

# **GAD/GaRID/NAOBI**

## **2023 Conference**

**Georgia National Fairground and**  
**Agricenter, Perry GA**

Friday and Saturday, July 7th & 8th

<https://deafga.org/conference-2023>



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# Greetings!

We are excited to host the 2023 Conference with the Georgia Association of the Deaf, Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, and the National Alliance of Black Interpreters-Atlanta. Three of us combined can **POWER UP GEORGIA** with our effort to improve the quality of life for deaf people in the state of Georgia. Powering up Georgia will bring us together to create new ideas and programs for deaf children, adults, and senior citizens as well as the DeafDisabled and DeafBlind community.

We have exciting programs that feature workshops for the deaf community, educators, and interpreters that will have something for everyone. Our exhibit hall is huge and we want more vendors to come and showcase their products. You will be entertained by our evening programs to keep you busy throughout the conference.

We want to thank the Middle Georgia Association of the Deaf for help securing the venue that will have six conference rooms and a giant exhibit hall. We are happy to have you and hope to see you in Perry in July!

# Meet the boards!

## Georgia Association of the Deaf



DeAnna Swope,  
President



Scott Cohen,  
Vice President



Kristi  
Merriweather,  
Secretary



Philip Sublett,  
President

## Middle Georgia Association of the Deaf

## Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

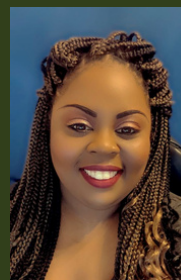


Vyron Kinson,  
President



Meghan Cowin,  
Treasurer

## National Alliance of Black Interpreters - Atlanta Chapter



LaToya Childs,  
President



Persis Bristol,  
Treasurer

# Many thanks to our sponsors

## Silver



## Bronze



We are still looking for  
more sponsors!

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THERE ARE SEVERAL FORMS IN THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED WITH THIS CONFERENCE INCLUDING:

REGISTRATION

VOLUNTEER

VENDORS

TRAINING

BOARD NOMINATION

AWARD NOMINATION

FASHION SHOW

BUSINESS PITCH

YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FORM IN TWO WAYS WITH GOOGLE FORMS:

- ONLINE USING GOOGLE FORM
- PRINT AS PDF AND MAIL TO 2296 HENDERSON MILL RD #115 ATLANTA GA 30345 OR EMAIL [INFO@DEAFGA.ORG](mailto:INFO@DEAFGA.ORG)

# Registration!

**One day pass:**

**Early Bird Until June 15th: \$80**

**June 16th to at door: \$95**

**Two-days Combo**

**Early Bird until June 15th**

**GAD/GaRID/NAOBI Member: \$135**

**Non-member: \$160**

**June 16th to at door**

**GAD/GaRID/NAOBI Member: \$160**

**Non-member: \$185**

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE:**

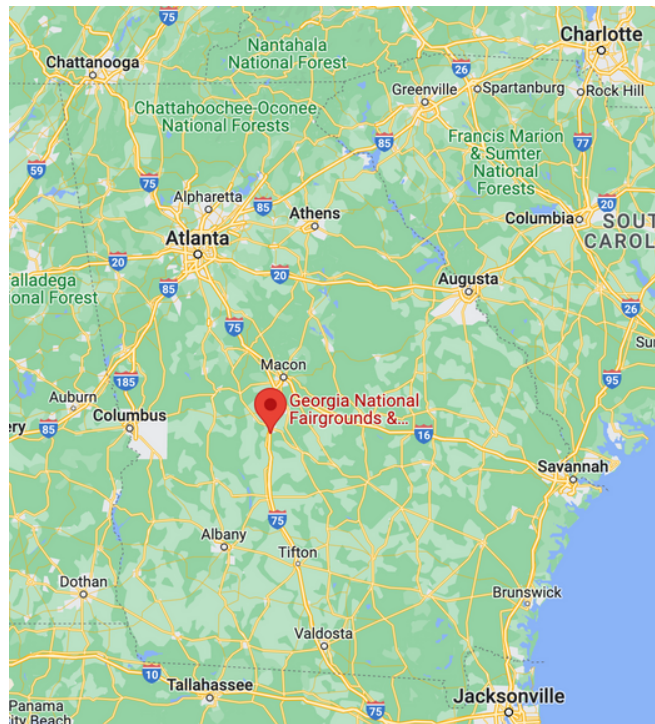
**WWW.DEAFGA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[Click here or scan QR to register for the conference](#)



