



MDA Presents the 1st Annual MDA Illinois MUSCLE SUMMIT

Saturday, November 15th

Northfield Inn & Suites 3280 Northfield Drive; Springfield, IL

This MDA Muscle Summit is an educational event focused on the families we serve and their needs. The event is open to anyone who would like to attend to learn more about neuromuscular disease and the challenges that are associated.

No registration fee is required!
Please take advantage of this local educational event.
RSVP to our office to reserve your space.

Event Details
Registration begins at 9am
Speakers begin at 10am
A light lunch will be provided

Sponsored by:



Carle Foundation Hospital

EVENT PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:



Myasthenia Gravis

Medical Speaker—Dr. James Gilchrist—MDA Clinic Director, professor and Chair of Neurology at SIU School of Medicine. Dr. Gilchrist has been practicing medicine for over 35 years. He is the author of over 70 scientific articles and 29 book chapters in the field of neurology and neuromuscular disease.



Genetics with Neuromuscular Disease

Medical Speaker—Dr. Michael Schneider—Geneticist with Carle Foundation Hospital



Transitioning to Adulthood—College, Work, and Beyond!

Guest speaker—Katrina Gossett, litigator at the national firm Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP; National Blogger for the MDA Transitions Website



Parent Corner—Navigating IEP's & 504 Plans; Socializing Your Child

Guest speaker—Leu Baker, Director of Student Support Services and Special Education. Leu will be presenting on the importance of socializing your child.



Guest speaker—Suzy Woods, Education Liaison & Policy Coordinator for the Illinois Assistive Technology Program. Suzy will be presenting on IEP's and 504 Planning.



Financial & Estate Planning

Guest speaker— John Simpson, Sorling Northrup Attorneys. John is an attorney in Springfield who focuses on estate and tax planning.



Guest speaker—Kevin Polonus, Northwestern Mutual. Kevin will be presenting on Financial Planning. He specializes in working with parents of kids with special needs.



Assistive Technology—Adaptive Equipment

Presented by the Illinois Assistive Technology Program. Speakers include Lynette Strode, Demonstrator Center Coordinator & Sue Castles, Training Coordinator.

Additional topics will include

- Respiratory Health
- Cardiac Care
- Progress of MDA
- Research Updates, and much more!

Together, We Are Progress!

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