

# Philadelphia Tech Summit Agenda–Thursday March 6, 2025



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**8:00 am: Registration Opens, Exhibit Hall Opens (200 ABC)**

**9:00 am: Welcome Remarks (200 BC)**

Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs and Office of Long-Term Living

**9:15- 10:15 am: Keynote (200 BC)**

Rebekah Taussig, PhD

**10:15-10:30 am: Break with Refreshments, Transition to Session #1**

**10:30-11:30 am: Session #1**

- **From Advocacy to Action: Policies and Funding for Assistive Technology (223)**

- **Getting AT Funded and Using it to Self-Direct Your Best Life**

- Jamie Ray-Leonetti, Associate Director of Policy, Institute on Disabilities at Temple University
- Sherrie Shade, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Pennsylvania

- **Innovative Remote Supports for Everyday Living (200 BC)**

- **Remote Supports: Key Considerations**

- Mike Marotta, ATP

- **Technology for Access and Community Living (217 AB)**

- **Q&A with Rebekah Taussig, PhD**

- **Technology Accelerator: Into the Future (217 CD)**

- **Technology Solutions Specialists: Learning from the Experts**

- Facilitator: Lisa Tesler, Executive Director of Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council
- Panelists: Matt Smith, Gretchen Laudenslager, Quinn Crispell, Joseph Reisner, Bobby Evans, Nae Vallego, Andre Rhone, Christopher Moore

**11:30-12:30 pm Lunch (200BC)**

**12:30-1:30 pm: Session #2**

- **From Advocacy to Action: Policies and Funding for Assistive Technology (223)**

- **Accessing Services for Older Adults**

- Katie Young, MSG, Planning Manager for Philadelphia Corporation of Aging

- **Innovative Remote Supports for Everyday Living (200 BC)**

- **Achieving Outcomes Through Enabling Technology**

- Nathan Gerhard, Associate Executive Director, Keystone Human Services

- **Technology for Access and Community Living (217 AB)**
  - **Smart Home and Home Modifications: A Team Approach**
    - Jenn Hsu, OTR/L, CAPS, Home Modifications Assessor, Inglis
    - Katherine Griffiths, CTRS, ATP, Assistive Technology Educator, Inglis
- **Technology Accelerator: Into the Future (217 CD)**
  - **Leveling Up: The Pennsylvania Technology Accelerator**
    - Patrick DeMico, Executive Director of The Provider Alliance
    - Shea Tanis, PhD, Associate Research Professor, Kansas University Center on Disabilities, Life Span Institute, University of Kansas
    - Kaley Day, Grants Projects Coordinator, Kansas University Center on Disabilities, Life Span Institute, University of Kansas

**1:30-1:45 pm: Transition time to Session #3**

**1:45-2:45 pm: Session #3**

- **From Advocacy to Action: Policies and Funding for Assistive Technology (223)**
  - **Funding Your Assistive Technology**
    - Will Hall, CEO of Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation
- **Innovative Remote Supports for Everyday Living (200 BC)**
  - **Thousands of People, Millions of Hours of Consistent, Person-Centered Support**
    - Don Shirley, President of SafeinHome
- **Technology for Access and Community Living (217 AB)**
  - **The Importance of Accessibility by Design**
    - Fred Moltz, Chief Accessibility Officer, Verizon
- **Technology Accelerator: Into the Future (217 CD)**
  - **Technology First: Policy, Practice, and Innovation**
    - Representative Joseph C. Hohenstein
    - Shea Tanis, PhD
    - Kaley Day

**2:45-3:15 pm: Break #2**

**3:15-4:15 pm: Closing Panel: Real Stores from AT Users (200 BC)**

- Victoria Nedza
- Alexa Brill
- Liam Holland
- Yvonne Hughes
- Suzanne Erb

**4:15-4:30 pm: Closing Remarks (200 BC)**

- Representative Joseph C. Hohenstein
- Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs and Office of Long-Term Living