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UNLOCKING CTEBVI 2025
CONFERENCE
OPPORTUNITIES



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WELCOME!

On behalf of the board of directors of CTEBVI, I am honored to welcome you to our 65th conference.

This year's theme is **Unlocking Opportunities**. Embrace new challenges and discover fresh possibilities through networking, learning, and sharing your experiences and knowledge with your colleagues. To enhance these opportunities, we will again be utilizing the *Attendee Hub*. Make sure to stop by the Registration Desk or the Exhibit Hall to find out how to access this valuable digital tool.



Our keynote speaker, Jenny Wheeler, will set the tone with her perspectives on “Outreach and Advocacy: Crossing Chasms by Building Bridges.” On Sunday morning, there will be a presentation by the San Francisco Lighthouse discussing “AI in the Classroom: Unlocking New Possibilities for Blind and Visually Impaired (B/VI) Students.” General business will be conducted at the Friday session.

We have over eighty workshops planned in the areas of transcription, technology, advocacy, learning, and resources. Two preconference opportunities allow for more in-depth concentration on tactile graphics and in the selection and use of screenreaders and braille displays based on student need.

Explore opportunities in the exhibit hall with knowledgeable vendors who can guide you through a myriad of technology, resources, and experiences. Bid on the silent auction items by placing your tickets in for the drawings.

Of course, what would conference be without networking opportunities at the welcome reception and banquet? This year, fun experiences await with Friday night dancing after the banquet and Saturday night hospitality room karaoke and bingo. Join us and relax after the busy days of workshops.

Our conference is one of the most inclusive in the field, encompassing transcribers, teachers, paraprofessionals, rehabilitation specialists, orientation & mobility specialists, students, parents and all other advocates for K-12 blind and low vision students, both nationally and internationally. You are a valuable asset in our community. Your feedback is especially important to us, and we look forward to hearing from you in person and through the post-conference surveys.

Again, welcome and enjoy!

Sue Reilly
CTEBVI President

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

ONSITE REGISTRATION

You may register at the Registration Desk. Please note that onsite registration is nonrefundable.

REGISTRATION HOURS

Thursday, April 10	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday, April 11	7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, April 12	7:00 am - 4:30 pm

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

CEUs are again being offered with an ACVREP fee of \$35. This fee will allow CEUs for an unlimited number of workshops. You will get instructions for receiving certificates after conference.

ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD

Have an announcement or job opening? Please feel free to post it on the board that will be located in the Exhibit Hall.

EXHIBIT HALL

Exhibit Hall attendance is free to attendees and the general public! CTEBVI’s Exhibit Hall showcases the latest in assistive technology products, services and possible job opportunities. Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

SILENT AUCTION

All proceeds of the silent auction go to the CTEBVI General Fund. This event also provides you with the opportunity to take home some beautiful gifts. The silent auction ends at 1:15 pm on Saturday and the ticket drawings will take place at 1:30 pm. Tickets are available for purchase at the silent auction booth in the Exhibit Hall.

Silent Auction items must be claimed at the time of drawing, unless other arrangements have been made. Items not claimed will be offered to the next ticket drawn. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

HOTEL INFORMATION

HOTEL INFORMATION AND AMENITIES

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront
1800 Old Bayshore Highway
Burlingame, CA 94010

TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM SFO AIRPORT

The hotel's complimentary airport shuttle runs every 15 minutes from 3:30 am to 12:30 am, every 30 minutes from 12:30 am to 3:30 am.



SELF-PARKING

Self-Parking: \$20 daily. Charges will be added to your room. If you are not a guest of the hotel, come to the CTEBVI registration booth to get parking validation.

AMENITIES:

This hotel has a smoke-free policy. ADA-accessible guest rooms are available. A dog relief area will be designated. Please ask for the location when you check in.

ONSITE RESTAURANTS

Flights View Lobby Lounge:

Open 6:30 am to 10:30 am and 11:00 am to 11:00 pm

Starbucks Coffee:

Open 4:30 am to 4:30 pm

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Registration Open 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Preconference Workshops

Workshops include a one-hour break for lunch.

JAWS, Chameleon, and Mantis, Oh My! 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

This workshop will guide participants to understand how to use braille displays with a computer running JAWS, and most importantly – how to breakdown screenreader and braille display concepts for students’ learning. This introductory session covers a basic level of instruction, including how to decide which braille display from APH is appropriate for meeting student needs. Participants will feel empowered to carry out introductory lessons with students right away and identify further training needs to learn more advanced screenreader and braille display skills. The day will also include accessing and navigating your BookShare account.

