

NYCASE 23rd Summer Conference
Lighting the way to a Better Future

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July 14-16, 2025
Schedule at A Glance

Monday July 14, 2025

7:00am Vendor Set Up

7:45 Registration/Coffee/Vendor Showcase

8:20 Welcome/Announcements

8:45 Keynote 1: The Art of Seeing Possibility and Creating Vision Dr. Susan Robinson Fort Orange Ballroom

10:30 Break/Vendor Showcase

11:00 Breakout I:

Session A: **Breaking Barriers and Leading the Way for High Quality Professional Development: Understanding Special Education Leaders' Roles in Professional Development for Special Education Teachers** Dr.Kelly Rudyk Shaker Room

Session B: **Special Education Law Update- Hot topics** : Tara Moffett, Esq Fort Orange #9

Session C: **Beyond Individual Efforts: Harnessing Collaborative Systems for MTSS Success** Catherine Cueva, Dr. Steve Rappleyea Fort Orange #7

Session D: **Building Capacity: A University/LEA Collaboration to Enhance Mental Health Supports in Schools** Yvette Goorevitch, Dominique Ramos Fort Orange #5

12:00 Break/Vendor Showcase

12:15 **Lunch/Business Meeting/Karen Norlander Award for Outstanding Legal Advocacy - Julie Weatherly**Fort Orange Ballroom

1:00 Keynote II: What's Happening in Special Education Law: The Year's Best of the CASE Quarterly Legal Updates Julie Weatherly Esq. Fort Orange Ballroom

2:30 Break/Vendor Showcase

3:00 Breakout Session II:

Session E: **Staying Out of Legal Trouble in Special Education: Say This, Not That!** Julie Weatherly Fort Orange #7

Session F: **Leveraging Tier 1 to Build Positive School Culture/Teacher Morale** Robin Brown, Amy Conklin, Aaron Winik Fort Orange #9

Session G: **Closing the Reading Gap: Fighting Fires with Fluency** Dr. Lynne Kulich Fort Orange #5

Session H: **Evidence-Based Strategies for Staff Training and Supervision** Lisa Arnone Shaker Room

4:00 Break/Vendor Showcase

4:30-5:45 Presidents Reception Koi Pond

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

8:15 Breakfast

8:30 Introduction/Announcements

9:00 Keynote III: Courageous Leadership: Lighting the Way for ALL Students Dr. Diane Wynne Fort Orange Ballroom

10:00 Break/Vendor Showcase

10:30 Breakout III:

Session I: **Survival Guide for New Special Education Administrators** Michelle Mylod Fort Orange #5

Session J: **Improving School - Family Communication: Even when a Common Language is not Shared** Rachel DePaul & Dr. Charles Davis Shaker Room

Session K: **Practical Solutions in the Utilization of Related Service Providers in the MTSS Process** Dr. Michael Nieman Fort Orange #7

Session L: **Executive Functioning: How to Identify and Address Challenges in the Classroom** Tobey Lass, Matthew Santorufo Fort Orange #9

Session **Special Education Law Update- Hot topics:** Tara Moffett Esq. Suite 120

11:30 Break/Vendor Showcase

12:00 **Lunch & Friend of Special Education Award - NYSED Commissioner Dr. Betty A. Rosa** Fort Orange Ballroom

1:15 Keynote IV: Moving From What's Wrong to What's Strong by Building Strength-Based Habits: The Future Practice of Education is Here

Dr. Byron McClure Fort Orange Ballroom

2:45 Break/Vendor Showcase

3:15 Breakout Session IV:

Session M: **Six Strength-Based Habits You Can Start Today to Shift Your Practice and Perspective** Dr. Byron McClure Fort Orange #7

Session N: **Stepping Up Self-Care for You and Your Staff** Kathleen Kieffer Shaker Room

Session O: **Managing Conflict Effectively** Bobbie Dillon, Shari Greenleaf, Esq Fort Orange #9

Session P: **Implementing the Science of Reading with Diverse Learners** Molly Moser Fort Orange #5

4:15 Break/Vendor Showcase

Wednesday July 16, 2025

8:30 Breakfast

8:45 Introduction/Announcements Fort Orange Ballroom

9:00 **Special Education Administrator of the Year Award** - Sharon Meyer Floral Park - Bellerose School District Fort Orange Ballroom

9:30 **Keynote V -Office of Special Education: Using SPP/APR Indicators Data to Make District-Level IDEA Determination** Christopher Suriano Associate Commissioner NYSED Fort Orange Ballroom

11:00 Raffle items! (Must be present to claim!)

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