



CEC-Ohio 2026 Conference Schedule
Monday & Tuesday, June 15 & 16, 2026
OCLC Conference Center, Dublin, OH



June 15: Workshops and Poster Presentations			
June 15 8:00-3:00	Presenter	Topic	Location
8:00-8:45		Registration/Coffee/Breakfast	OCLC Atrium
8:45-9:00	Taylor Gibbons Laura Sebastian	Day One Conference Welcome Conference Logistics	Main Room
Workshop 1 9:00-10:30	1. Tymika Payne Beyond the Basics Education Solutions, LLC	Culture Before Compliance: Designing Classroom Climate That Sustains Learning	Main Room
	2. Natalie Wang Denison University	Inclusive Read-Alouds: Supporting Young Autistic Learners Through Communication and Engagement	Training 1
	3. Maria Sargent Ashland University	Advanced Neurodevelopmental Aspects of Behavior and Social Skill Support and Intervention	Training 2
	4. Sarah McFarland Scho Behavior Academy, LLC	Behavior with Purpose: Applying FBA Tools in Educational Settings	Training 3
	5. Dennis Cleary Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Using VocFit AI to teach employment skills for students with Developmental Disabilities	Training 4
	6. Jocelyn Mathis The Ohio State University	From Paperwork to Purpose: Strengths-Based Transition Planning for Neurodivergent Students	Meeting 2
	7. Elaine Harper Cleveland State University	Shifting Perspective: The Trauma Informed Mindset for Educators	Meeting 5
10:30-10:45	Break		
Workshop 2 10:45-12:15	1. Savanna Flakes Inclusion for a Better Future	Adding the " Special" to Specially Designed Instruction in Inclusive Classrooms	Main Room
	2. Renee Mattson UC-SDI OPEPP	From Book Study to District Practice: Strengthening Systems to Support Paraeducator Workforce Development	Training 1
	3. Charles Kemp Shawnee State University Laura Sebastian UC-SDI Erin Loomis McGuire Memorial	The "Cost of Caring": Diminishing Compassion Fatigue for Inservice and Preservice Teachers	Training 2

	Taylor Gibbons Olmsted Falls City Schools Jillian Lindrose Northridge Local		
	4. Agnes Aleobua Aleobua Capacity Group	Capacity to Implement: A 90 Minute Lab for Inclusive Instruction That Actually Sticks	Training 3
	5. Candy Boyce Broward County Public Schools, Florida	From Data to Decisions: Leadership Systems That Drive Progress for Exceptional Learners	Training 4
12:15-1:00	Lunch		
1:00-1:45		Poster Presentations & Networking	Main Room
1:45-2:45	Anna Ferguson University of Cincinnati	Mindfulness Practices to Overcome Burnout	Main Room
1:30-2:45	Erin, Taylor, Jen, Jess	NTI Focus Group	Training 1
2:45-3:00		Day One Wrap-up & Giveaway	Main Room
4:30-6:00		Reignite Happy Hour (with free snacks!)	Hilton Double Tree Hotel
6:30-??		DuckPin Bowling (on your own, as a group!)	6558 Riverside Dr, Dublin, OH 43017
June 16: Keynote Speaker, State Updates, and Presentations			
June 16 8:00-3:30	Presenter	Topic	Location
8:00-8:30		Registration/Coffee	OCLC Atrium
8:30-8:45	Taylor Gibbons Laura Sebastian Victor Torres Jen Webb	Day Two Welcome Conference Logistics Opening Remarks Introduction of Keynote	Main Room
8:45-10:00	Dr. Temple Grandin	Keynote Speaker	Main Room
10:00-10:15	Vendor Spotlight	Goal Book- Vinne Ray	Main Room
10:15-10:30	Break		
10:30-11:20 Concurrent Session 1	1. Dr. Temple Grandin	Temple's Parent Session	Main Room
	2. Rachel Schultz & Amy Bixler Coffin OCALI	Designing for Student Success: UDL Aligned Strategies that Strengthen Student Executive Function Skills	Training 1
	3. Markita Cumberlander* Eleven 11 Behavioral Solutions	Beyond the Classroom: Community and Culturally Relevant Care: Meeting Families Where they Are	Training 2

	4. Kristi Peters Rachel Denz, James Yancy, Zoe Hopkins Ohio Special Olympics	Special Olympics Young Athletes: Building Capacity for Inclusive Play-Based Motor & Literacy Instruction	Training 3
	5. Erin Loomis McGuire Memorial Kuna Tavalin CEC Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor		Training 4
	6. Agnes Aleobua Aleobua Capacity Group	The Capacity Moves that Strengthen Inclusive Instruction	Meeting 2
	7. TaSheena Hogue Sarah McFarland Tangible Habits, LLC.	Turning Everyday Teaching into Intentional Support	Meeting 5
	8. Elaine Harper Cleveland State University	Courage to Respond Differently: Building Adult Capacity to Transform Crisis Moments	Meeting 6
11:20-11:30	Transition to Main Room		
11:30-12:00	Jo Hannah Ward ODEW	State Updates	Main Room
12:00-12:30	Chad Rummel CEC Headquarters	All About CEC Presentation	Main Room
12:30-1:45		Lunch & Nominations & Award Ceremony	Dining Room
1:50-2:40 Concurrent Session 2	1. Kristin Vogel-Campbell Center for Disability Justice Research	Partnering with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Families in Special Education	Main Room
	2. Erin Harris & Jessie Green The Ohio State University Nisonger Center	Empowering Autistic Youth: A Strengths-Based Model for Building Self-Advocacy Skills	Training 1
	3. Vinnie Ray Goalbook	Strengthening SDI: From Compliance to Classroom Impact	Training 2
	4. Wendy Grove Ohio Department of Children & Youth	From Research to Practice: How Ohio PROMISE is Supporting Children with Disabilities in Child Care	Training 3
	5. Kait Pizzimenti, Holli Anderson, and Stephanie Baker Ohio Council of Community Schools	IEP Compliance by Design:PLOP→ Goal → SDI → LRE	Training 4
	6. Erin Loomis McGuire Memorial	Special Education Legislative Listening Session	Meeting 2

	Kuna Tavalin CEC Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor		
	7. Karen Koehler Shawnee State University Jodi Dowell University of Cincinnati- SDI Center	Ohio's LISD Collaborative: Preparing Professionals in Low Incidence Areas	Meeting 5
	8. Tiffany Wild Kendall Wild, Bloom Carroll High School & Aubry Fowler, OSU Extension Fairfield County	Accessible Agriculture Education	Meeting 6
2:40-2:45	Break- Transition to Main Room for Closing		
2:45-3:00	Vendor Spotlight	ElevateDD	Main Room
3:00-3:30		Day Two Wrap-up & Conference Giveaways	Main Room

