

Pittsburgh PA Tech Summit Agenda – Thursday, March 13, 2025



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8:00 am: Registration Opens (Heyl Lobby), Exhibit Hall Opens (AJP Atrium)

9:00 am: Welcome Remarks (Heyl Theater)

Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs and Office of Long Term Living

9:15- 10:15 am: Keynote (Heyl Theater)

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 (AJP117)**
 - **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
 - Ella Schaltenbrand, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Pennsylvania
- **Innovative Remote Supports for Everyday Living (AJP 113)**
 - **Remote Supports: Key Considerations**
 - Mike Marotta, ATP
- **Technology for Access and Community Living (Heyl Theater)**
 - **Q&A with Rebekah Taussig, PhD**
- **Technology Accelerator: Into the Future (AJP 115)**
 - **Technology Solutions Specialists: Learning from the Experts**
 - Facilitator: Lisa Tesler
 - Panelists: Matt Smith, Gretchen Laudenslager, Quinn Crispell, Joseph Reisner, Bobby Evans, Nae Vallego, Andre Rhone, Christopher Moore

11:30-12:30 pm Lunch (AJP Atrium)

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

- **From Advocacy to Action: Policies and Funding for Assistive Technology (AJP117)**
 - **Access to Technology for Aging in Place**
 - Monique Chabot, OTD, OTR/L, SCEM, Associate Director, Assistive Technology, Institute on Disabilities at Temple University
- **Innovative Remote Supports for Everyday Living (AJP113)**
 - **Fostering Independence & Safety Using Technology**

- Diana Petschauer, M.Ed., ATP, Director, Assistive Technology, Lifesteps
- **Technology for Access and Community Living (Heyl Theater)**
 - **Smart Home and Home Modifications: A Team Approach**
 - Kara Yost, MS, OTR/L
 - Lynn Stewart-Krieger, ECHM, CEAC, CAPS, Environmental Accessibility Specialist, Inglis
- **Technology Accelerator: Into the Future (AJP 115)**
 - **Leveling Up: The Pennsylvania Technology Accelerator**
 - Patrick DeMico
 - Shea Tanis, PhD
 - Kaley Day

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 (AJP117)**
 - **Funding Your Assistive Technology**
 - Will Hall
- **Innovative Remote Supports for Everyday Living (AJP113)**
 - **Thousands of People, Millions of Hours of Consistent, Person-Centered Support**
 - Don Shirley
- **Technology for Access and Community Living (Heyl Theater)**
 - **Tips for a Successful Smart Home Technology Installation**
 - Jeff Ruffing, MS, ATP, RET, CAPS, Assistive Technology Development Specialist, Inglis Community Services
 - Gina Novario, OTD, OTR/L, Advanced Rehabilitation Research and Training Fellow, University of Pittsburgh
 - Jack Fried, MS, ATP, Clinical and Research Engineer, University of Pittsburgh and UPMC Center for Assistive Technology
- **Technology Accelerator: Into the Future (AJP115)**
 - **Technology First: Policy, Practice, and Innovation**
 - Shea Tanis, PhD
 - Kaley Day

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

3:15-4:15 pm: Closing Panel: Real Stories from AT Users (Heyl Theater)

- Suzanne Erb
- DJ Stemmler
- Teri Owens

4:15-4:30 pm: Closing Remarks (Heyl Theater)

- Representative Jessica Benham
- Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs and Office of Long-Term Living