

You have more friends than you know.

Come meet them!



Opening Doors Conference

Presented by DePaul Community Resources

Saturday, March 23, 2019

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bonsack Baptist Church

4845 Cloverdale Road
Roanoke, VA 24019

Special Families of the Roanoke Valley and DePaul Community Resources invite families, caregivers, advocates, and those with a desire to inspire an inclusive community for adults and children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to attend this educational and informative event.

**Register by February 28th for the
Early Registration Fee of \$20 per family**

Scholarships available for those in need.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided for all attendees.
Visit depaulcr.org/openingdoorsroanoke for more information

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Join us for...

Various breakout sessions and local exhibitors will be present to speak to you on the following topics:

Autism and Developmental Services
Critical Decision Points in Special Education
ABA Therapy
Therapy Services
Recreational Activities
Legal Issues
Employment and Residential Options
Adoption Support Services
Church Ministry Options
Self-Care for Caregivers
Waiver Redesign
and more!

Featured speakers for our breakout sessions:

- Lauren Beckner, Moms in Motion
- Amber Wieringo, DePaul Community Resources
- Ann Green, Anderson, Desimone & Green, P.C.
- Noel Anderson, Anderson Music Therapy
- Cindy Goldstein and Laura Israel, DePaul Community Resources
- Keri Decker, Roanoke County Therapeutic Recreation Services
- Jackie Mills Fernald, Independent Consultant
- Melissa Cobbler, ABLE Now
- Lisa Richard, Center for Family Involvement at VCU
- Patrice Smelser and Wanda Flora, Unlimited at Fellowship Christian Church and PURE at North Roanoke Baptist
- Angie Leonard and David Shaw, SVH Services

Keynote Speaker, Jackie Mills Fernald



Jackie Mills Fernald is an independent consultant and served as the Director of Access Ministry at McLean Bible Church, one of the largest disability ministries in the United States, serving hundreds of families in the Washington, DC area. Together with Jim Pierson of Christian Churches Disability Ministry, she has co-authored a series of training materials, entitled *Including Persons with Autism in the Life of the Church*; *Making Changes that Lead to Real Inclusion*; and *Special Families* to help churches leaders, staff, and volunteers better understand and serve individuals impacted by disability. Through her advocacy for inclusion of the disabled in the church and community, she has become a sought-after speaker, trainer, and consultant for developing disability ministries across the United States.