

Registration

All presenters and conference attendees will be required to wear a mask as well as provide either proof of vaccination status or a negative Covid 19 test

Conference Fee is \$250

The registration fee includes all conference sessions, breakfast and lunch on both days. Registration does not include hotel room or dinner. To reserve your hotel room, please contact the Sea Crest Beach Hotel at 800-225-3110.

How to Register:

1. To register, please visit www.dspmass.org

Registration and payment must be received by October 15th, 2022.

Financial assistance is available, thanks to the generous support of our conference sponsors!

Contact **Jack Yates** with **any** questions or requests for financial assistance.

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Conference Location

Sea Crest Beach Hotel
350 Quaker Road
Falmouth, MA 02556

A special conference hotel room rate of \$119/night is available for a standard double room until October 15, 2022.

The Sea Crest Beach Hotel is in a secluded area of Cape Cod directly on the ocean. Come experience tranquility and breathtaking sunsets over Buzzards Bay!

Accessible rooms are available upon request.

The Sea Crest Beach Hotel has a private beach, a heated indoor pool, fitness equipment, whirlpool, spa, and steam room.

Email: info@seacrestbeachhotel.com

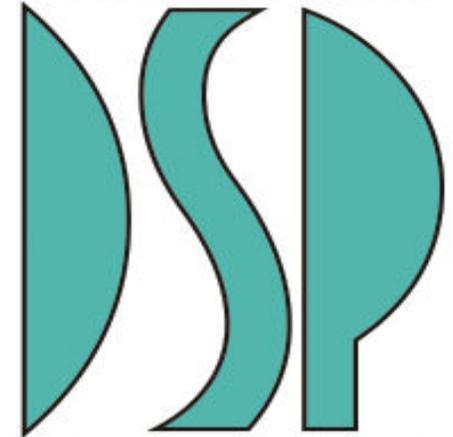
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Direct Support
Professionals
Conference



October 24 & 25, 2022

A CONFERENCE TO

- Honor
- Celebrate
- Connect

Plenary Speakers



Peter Leidy

Teacher, consultant, and singer/songwriter about human serviceland, personalized supports and community membership for all.

Peter's songs and reflections on our work have inspired DSP's throughout the country.

Jane Ryder

Commissioner,
Department of
Developmental Services

Jane was named Commissioner of DDS in January 2018, after having worked in residential services and as DDS's Deputy Commissioner.



Pauline MacLellan

Mother of 5 children, 3 of whom are on the Autism Spectrum

Pauline advocates for her children in diverse settings and has shared her family's journey at conferences for the past 14 years.



Conference at a Glance

Both conference mornings begin with sessions for everyone to attend. On Monday morning, Peter Leidy will share his experience of working as a direct support professional and will share with us songs he has composed about direct support work. On Tuesday morning, Commissioner Jane Ryder will hold a town hall meeting to hear from you and answer **your** questions. On Tuesday afternoon, Pauline MacLellan will share her experience of creating belonging for her sons and daughter with intellectual disabilities by partnering with direct support professionals.

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- **Touching the Heart of Our Work**—Peter Leidy
- **Ask the Commissioner**—Commissioner Jane Ryder
- **Partnering with Families**— Pauline MacLellan

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

- Let's Talk About Sex: Supporting Relationships and Intimacy—Mary Ellen Goodwin & Rebecca Barry
- Stop, Look, and Listen: Discover How to Support People Well—Robin Carlson
- Take Good Care of My Daughters—Jorge Pagan
- This is What We Need From You—Mark Leonard, Shelby Richardi, Lauren Richardi
- Wellness for the Caregiver—Phoebe Goodman
- Being Autistic—Patti Menzel
- Who's Going to Make the First Move?—Nate Johnson
- Shoulder to Shoulder: Valuing and Celebrating the Work of Direct Support Professionals—Peter Leidy
- DSP's Workplace Experiences—James Campbell
- Who Lives Like This?? - Pauline MacLellan
- Friends: Effective Strategies Toward Community Inclusion—Lisa Drennan
- Coping with Chaos: Why the Pandemic Has Been So Hard on Our Mental Health and How We Can Heal—Charity Bell

MOVIES with DISCUSSIONS

- Rory O'Shea Was Here
- The Peanut Butter Falcon
- Intouchables
- My Left Foot
- Love on the Spectrum