Presenters: Leslie Edmonds, Lara Rondberg, Eli Sanchez, Dr. Ting Siu

Creating Tactile Graphics with Word, Tiger Software and CorelDraw 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

An in-depth look at tactile graphics creation techniques with the Tiger embosser using Word, Tiger software and CorelDraw.

Presenters: Randy Davis, Dan Gardner, Charles Mize, Nancy Mothersele

Exhibitor Set Up..... 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Salon A

Welcome Reception 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Bayside 1 & 2

Enjoy complimentary hors d’oeuvres and a no-host bar.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Registration Open 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Buffet Breakfast.....7:30 am - 8:30 am

Location: Salon F

Exhibitor Set Up.....8:00 am - 9:00 am

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

General Session I8:30 am - 9:30 am
Location: Salon F

- **Keynote Speaker:** Jenny Wheeler
- **Topic:** *Outreach and Advocacy: Crossing Chasms by Building Bridges*

Presentation Summary: Outreach and advocacy are powerful words that we use every day. Are their meanings and essence truly empowering us and those we serve? Each of us faces chasms in our cooperative efforts and communication with others that may seem impossible to cross. How do we build bridges that will be both strong and enduring, and inspire others to join us? Let’s discover together how outreach and advocacy define the path and provide the light that guides our way.



JENNY WHEELER, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

As APH regional outreach specialist for the Southwest, Jenny represents the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. She has worked in the field of visual impairment for 20 years as a braille transcriber, TVI, COMS, and AT specialist. She has a Bachelor of Music in Oboe Performance and a Master of Arts in Special Education, Teaching Students with Visual Impairments.

Jenny served the Arizona AER chapter for more than 10 years as a board member, treasurer, vice president, president, and past president. She has a special interest in providing individualized technology education to children who have visual impairments and multiple disabilities, and in working with innovative schools and organizations to promote students’ technological and academic success.

Exhibit Hall Open..... 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Drop by the Exhibit Hall to browse the vendor booths and see the desirable silent auction items.

Workshops 101-11010:00 am - 11:00 am

Workshops 201-21111:30 am - 12:30 pm

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 (continued)

Lunch on Your Own..... 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Workshops 301-310..... 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Workshops 401 - 410..... 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

No-Host Cocktails Reception 6:00 pm

Location: Salon Foyer

Banquet and Celebration..... 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Salons F - J

- **2025 CTEBVI Awards**
- **Anne Ward - Judith Lesner Advocacy Award**

This award honors individuals who advocate to level the playing field for persons living with disabilities.



JUDITH LESNER

December 23, 1942 - August 30, 2023

Born in Brooklyn in 1942, Judith spent her youth living on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx. She was an alumna of the Bronx High School of Science and Hunter College. She was introduced to the disability community when she worked at Camp Jened (Oscar nominated documentary called “Crip Camp.”)

In 1963 she joined the Peace Corps where she served three years in the Philippines. After her service, Judith lived for a while in Vietnam and India and then traveled around the world by land to Israel. It was while giving blood in Haifa, Israel, that she met her future husband Walter Buxton. Judith moved to the Bay Area in 1970 where she worked at an Easter Seal Camp for people with disabilities and later at the California School for the Blind for over 25 years.

When her son Jacob was born with cerebral palsy, Judith turned her early experiences into fodder for a life of effective, able-bodied ally-ship. Among her other work, Judith taught thousands of parents in workshops to better advocate for their children’s rights in school settings.

Her greatest joy was her son and his wife.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- **American Printing House and Humanware for the Monarch Refreshable Braille Display - *Innovator Award***

This award is given to a vendor/creator of a product or service unique to blindness which has contributed to the improvement in the lives of those with vision loss.

- **David and Gayle Pinto, YesAccessible! - *Special Recognition Award***

The recipient of this award is recognized for a special talent or skill brought to CTEBVI or the field of visual impairments.

- **Aliyah Delgado, Elissa Dorado - *The Katie Sibert Memorial Scholarship***

Katie Sibert was a charter member of CTEVH (now CTEBVI). She began teaching elementary grades in the 1930s before becoming a resource room teacher and coordinator of programs for students with visual impairments for Stanislaus County. During the summers, Katie prepared teachers at San Francisco State, the University of Minnesota, Columbia University, and Portland State. She published and presented in many venues. In 1960, she was awarded the Winifred Hathaway Teacher of the Year Award for the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Katie retired from teaching in 1971. After her retirement, she consulted with many schools in the U.S. and internationally (including Denmark and Portugal), and developed materials for APH.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Registration..... 7:00 am - 4:30 pm

Exhibit Hall Open..... 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Drop by the Exhibit Hall to browse the vendor booths and see all the desirable silent auction items.

Silent Auction Closes..... 1:15 pm

This is the last day for the Silent Auction so get your tickets in before 1:15 pm. The drawing begins at 1:30 pm. Don't miss out!

Youth Institute..... 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Anaheim

Parent Institute 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Newport Beach

Workshops 501-511 10:00 am - 11:00 am



The Northwest Center for Assistive Technology Training (CATT) Program is a collaboration between the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) and the Washington State School for the Blind (WSSB).

Our mission is to provide assistive technology training to teachers of blind and low vision children, utilizing a “train the trainer” model, while also providing support for parents, caregivers, and members of the community working with blind or low vision children including those with additional disabilities.

Assistive technology options are provided through APH and training is provided through WSSB-employed trainers serving an eleven-state/territory region: Alaska, American Samoa, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

- Check out our website for links to request technical assistance: <https://wssb.wa.gov/catt>
- Bookmark our AT Resources website for training materials and information related to all the tech from APH: <https://bit.ly/aph-at-resources>
- Join the CATT community on Slack for same-day tech support: <https://catt-nw.slack.com>
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Learn more at brailleinstitute.org/braillechallenge

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12 (continued)

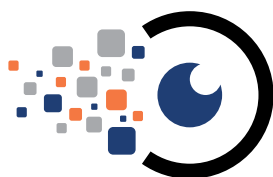
Workshops 601-611	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Workshops 701-710	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Workshops 801-810	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Hospitality Karaoke, Bingo & No Host Bar	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
<i>Location: Irvine</i>	

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Buffet Breakfast.....	8:30 am - 9:30 am
<i>Location: Salon F</i>	
General Session II	9:30 am - 10:30 am
<i>Location: Salon F</i>	

- **Keynote Speaker:** The San Francisco Lighthouse
- **Topic:** *AI in the Classroom: Unlocking New Possibilities for B/VI Students*

This session will explore the evolving role of AI in education for blind and visually impaired students. We will discuss how AI-driven tools are transforming accessibility, from real-time text recognition and interactive learning assistance to personalized education strategies. Through an engaging presentation and interactive Q&A, we'll highlight how educators can harness AI to enhance learning, foster independence, and bridge accessibility gaps in the classroom. Attendees will gain insights into current advancements, practical applications, and the future of AI in education, all in a dynamic and collaborative discussion.



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YOUTH INSTITUTE

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Anaheim

SF Lighthouse for the Blind, in collaboration with CTEBVI (California Transcribers and Educators for the Blind and Visually Impaired), is sponsoring the Youth Institute to be held during the CTEBVI Annual Conference.

We're excited to invite you to this year's Youth Institute, which promises to unlock valuable opportunities in a new and engaging way! This day-long event will provide students with the opportunity to explore key topics and meet mentors who are blind or have low vision themselves.

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00 am - 9:20 am	Welcome Moderators: Daisy Soto, Career Preparation Specialist & James Gump, Enchanted Hills Camp Director Lighthouse for the Blind
9:20 am - 9:50 am	Keynote, Gena Harper
9:50 am - 10:50 am	Financial Empowerment Presenter: Gina Harper, CIMA, Wealth Advisor
11:00 am - 12:15 pm	AI and Accessibility Presenter: Fernando Macias, Regional Manager, Access Technology, Lighthouse for the Blind
12:15 pm - 12:55 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Understanding Your Rights Panel
2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	Exhibit Hall
2:50 pm - 3:00 pm	Wrap Up!



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- Global Positioning Systems: Stellar Trek
- Refreshable Braille Displays: Focus, Brailiant, Mantis, Emotion
- Screen Access Software: JAWS, ZoomText and Fusion
- Braille Embossers
- Braille Translation Software: Duxbury Braille Translator
- Large Print Software: ZoomText and Fusion
- Video Magnifiers from Humanware, Freedom Scientific, and LVI, Irie AT
- Training and worksite evaluations



PARENT INSTITUTE

PARENT INSTITUTE 2025

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Newport Beach

CAPVI (California Association of Parents of the Visually Impaired), in collaboration with CTEBVI, is sponsoring the Parent Institute during the annual conference.

