

# CVI: Collaboration for Change Conference

June 26-28, 2022 | Revere Hotel, Boston

## AGENDA

### Sunday, June 26



4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### **Registration**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

**Keynote**, Dr. Michael Chiang, M.D., Director, National Eye Institute, at the National Institutes of Health

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

5:45 pm - 6:30 pm

#### **Opening and Awards**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

6:30 pm

#### **Reception**

*Rooftop Terrace (RR Floor)*

### Monday, June 27

8:00 am - 9:00 am

#### **Breakfast**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### **CVI Voices**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

Jessica Marquardt, M.A., Barbara Lopez, Ph.D., LMHC and Nai Damato, BA, Deafblind Specialist, Rachel Bennett, M.Ed.

Hear firsthand from individuals and families living with CVI about successes and possibilities that they experience.

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10:30 am - 11:00 am **Exhibits/Break**

*6th Floor Main Area*

11:00 am - 12:00 pm **A Data Driven Approach to CVI**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

Ellen Forte, Ph.D.

Hear from a leading expert in design and evaluation of assessment tools and education standards on ways to use data to better understand and serve children with CVI.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Breakout Sessions** (choose one to attend)

**Advocating Through System Barriers**

*Singlo (6th Floor)*

Rebecca Davis and Angela Gowans, moderated by Rachel Bennett, M.Ed.

Hear from parents and advocates with experience on the frontlines as they discuss the IEP journey, how to navigate system barriers, and build advocacy skills to drive outcomes for a post-secondary transition.

**Perkins CVI Protocol, A Digital Assessment System and Educational Roadmap for the Whole Child**

*Bohea (6th Floor)*

Ellen Mazel, M.Ed., TVI and Marguerite Tibaudo, M.Ed., TVI

Learn about development of Perkins' new digital assessment tool and the opportunity it provides to expand evaluation, learning, and further research into CVI.

**Important Considerations for the Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) for Individuals with CVI**

*Salada (6th Floor)*

Tammy Reisman, CAES, TVI, HuyenTran Vo, M.Ed., TVI, COMS, CVRT, CATIS, Matt Tietjen, M.Ed, TVI, Valery Kircher,

M.A., TVI, COMS and Lacey Smith, M.Ed., TVI. Moderated by Burju Sari, M.Ed, TVI.

The Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) allows students to most effectively access their education and to build lifelong independent skills. This panel will discuss the importance of the Expanded Core Curriculum in the life of a child with CVI.

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**Break/Exhibits**

*6th Floor Main Area*

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**Breakout Sessions** (choose one to attend)

**What Comes After a Comprehensive CVI Assessment?  
Blending Systematic Instruction with Promising Practices**

*Singlo (6th Floor)*

Marguerite Tibaudo, M.Ed., TVI, and Ilse Willems, M.Ed., TVI.

Learn about the essential components of educational programming for students with CVI.

**Strategies for Supporting the Hearing, Speech  
Comprehension, and Environmental Awareness of  
Students Who May Have Central Auditory Processing  
Disorder (CAPD)**

*Bohea (6th Floor)*

Maurice Belote, M.A. and Nicole Laffan, Au.D., CCC-A/SLP.  
Moderated by Tracy Evans-Luiselli, Ed.D

It has been said that central auditory processing disorder (CAPD) is to hearing what CVI is to vision. This session will dive into the diagnostic process and explore evidence-based strategies that can be used for children with CVI.

**The Development of CVI Educational Assessment  
Guidelines: A Collaborative Process**

*Salada (6th Floor)*

Amanda Lueck Ph.D., Barry Kran, O.D., FAAO and Mary C. Zatta, Ph.D.

This panel will discuss the collaboration of educators and medical professionals in the process of developing the guidelines and ensuring inclusivity.

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

**How I See the World**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

Tina Zhu Xi Caruso, artist

Tina shares her photography and art to show what it's like living with CVI. Tina calls her CVI "silent blindness."

**Tuesday, June 28**

8:00 am - 9:00 am

**Breakfast**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

**Let's Talk About the Hard Stuff**

*Bohea (6th Floor)*

Optional breakfast discussion for parents and individuals with CVI

Moderated by Amanda Griffith-Atkins, MS, LMFT

We invite CVI families and individuals with CVI to a special breakfast to gather, share, and talk about the hard stuff. The conversation will be facilitated by Amanda Griffith-Atkins, family therapist and disability parent.

9:00 am - 10:30 am

**Research Updates: Highlighting the Role of Collaboration and Study Design**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

Lotfi Merabet, OD, Ph.D., MPH, Barbara Landau, Ph.D., Glen Prusky, Ph.D., Gena Heidary, MD, Ph.D.

Learn about recent advances in scientific research relating to the assessment of visual abilities in CVI and in other neurodevelopmental disabilities. The focus will be on the role of collaboration with respect to advancing research aims and the importance of incorporating scientific rigor.

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11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Breakout Sessions** (choose one to attend)

**Research Updates: Follow-up Discussion**

*Salada (6th Floor)*

Lotfi Merabet, OD, Ph.D., MPH, Corinna Bauer, Ph.D., Anna Maria Baglieri, OD and Nicole Ross, OD, MS, FAAO

As a follow-up to the plenary session, a more personal account will be presented by clinicians and researchers on the value of collaboration in relation to advancing research initiatives and the delivery of clinical care.

**CVI and AAC: multi-modal communicators and supplementary AAC systems**

*Singlo (6th Floor)*

Sylvia Mangan, M.S., CCC-SLP and Amelia Wilcox, M.S., CCC-SLP

Learn about key collaborative steps in designing and implementing accessible Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) systems for individuals with CVI.

**Babies and CVI**

*Bohea (6th Floor)*

Melody Furze, Ph.D., and Elise Darrow, M.A., TVI, COMS, Elizabeth Hartmann, Ph.D., Anne V. McComiskey, M.Ed., TVI and Brenda Allair, M.Ed., TVI. Moderated by Mary C. Zatta, Ph.D.

Early identification and intervention are critical for infants born with CVI. Learn about strategies for supporting families so they can better understand CVI and interventions that will stimulate their child's brain plasticity and development.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Creating Change: A Call to Action**

*Grand Master Ballroom (Mezzanine Floor)*

\* Continuing Ed Credits: PDPs, ACVREP, CTLE, CE: 10 hours; ASHA, AOTA: 1.0 CEUs; CME, COPE: 10 hours (AMA PRA Category 1 Credits<sup>TM</sup>, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital)