

Workshops

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Below is a preliminary list of workshops that have been accepted for inclusion in the DSA 2025 Conference. Please note that this list is subject to final confirmation and scheduling by the Workshop Committee. Any changes or updates to the workshop lineup will be communicated once the committee has completed its review and finalized the event schedule..

Advocacy & Public Policy

- Empowering Deaf Seniors: Advocacy Strategies for Building a Stronger National Community - Sherri Collins, Deaf Seniors of America
- Working Together Towards System Change With Your State Agency of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Darlene Zangara and Robert Cooper, National Association of State Agencies Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Financial Freedom & Security

- Be Smarter Than the Scammers: How to Keep Yourself from Becoming a Victim - Bonnie S. Kaplan, Deaf Victims Of Crime Advocate
- Check the Health of Your Wealth: Are Your Finances In Top Shape? - TBA, Kramer Wealth Managers
- Estate Planning Basics: Seniors – Are You Prepared for the Next Chapter? - S. Kay Vincent
- Financial Trivia: See How Much You Know! - TBA, Kramer Wealth Managers
- Retirement: Making Your Money Last - Carah Berry, Edward Jones

- Selling Your House Through a Realtor or a Flip Flopper (Investing) - Leonard Hall, Hall Law Office, LLC
- What To Do and Not To Do in Estate Planning Documents - Leonard Hall, Hall Law Office, LLC

Health & Wellness

- Break the Bottle: Unlocking Resilience and Empowerment in Everyday Life - Michael Allison, The Adversity Academy
- Cancer Here, Cancer There, Cancer Everywhere! - Stephanie Wilcox, DEAF, Inc.
- Community Health Navigator: From Advocacy to Practice - Kathy Manlapas, Center for Deaf Health Equity
- Count Me In! Celebrating the Vital Role of Deaf Seniors In America - Marina Fanshteyn And Marsellette Davis, United Hands Organization, Inc.
- Deaf Elders In Long-Term Care: Where the ADA Does Not Reach - Barbara Earth, National Technical Institute of the Deaf/RIT
- Double The Challenge, Twice The Strength: Managing Vision Loss in the Deaf Community - Jenee Alleman, Helen Keller National Center
- From Bingo Halls to Happy Hours: Highlighting Evolving Substance Use Trends in Older Persons - Keven Poore and Susan Demers-McLetchie, National Technical Institute for the Deaf/RIT Substance And Addiction Intervention Services for the Deaf
- Is There Life After Death? - Fr. Tom Coughlin, International Catholic Deaf Association-United States Section

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- Loss And Grieving: Types, Processes, Procedures, Timelines and Support Strategies - Charlotte Parsley and Elaine Navratil, Deaf Seniors of America
- Moving at Any Age: Physical Activity and Your Health - Kelly Matthews and Earl Allen, National Center for Deaf Health Research
- Pre-Need Planning: What You Need To Know? - Lori and Thomas Kober, Kober Funeral Home
- Preparing Yourself for Transitioning Services - Devon Whitmore and Clark Corogenes, DEAF, Inc.
- Road Map to Consumer Directed Services - April Mason-Donovan, Delta Center for Independent Living
- Sex and the Aging Body - Alan Marcus, Psychologist.
- Sex Trivia: Fact or Fiction - Alan Marcus, Psychologist
- The Afterlife is Real: Evidence and Hope for Deaf Seniors - Avery Ganezer and Gilda Toby Ganezer, Everyday ASL University
- The Four Essential Pillars: Community, Communication, Courage and Commitment - Laura Dilling, LB Services
- The Role Of Shared Decision-Making in Cancer Screenings - DT Bruno, Center for Deaf Health Equity
- Wisconsin Dementia Work within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community - Jennifer Anderson and Stacie Heckendorf, Wisconsin Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

History & Culture

- Deaf History: What Was It Like Before Technology and Transportation - Al Sonnenstrahl
- Introduction to Base Ball Hand Signals - Steve Sandy, DMY HOY, LLC

- Deafhood and Deaf Gain: Honoring Our Legacy, Building Our Future - Chriz Dally, Museum of Deaf History, Arts and Culture
- Incorporating Culture In Visual Arts - Fred Beam, Sunshine 2.0, National Technical Institute of the Deaf/RIT
- Legacy and Legends - Honor Your Past - Preserve Your Future - Mark Hoshi, Leadership Facilitator
- The Hidden Narratives of Lesbian, Gay, and Allied Deaf Individuals - Bob Rourke and Bridget Klein, Community Researchers
- Using Deaf Home Movies to Unlock Our Memories - Matt Malzkuhn, Georgetown University

Technology Smarts

- Connecting With The Federal Communications Commission - Joshua Mendelsohn and Suzy Rosen Singleton, FCC
- Harnessing the Power of Your Wireless Devices - Kevin J. Nolan Jr. and Keith L. Clark, T-Mobile
- From Calls to Conversations: Navigating Everyday Communication - Matt Sherman, Nagish

Travel & Lifelong Exploration

- Digital Tools for Smart Travelers - Darren Frazier and Melinda Jones, Hands On Travel
 - Hands and Flippers for Marine Conservation: Insight Into ASL Programming - Jen Reilly, Loggerhead Marinelife Center
 - Sea Turtle Research - Jen Reilly, Loggerhead Marinelife Center
 - T3: Trends, Tricks, and Tips - Marsellette Davis, Deaf Is Not Dirty Word
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