The institute will be interactive, allowing for dialogue and the ability to ask for clarification addressing your concerns as parents, kinship, or legal guardians.

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration (second floor): Pick up registration information and conference map.
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Meet and Greet: Come hear about CAPVI and meet other parents raising children who are blind, low vision, or deaf/blind.
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Christian Knox presents: The (Legal) Pitfalls Parents Make in Educating their BVI Children and How to Avoid Them.
11::15 am - 12:15 pm	Discover Camp Abilities CA with CA School for the Blind Adapted Physical Education Instructor Molly Armstrong and Adapted Physical Education Teacher Taylor Guy from KIPP Northern CA Schools.
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch will be provided.
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	The Power of the IEP (Individualized Education Plan) with TVI (Teacher of the Visually Impaired), advocate, and mother of a child with visual impairment, Carlton Anne Cook Walker from BEAR (Blindness Education and Advocacy Resources).
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Exhibit Hall: Students and parents can access about 40 vendors.
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Share out what you learned today, what will you incorporate into your plan/lives moving forward? Next steps and networking with other parents.

WORKSHOPS-AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

PRECONFERENCE

**PC1 Intro to JAWS and Using
Screenreaders with APH
Braille Displays**

Newport Beach

Leslie Edmonds, Lara Rondberg,
Eli Sanchez, Ting Siu

**PC2 Creating Tactile Graphics with Word,
Tiger Software, and CorelDraw**

Anaheim

Nancy Mothersele, Dan Gardner,
Chip Mize, Randy Davis

**106 Shining Light on Hidden Abilities:
Assessing and Understanding
Sensory Loss**

Anaheim

May Nguyen, Darlene Norman,
Katie Pettersen

**107 Revolutionizing Support: The Direct
Consult Model for Blind and Low
Vision Students**

Irvine

Adrian Amandi

**108 Insightful NVI: Assessment Rubric
& Support Options for Neurological
Visual Impairments**

Santa Clara

Amie Nugent-Hankins

**109 Tactonom Reader - Better Learning
Opportunities for Blind People**

Marina del Rey

Klaus-Peter Hars

**110 Everyday Lessons in Consent &
Boundaries: Building Foundations
for Healthy Relationships**

Monterey

Laura Millar

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

100 SESSIONS - 10:00 AM

**101 Designing Tactile Graphics in
CorelDraw, Part 1**

Newport Beach

Charles Mize

**102 Tables. Bon appetite! As we dine
on Braille Formats Section 11**

San Ramon

Randy Davis

103 How Small Can You Go?

Salon H

Andy Roberts, John Taylor

**104 CA Department of Rehabilitation:
Take charge of your future through
work experience!**

Salon I

Nancy Ybarra

**105 Learning Spanish Accessibly: Using
JAWS and a Braille Display**

Santa Barbara

Marisa Church

200 SESSIONS - 11:30 AM

**201 Designing Tactile Graphics
in CorelDraw, Part 2**

Anaheim

Charles Mize

**202 Exercise Excursion, A Journey Into
Braille Formats Section 10**

Salon J

Randy Davis

**203 Easy Step-by-Step Methods for
Teaching Braille Reading Using
Actual Tactuals Materials**

Marina del Rey

Roberta Becker, Tamara Black

WORKSHOPS-AT-A-GLANCE

204 Spatial Literacy and Tactile

Graphicacy: What are they and why do my students need them?

Salon H

Erin Foley

205 Leveling the Field: Empowering TVIs to Tech-Up for Student Success

Santa Clara

Allison Mello

206 It's new! What do I do? Using the Johns BRI 12th Ed. in a Learning Media Assessment

Salon G

Shelby Zimmerman, Stephanie Herlich

207 Dept of Rehabilitation: Independence and Employment for Blind/Low Vision Individuals

Salon I

Yuki Long

208 Innovative CVI Training: Designing Effective Professional Development for Student Outcomes

Santa Barbara

Stephanie Steffer

209 Creating Effective Tactile Graphics for the Monarch

San Ramon

Willow Free, Jenny Wheeler,
Dru Russell

210 AI in the Loop: Maximize Your Efficiency in the Assistive Technology Evaluation Process

Irvine

Ting Siu, Leslie Edmonds

211 Ask a Sighted Person

Monterey

Jacob Lesner-Buxton

300 SESSIONS - 2:00 PM

301 Introduction to Music Braille: Part 1

Salon J

Jenny Wheeler

302 Getting Started Basic UEB Technical Material

San Ramon

Bonnie Read

303 Bridging the Gap: Collaborative Strategies for Supporting Students with CVI

Newport Beach

Adrian Amandi, Emma Kutscher,
Staff at The Bridge School

304 1 Game Meets 10 Goals!

