



## Reception Agenda August 4, 2017

### Welcome

**Secretary Carol A. Beatty**  
*The Maryland Department of Disabilities*

**Kelby Brick**  
*Director, Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*

### Keynote: Maryland Perspective

**The Honorable Governor Larry Hogan**

### 27th Anniversary of the ADA Proclamation Presentation

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**Secretary Carol A. Beatty**  
*The Maryland Department of Disabilities*

### Citation Presentation to The Maryland Association of Centers For Independent Living

**The Honorable Governor Larry Hogan**

**Katie Collins-Ihrke**  
*Executive Director, Accessible Resources for Independence*

### Americans with Disabilities Act: Looking Back

**Karen Goss**  
*Co-Director, Mid-Atlantic ADA Center*

### Americans with Disabilities Act: Looking Forward

**Janice Jackson**  
*Executive Director, W.E.A.N.  
Adjunct Professor, University of Baltimore*

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## About the ADA 27th Anniversary Speakers

**Katie Collins-Ihrke**, MS, MBA, is the Executive Director for Accessible Resources for Independence, the Center for Independent Living in Anne Arundel and Howard County, which maximizes the independence of people with disabilities so they enjoy self-directed, productive lives. Her past work experiences include advocacy, management, development, and direct support to people with disabilities. As a passionate advocate of disability issues, Ms. Collins-Ihrke has expertise in areas such as self-determination, self-advocacy, and the full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

*Maryland Association of Centers for Independent Living (MACIL)* includes the seven Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in the State of Maryland- Accessible Resources for Independence, Bay Area CIL, Freedom Center, the IMAGE Center, Independence Now, Resources for Independence, and Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living. Together with the local centers, MACIL provides advocacy around important topics affecting independent living, networks for new programming, and provides a supportive environment for the area CILs to continue moving their missions in maximizing independence.

**Karen Goss** is the Director of The Mid-Atlantic ADA Center, a project of TransCen Inc. ([www.transcen.org](http://www.transcen.org)). The Mid-Atlantic ADA Center ([www.adainfo.org](http://www.adainfo.org)) serves six-states (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV). The Center is part of a national network of ADA Centers ([www.adada.org](http://www.adada.org)), funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). Ms. Goss holds an undergraduate degree in business management from UMUC. She has over 30 years of work experience focusing on business management and human resources management. Her business background includes non-profit organizations, manufacturing, construction, biotech, recruitment, health care, government contracting, and the IT industry. In addition to her broad experience supporting the business community, she has worked extensively with state and local government agencies, including the Department of Economic Development.

**Janice Y. Jackson**, is the founder and Executive Director of Women Embracing Abilities Now (W.E.A.N.). W.E.A.N. is a nonprofit mentoring program servicing women and young ladies with varying degrees of dis-ABILITIES. The mission of W.E.A.N. is to "wean" women with dis-ABILITIES from having their limitations be their focal point, thus having them living "with" their ABILITIES. W.E.A.N. also seeks to empower and enable women and young ladies with dis-ABILITIES by hosting yearly workshops, seminars, and life changing programs. Ms. Jackson is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Baltimore, where for the last 11 years she has taught Business Ethics and Psychology to graduate and undergraduate students. Ms. Jackson currently serves as a Commissioner for the Maryland Department of Disabilities. She also sits on the Board of Directors at The League for People with Disabilities, the Human Rights Board at The League for People with Disabilities, the Board of Directors at the University of Baltimore's Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics, and the Board of Directors of The Image Center for Independent Living. She is also a peer counselor at University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopedic Institute and Good Samaritan Hospitals.

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