



16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

A DISABILITY ROADMAP FOR AN INCLUSIVE LIFE

FEATURING:

**Daniel & Samuel Habib and
Bridget & Nancy Brown**

WHEN: Saturday, April 29, 2023

**WHERE: Spalding Pastoral Center
419 NE Madison Ave**

Peoria, IL 61603

COST: \$20/family member, \$30/professional

REGISTER: [Family Conference Registration Form](#)

Transition planning for children begins in preschool and continues through high school. An early start ensures children develop the skills needed to make choices (self-direction), use their voices (advocate), develop social/emotional skills, and are included in typical activities and have access to general education curriculum and are exposed to careers and vocations.



*Breakfast items, snacks, & box lunches provided. Those with allergies or dietary restrictions are invited to bring their own lunches

SCHEDULE

MORNING

Keynote Presentations by
Dan & Samuel Habib

AFTERNOON

Breakout Sessions

Session A: Parents of Early
Childhood & Elementary
Age Children

Session B: Parents of Junior
High & High School Age
Youth

HIGHSCHOOL AGED YOUTH
WITH DISABILITIES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
WITH A PARENT OR
GUARDIAN. THERE IS NO
REGISTRATION FEE FOR
THE STUDENT

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN
STARTS AT 8:15 WITH THE
CONFERENCE BEGINNING AT
9AM AND CONCLUDING AT
3:30 PM

ILLINOIS FAMILY LEADERS COLLABORATION



Dan Habib

**Keynote Speaker:
Filmmaker, public
speaker, and
disability rights
advocate**



Dan Habib is the Inclusive Communities Project Director at the Westchester Institute for Human Development. He is the creator of award-winning documentary films and short films on disability-related topics. In 2014, Habib was appointed by President Barack Obama to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities—a committee that promotes policies and initiatives that support independence and lifelong inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities.

Samuel Habib, is a high school graduate and community college student currently pursuing a career as a multimedia storyteller and had a paid job at a video production studio. In 2016, he created a film about disability rights leader Judith Heumann, that was featured in the Breaking Down Barriers Film Festival in Moscow, Russia. Samuel also helped Dan create the nationally broadcast film Mr. Connolly Has ALS. Samuel uses a wheelchair for mobility and a communication device to express himself. In addition to exploring his current and future academic and career options, Samuel also navigates significant, chronic health challenges.



**Samuel
Habib
Co-Speaker:**



Bridget Brown is a national public speaker, leader & advocate who inspires people to “Dwell in Possibility”. She has never let the fact that she has Down Syndrome stop her from reaching her dreams