Salon H

Maximo Avendano

305 Fire and Slice: Using Sensory Skills and Descriptive Language when Teaching Living Skills

Salon I

Kathleen Abrahamson, Bobbi Pompey

306 Pathways to Becoming an O&M and Curriculum Updates from Cal State LA & SF State

Santa Barbara

Erin Foley, Dr. Nicholas Casias,
Cyndi Davis

307 Unlocking Access: Effective Strategies for Supporting Deafblind Students

Anaheim

Stacey Colley, Julie Maier,
Shelby Zimmerman

308 SBAC and ELPAC and CAA, Oh My!

Monterey

Veronica Gunn

WORKSHOPS-AT-A-GLANCE

**309 AI: A Game-Changer for Learning
with JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion**

Salon G

Douglas Geery, Joseph McDaniel

310 Quotes and Stories

Santa Clara

Jonh Paris-Salb

**311 Advocating for Adapted
Physical Education**

Marina del Rey

Molly Armstrong, Patrick Nino

400 SESSIONS - 3:30 PM

401 Introduction to Music Braille: Part 2

Santa Barbara

Jenny Wheeler

**402 Knowing More Advanced UEB
Technical Material**

Newport Beach

Bonnie Read

**403 Touch, Read, And Learn: A Full
Spectrum Braille Curriculum**

Anaheim

Stephanie Herlich

**404 Filling the Technology Gaps in
College Readiness**

Salon G

Ian Ramos, Marisa Church

**405 The Future of Braille and
Tactile Learning Via Dynamic
Online Interaction**

Salon H

Greg Williams

406 What is an Independent Living Center

Salon I

Jacob Lesner-Buxton

**407 Demonstrations of The Latest
Free Braille and Audio Technology
Through NLS**

Salon J

Zhi Huang, Amber Pearcy

**408 Unlocking Opportunities for
Blind and Low Vision Youth with
LightHouse and Enchanted Hills**

Marina del Rey

Jamey Gump, Daisy Soto, Tony Fletcher

**409 The Stellar Trek for Navigation and
Location Literacy**

Monterey

Bob Sweetman, Rachel Ramos

**410 Social Interaction Skills: The
Cornerstone of Student Success
at Every Stage**

Irvine

Adrian Amandi

**411 TADA! Tangible Art and Design
Adventures, a Free Curriculum
for Accessible Design & Coding**

Santa Clara

Ting Siu, Leslie Edmonds, Eli Sanchez

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

500 SESSIONS - 10:00 AM

**501 Turning the Tumblers on Nemeth
Code: Beginning Nemeth Code**

San Ramon

Kyle DeJute

**502 Outside the Box Thinking: Find the
Best Solution for Your Students'
Video Magnifier Needs**

Bayside I

Kimberly Cline

WORKSHOPS-AT-A-GLANCE

503 How I Use Tactile Maps

Monterey

Jerry Kuns

504 Empowering Science Learning for Students with Visual Impairments

Salon J

Sunggye Hong, Megan Mogan

505 Visual Stimuli that Matters & Builds Meaning for Young Children with CVI

Salon G

Diana Dennis, Yolanda Gama-Moreno

506 Community and Inclusion for Blind Students: Key Insights from Blind Adults

Salon I

Gina Ouellette

508 Building Inclusive Environments Through Accessible Behavior Supports

Santa Barbara

Heather Logan, Meghan Berry,
Cyndi Davis

510 Technology and Transition: Recipes for Success for Blind and Low Vision Students

Salon H

Eli Sanchez, Leslie Edmonds, Ting Siu

511 Tick Tock! Tech Off the Clock

Santa Clara

Maximo Avendano, Crystal Hurst,
Allison Mello

600 SESSIONS - 11:30 AM

601 Cracking into Next-Level Nemeth Code: advanced Nemeth Code

