2026 SERID Conference

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Sunday October 25

6:00pm - 10:00pm	**SERID Board Meeting**

Monday October 26

9:00am - 12:00pm	**State Coordinator for the DeafBlind (SCDB) Meeting** |Ship Island A
9:00am - 12:00pm	**State Coordinator for the Deaf (SCD) Meeting** | Ship Island C
12:00pm - 1:00pm	**Lunch** SCD & SCDB |Ship Island B
1:00pm - 5:00pm	**State Coordinator for the DeafBlind (SCDB) Meeting** |Ship Island A
1:00pm - 5:00pm	**State Coordinator for the Deaf (SCD) Meeting** | Ship Island C
12:00pm - 6:00pm	**Exhibitor Registration** | Round Island B *Additional setup time - Tuesday October 27 | 7:30 - 9:00am* **Exhibitor Set-up** | Deer Island Ballroom
3:00pm - 8:00pm	**Hotel Check-In**
3:00pm - 6:00pm	**Attendee Registration** | Round Island B
6:00pm - 8:00pm	**President's Welcome Reception** | H20 Pool *Grand Ballroom if inclement weather*

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8:00am - 10:00am — **Attendee Registration** | Round Island B

10:00am — **Welcome to SERID** | Grand Ballroom
MDRS Executive Director - Billy Taylor
SERID President - Denee Smith

10:45am - 11:00am — **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

11:00am - 12:00pm — **Keynote Speakers** | Grand Ballroom
Scott Lehmann and Shayna Unger

12:00pm - 1:00pm — **Lunch On Your Own** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

1:00pm - 2:15pm — **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Charity Reedy Warigon**
"Connecting IDEA, WIOA, and Employment: Understanding the School-to-VR Process"

Ship Island C - **Kasee Stratton-Gadke**
"Communication and Educational Needs for Persons with CHARGE Syndrome"

Petit Bois - **Miranda Beard**
"From Voice to Power: Centering DeafBlind Leadership in Decision Making"

2:15pm - 2:30pm — **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

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Breakout Sessions

Ship Island A - **Charity Reedy Warigon**
"The Invisible Curriculum: Teaching the Soft Skills That Lead to Employment Success"

Ship Island C - **Charlene J. Crump**
"Language Dysfluency and Language Deprivation in Community Based Settings"

Petit Bois - **Cindy Camp**
"Riding the Wave of Accessibility: Best Practices for Virtual Meetings with Deaf Participants"

3:45pm - 5:00pm

Breakout Sessions

Ship Island A - **Shonna Magee**
"Good Intentions Are Not Enough"

Ship Island C - **Nicky Gillies**
"The Usher Syndrome Career Mentoring Program: A Novel Pilot"

Petit Bois - **Candice Tate and Kelly Sterling**
"Policy, Power, and Succession: Building State-Level Deaf Services in a complex System"

5:00pm Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

6:00pm Dinner On Your Own

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8:00am — **Breakfast** | Next to Grand Ballroom

9:00am - 10:30am — **General Session** | Grand Ballroom
Dr. Wyatte Hall
"Language Deprivation"

10:30am - 10:45am — **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

10:45am - 12:00pm — **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Shonna Magee**
"Interpreting in Emergency Management Settings"

Ship Island C - **Caroline Solomon**
"A synthesis: The Current Landscape of STEM Education for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Students"

Petit Bois - **Cindy Camp**
"Creating Classroom Access for All Through Captioned, Described and Signed Videos"

12:00pm - 1:00pm — **Lunch On Your Own** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

1:00pm - 2:15pm — **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Marilyn C. Trader, MSW**
"Riding the Waves Together! Collaborative Approach Working with Current and Future DeafBlind Job Seekers Requiring Additional Complex Support Needs"

Ship Island C - **Trisha Zyrowski and Mariann Christman**
"Ensuring Quality Practitioners and Leaders in Deaf Education: Advancing Excellence Through the Quill Model Competencies and Certification Pathways"

Petit Bois - **Amanda Gerson**
"Welcome to Gally-Land: Supporting Gallaudet Students Through Sweet Successes and Sticky Situations"

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2:15pm - 2:45pm **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

2:45pm - 4:00pm **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island C - **Adam Garfinkel**
"The Benefits of Dual Enrollment for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Students: Bridging the Gap to Postsecondary Success"

Petit Bois - **Amanda Gerson**
"Welcome to Gally-Land: Supporting Gallaudet Students Through Sweet Successes and Sticky Situations"

6:30pm - 8:00pm **Awards Banquet** | Grand Ballroom
Dinner Provided

Thursday October 29

8:00am **Breakfast** | Next to Grand Ballroom

9:00am - 10:15am **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Roger Williams**
"Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Real Life Applications of Demand Control Schema to Ethical Decision-Making"

Ship Island C - **Mariann Christman, Rylina Dey, Holly May, Aileen Welch**
"Language, Identity and Well-Being: Addressing the Long Term Effects of Language Deprivation"

Petit Bois - **Todd A. Czubek**
"ASL Skills and Their Impact on Academic Success"

10:15am - 10:45am **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

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Breakout Sessions

Ship Island A - **Dara Baril, Laura Robison, Candice Tate**
"Waves of Change: What North Carolina's Listening Sessions Reveal About Improving Mental Health Access"

Ship Island C - **Mary Lundy Meruvia, Kambree Chickaway**
"Providing Services to Native American Individuals with Disabilities"

Petit Bois - **Erin Salmon, Jasmine Lowe, Kelly Spell**
"Deaf and What: Reframing Our Works and Its Impact on the Intersectionality of the Deaf and Developmental Disability Communities"

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch On Your Own - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

1:00pm - 2:15pm

Breakout Sessions

Ship Island A - **Ashley Benton, David Volper**
"Dive In: Exploring the DeafBlind Experience-An Introduction to DeafBlind Community Needs and HKNC Services!"

Ship Island C - **Roger Williams**
"Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Real Life Applications of Demand Control Schema to Ethical Decision-Making"

Petit Bois - **Bryce Upshaw and Macaulay Beasley**
"The EMERGE Center"

2:15pm - 2:45pm

Break - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

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2:45pm - 4:00pm — **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island C - **Rylina Dey, Aileen Welch**
"Reframing Self Advocacy: A Global Inclusion Approach for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students"

Petit Bois - **Michelle Montelongo**
"Promoting Ethical Practice: Nevada's DC-S Supervision Model as a Blueprint for Addressing Interpreter Development, Isolation, Burnout, Attrition and Retention"

4:00pm - 5:00pm — **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

5:00pm — **Dinner On Your Own**

7:00pm — **Dancing Through The Decades Party** | Costume Contest
Heavy hors d'oeuvres | Grand Ballroom

Friday October 30

8:00am - 10:00am — **Farewell Breakfast** | Grand Ballroom

10:00am - 11:00am — **General Session**
Grand Ballroom - **JC Jerome Smith**
Closing Keynote

11:00am - 11:30am — **Welcome to SERID 2027 - Kentucky**

11:30am — **Adjourn** | Safe Travels!

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