



Regional
Support
Associates

2026 RSA Annual Virtual Conference

From Systems to Stories: Rethinking Support for People with Developmental Disabilities Through Connection, Creativity and Collaboration

October 22 & 23, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

DAY 1 – October 22, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Welcome & Award of Excellence

Jason Young Director, Regional Support Associates (he/him/his)

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

RSA's Trauma-Informed Community of Practice – "Stop Fixing, Start Understanding"

Tonya Drost (she/her) & Aislynn Hatt-Lamarre (she/her)

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM (break at noon for lunch)

First Steps – Transitional Housing for Independent Living

Mallory Hutcheson (she/her) & Jennifer Swindlehurst (she/ her) South-East Grey Support Services (SEGSS)

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Overcoming

Guy Felicella

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Beyond the Crisis: A Family's Story of Resilience, Advocacy, and Person-Centered Support

Diana Alves

DAY 2 – October 23, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Beyond Silos: Building Capacity, Recognizing our Strengths, and Working Together

Marg Van Herk-Paradis Credence & Co.

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM (break at noon for lunch)

The Power of Family - An Initiative Under Canada's National Housing Strategy Solution Lab

Martha Beach, Alexandra Shannan & Olivia Thomas

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Simplifying Accessibility

Julie Sawchuk

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Cultivating Personal Resilience

Claudia Ferryman

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