



Governor's Disability  
Policy Summit

# Governor's Disability Policy Summit 2024

## Participant Agenda

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**9:00 – 9:30 am – Registration/ Welcome/ Visit Vendors**

**9:30 – 10 am Welcome by Governor Kay Ivey**

**10 am – 11 am – Themed Session 1: Getting to Work to Live Independently**

*Theme sessions will start with a brief introduction from speakers and then will move to a moderated feedback session from audience members. Please come prepared to join the conversation and help shape disability policies for a better future for all.*

- **Jane Elizabeth Burdeshaw**, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services
- **John D. Kemp** – Lakeshore Foundation CEO
- **Nakisha Adams** – APTAT (Accessing Potential Through Assistive Technology)
- **Alicia Luckie Roper** – Deputy Director, Children's Trust Fund of Alabama (Moderator)

**11 am – 11:30 Break**

- ✓ Participate in adapted activities!
- ✓ Visit vendors
- ✓ Visit the All of Us bus and the Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice (Outside)

**11:30 – 1 pm Visit vendors, Lunch and Keynote Speaker Christopher Alvarez**

*A catered lunch will be provided.*

Christopher Alvarez, M.S. is a bilingual disability activist and freelance journalist for The New York Times and Contributing Writer for NBC Latino. He will speak on how to navigate education, employment and housing systems and advocate for services.

**1 – 2 pm – Themed Session 2: Living and Aging in Place**

- **Rev. Matthew Wilson** – Tuscaloosa City Council Member
- **John Roper** – Disability Rights and Resources, CEO
- **Alicia Luckie Roper** – Deputy Director, Children's Trust Fund of Alabama (Moderator)

## 2pm – 2:30 pm Break

- ✓ Participate in adapted activities!
- ✓ Visit Vendors
- ✓ Visit the All of Us bus and the Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice (Outside)

## 2:30 – 3:30 pm – Themed Session 3: Exercising your Rights

- **Graham Sisson** – Executive Director, Governor’s Office on Disability
- **Mary White** – Advocate
- **Alicia Luckie Roper** – Deputy Director, Children’s Trust Fund of Alabama (Moderator)

## 3:30 pm – Closing Comments

- **Alicia Luckie Roper** – Deputy Director, Children’s Trust Fund of Alabama (Moderator)

## 4 – 6 pm – Networking Reception *\*Optional\**

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

- Visit Vendors
- Visit the All of Us bus and the Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice (Outside)
- Learn more about the All of Us Southern Network by Dr. Beth Lewis
- Learn more about the Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice

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