Information &amp; Support</li> </ul>	<p>Brenda Balch</p> <p>Margaret Kenna</p> <p>Gail Harrison</p> <p>Closing:</p> <p>Shayne Gaffney, Vanessa Colleran, Lisa Saunders</p>

**Friday, February 19 2021**  
**Communication Considerations, Strategies, Devices, and Consultation**  
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<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
10:00am to 12:00pm	Effective Communication Strategies to Support Children with Multiple Disabilities (including Children with Multiple Disabilities)	Amy Starble, M.S. CCC-SLP VT I-Team
12:00pm to 12:30pm	Lunch Break	
12:30pm to 2:00pm	Effective Communication Strategies to Support Children with Multiple Disabilities (including Children with deafblindness)	Amy Starble, M.S. CCC-SLP VT I-Team
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Consultation for Learners with Complex Needs: Organization and Delivery of Services	Maureen Nevers, M.S. CCC-SLP VT I-Team