Salon I

Kyle DeJute

602 What is a Sidebar Anyway?

Salon J

Cindi Laurent

603 Day of Code: From Our Campus Into Your Classrooms

Marina del Rey

Allison Mello, Jenny Wheeler

604 3 Ways for Easy Tactile Graphics

Salon H

John Taylor, Bob Sweetman

605 Preschool: 2D Tactile Pictures and Materials Supporting Play and Literacy

San Ramon

Jessica McDowell

606 Eye Insights: Connecting Anatomy, Diagnosis, and Support Strategies

Bayside I

Samantha Peterson, Emily Gorski

607 CA Department of Rehabilitation Student Services: Building Our Youth for the Future

Santa Barbara

Yuki Long

608 Maximizing iPad Accessibility: Essential Tips for Students with Vision Impairments

Salon G

Meghan Berry

WORKSHOPS-AT-A-GLANCE

**609 Understanding and Promoting
Effective Intervener Services for
Students Who are Deafblind**

Santa Clara

Julie Maier

**610 Empowering Blind Youth: Sexual
Health Education Through the
Expanded Core Curriculum**

Monterey

Laura Millar

Meeting (Saturday Lunch)

CAPVI Annual General Meeting 2025

Bayside I

700 SESSIONS - 2:00 PM

701 Seeing for NOT Thinking for

Monterey

Meghan Slappey, Billman Braille Center
Transcribers

702 It's All Foreign to Me

Santa Barbara

Cindi Laurent

**703 Phonological Awareness for Students
with Visual Impairment and Extensive
Support Needs**

Bayside I

Megan Mogan, Sunggye Hong

**704 Essential Deafblind Interventions
That Engage Learners and Unlock
Their Potential**

Salon I

Julie Maier, Janelle Dowling

**705 Touch and the Brain: Let's Look At
the Research**

San Ramon

Adam Graves

**706 Digital Math Learning for
Students with Visual Impairments:
Focus Group Results**

Salon H

Tina Herzberg, Michael Tuttle

**707 Essential Optical & Electronic
Low Vision Aids for VI Students -
A Hands-on Review**

Marina del Rey

Ron Dare

**708 AAC Assessment and Design
Options for Students with CVI**

Salon G

Rebecka Henry, Samantha Peterson

**709 Inclusio: Generation of Interoperable,
Accessible Graphics**

Santa Clara

Jenna Gorlewicz, Derrick Smith,
Dan Gardner

**710 What's Available in AT: Building
Skills and Connections**

Salon J

Adrian Amandi, Jessica McDowell,
Cyndi Davis

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803 Mathlete Competition: Having Fun with Braille Math Notation and Computation

Marina del Rey

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805 Braille Challenge Insights and Advancing Tactile Graphic Literacy in Braille Education

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Danny Olvera, Dr. Patricia Leader

806 Free Best Selling Books Plus: The Many Ways to Read NLS Braille and Audio Content!

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807 From Busy to Balance

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809 Braille Outside the Box: Sharing Creative Solutions to Real-life Challenges

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Damian Pickering, Jennifer Gibble

810 Enhancing Accessibility: Using AI with JAWS

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811 Empowering Vision: Innovations in Low Vision Technology for Enhanced Learning

