

2023 MASSB Annual Conference

October 12-13, 2023

Montgomery College – Rockville Campus – Homer S. Gudelsky Building

Thursday - October 12

9:00 – 9:30 Conference Registration (Gudelsky Building Lobby)

9:35 - 9:40 **Welcome**
Marquette Rogers - Board President

9:45 - 9:55 **Recognition of Montgomery**
Dr. Jermain F. Williams - Montgomery College President
Brandon Bragg - Montgomery County Board Chair
County and State Officials

10:00 – 11:00 **Building Effective Youth-Adult Partnerships in Foster Care**
Loney Nguyen - Maryland Foster Youth Ombuds

11:00 – 11:25 **Networking Break**

11:25-12:25 **Panel Discussion: Foster Care**
Moderator: Tony Wohlers – MASSB Foundation Chair

Panelists: Stefany Lang – Executive Director, Maryland Resource Parent Association

Lisa Merkin – LCSW-C Administrator, Child Welfare Services

12:25 – 1:20 **Lunch and Keynote Speaker**
Deputy Secretary Daniel Wait - Maryland Department of Human Services

1:20 – 1:40 **Networking Break**

1:45 – 2:45 **Transition Aged Youth and Working with Older Youth Preparing for Independence**
Lisa Merkin – LCSW-C Administrator, Child Welfare Services

2:45-3:00 **Break**

3:00–3:45 **Breakout Sessions**

Topic 1: Board Chair Roundtable
Moderator: Melissa Teitelbaum – Board Vice President

Topic 2: New Board Members Training
Trainer: Tony Wohlers – MASSB Foundation Chair

3:45-4:15 **Lifting Lives**
Awards and Presentations

5:30 – 7:00 **Dinner**
Welcome and Remarks: Tony Wohlers, MASSB Foundation Chair

Friday - October 13

7:30 – 8:45 Breakfast

9:00-9:30 Informal Kinship Care/Kinship Navigator Program
 Megan Walsh – Kinship Navigator Program, Montgomery County Child Welfare Services

9:30 – 10:15 Working Session: Finance and Metrics
 Trainers: Karen Lane – Foundation Trustee
 Chris Cummings – Foundation Trustee

10:15 – 10:30 Networking Break

10:30 – 11:30 Carroll County Presentation
 Foster Parent Recruitment Program

11:30 - 12:15 Working Session: Program Development and Fundraising
 Trainers: Karen Lane – Foundation Trustee
 Tony Wohlers – MASSB Foundation Chair

12:15 - 12:45 Business Meeting

12:45-12:50 Closing Remarks and Announcements

General Information

Conference Building	Homer S. Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education (GU)	Campus Map
Conference Hotel	Best Western Premier Rockville Hotel and Suites 1251 W. Montgomery Avenue Rockville, MD 20850	Phone: 301-424-4940 Request: MASSB Annual Conference Cut Off Date: September 22, 2023 Conference Rates: King Room: \$129 Queen/Queen Room: \$139

