

# 4th Annual AWARENESS IS THE KEY TO CHANGE "I MATTER" CONFERENCE

A conference hosted by The Arc Mid-South

Come join a community of advocates and parents,  
and collect a wealth of information.

## Get Information about:

**Conservatorship, Wills, Trusts, Guardianship**  
**Mental Health & Crisis Intervention**  
**Waiver Funding & Healthcare**  
**Social Security Benefits**  
**Aging and Disability**

## Who should attend:

Social Workers, Nurses, Parents, Teachers,  
Educators, Self-advocates, Agencies, and  
Direct Support Professionals

## Speakers:



**Carlene Leaper**  
Executive Director  
The Arc Mid-South



**Judge Kathleen Gomes**  
Probate Court Judge  
Shelby County  
The Arc Mid-South Board Member



**Donna Nasso**  
Director,  
Special Needs Ministry  
Hope Church



**Gerre Currie**  
Community Development  
Officer  
Financial Federal Bank



**Nigel Payne**  
Uniformed Patrol Officer  
Memphis Police Department



**Triniti Holden**  
Transition Supervisor  
TN Department  
of Human Services



**Ashley Brown**  
Member Advocate  
BlueCare TN



**Charles Winton Jr.**  
Program Director  
The Oaks at Lakeside



**Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist**  
Professor and Director  
University of Memphis  
Institute on Disability (UMID)



**Dawna Snipes**  
Elder Law Staff Attorney  
Community Legal Center



**Rhonda Clark**  
West TN Regional Director,  
Katie Beckett Program  
Department of  
Disability & Aging



**Danielle Woods**  
Attorney  
Woods Law Firm, PLLC



**April 3, 2025**  
9:00am - 2:00pm



**Hope Church**  
8500 Walnut Grove Rd  
Cordova, TN 38018  
Entrance 2  
South Hall

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You will have an opportunity to obtain resources from vendors.  
Spanish and sign language interpretation will be provided upon request.  
Interpretación en español y lenguaje de señas disponible bajo petición.

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