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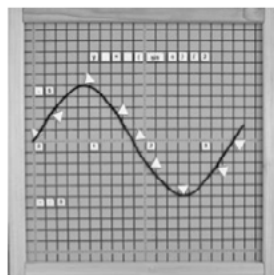
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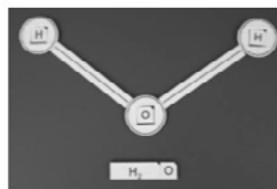
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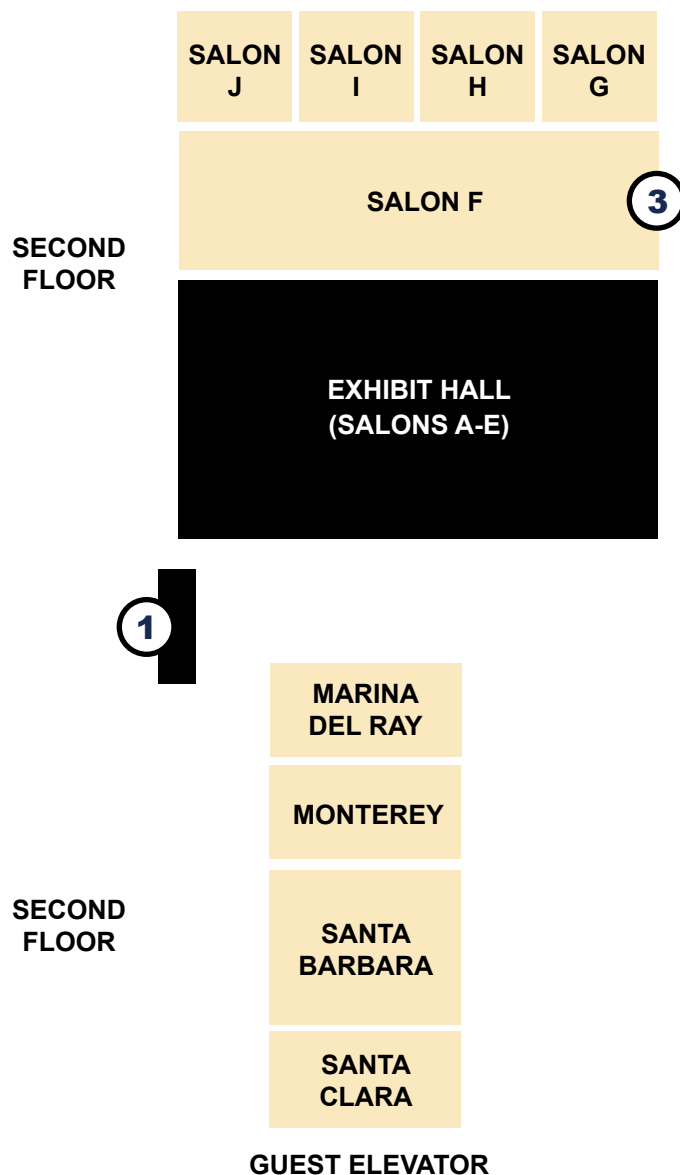
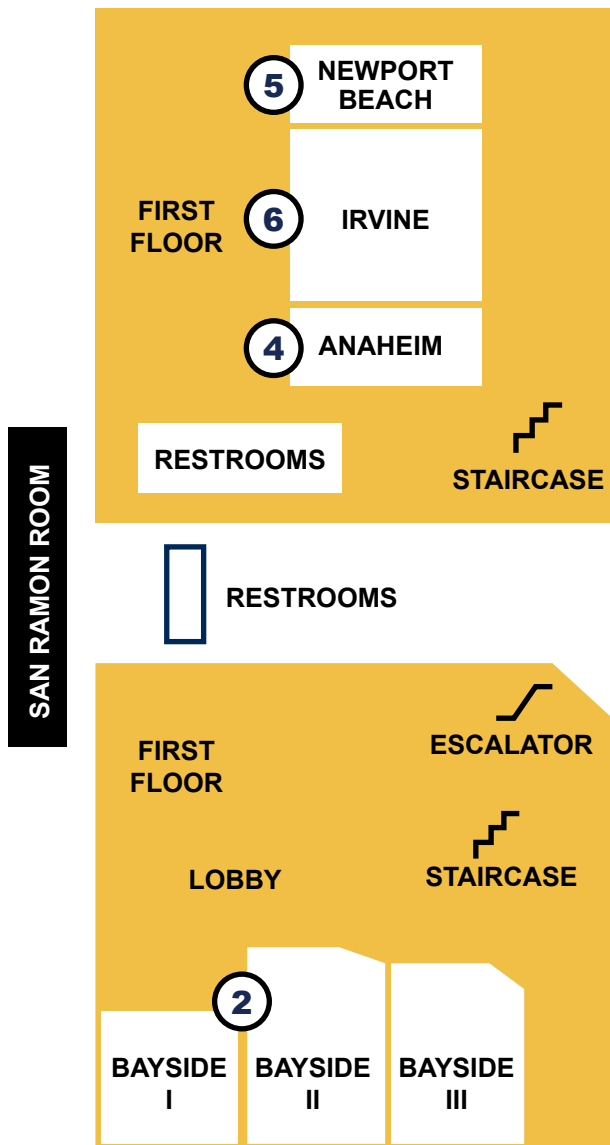


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- 3 Breakfast & General Session
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7:00 am - 4:30 pm
- 4 Youth Institute
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