# Conference Venue

**Georgia National Fairground and Agricenter  
Miller-Murphy-Howard Building  
402 Golden Isles Pkwy, Perry GA 31069**





# Schedule

## Friday, July 7th

8:00 am	Open for registration
8:30 am	Open ceremony
9:15 am- 10:45 am	Session #1
11:00 am to 12:30 pm	Session #2
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Lunch Break
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Keynote speaker: Shane Feldman
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Session #3
7:00 pm	Documentary Film and Business Pitch

# Schedule

## Saturday, July 8th

8:00 am	Open for registration
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Session #4
10:15 am - 11:45 am	Session #5
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch/ Award Ceremony
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Session #6
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Session #7
7:00 pm	ASL Performance & Fashion Show

# Exhibit Hall

Open to the public  
on Friday and Saturday  
from 10 am to 5 pm.

**Interested to be a vendor?**  
**Please click here or scan the**  
**QR to fill out the form.**  
**Due date extended to June**  
**9th!**



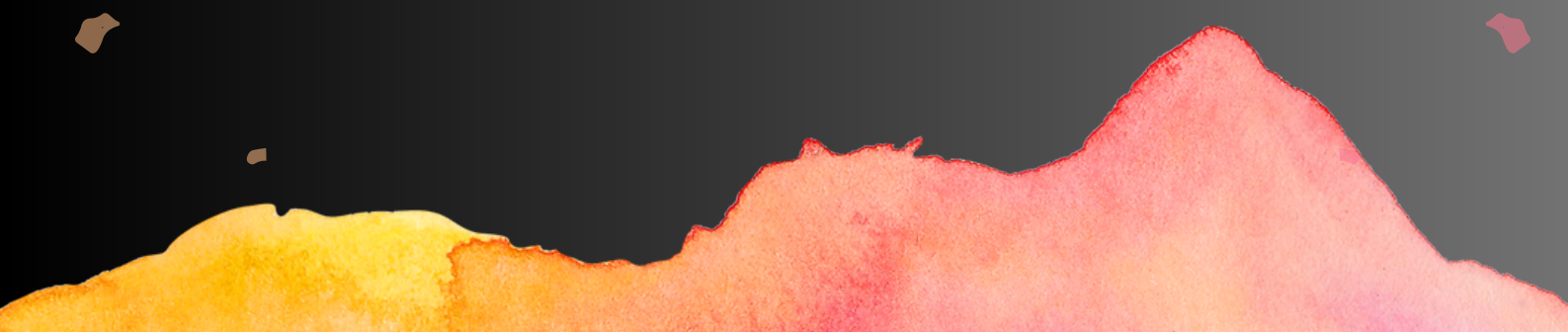
# Exhibit Hall Vendors

- 360 Direct Video
- Deaf Awareness Banquet
- Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
- Georgia Interpreting Service Network
- Georgia Pines
- Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
- Kramer Wealth
- Interpretek
- Middle Georgia Association of the Deaf
- Sorenson Video Relay Service
- The SOS Agency
- Valdosta State University - Deaf Education



# Workshops

Three presentations will happen in Room E, A, & F during a session - each session are 90 minutes long with 15 minutes break in between. The workshops have CEU will see (.15) and **you can earn up to 1.15 CEUs for the conference.** More details about each presenters will be include in the program as we get closer to the conference.



# Session 1

- **Friday 9:15 am - 10:45 am**
  - **Room E**
    - **Georgia Commission of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing: The State of Georgia by Jimmy Peterson and Ellen Rolander (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room A**
    - **Boundary in Educational Interpreting: When and how do you draw the line? by Richard Brumberg (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room F**
    - **TBA**

# Session 2

- **Friday 11:00 am - 12:30 am**
  - **Room E**
    - **Your rights under Federal Fair Housing Act by Metro Fair Housing Service, Inc (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room A**
    - **Educational Interpreting by Vanessa Moore (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room F**
    - **Workshop presented by Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability with Jasmine Lowe and Juan Posada**

# Session 3

- **Friday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**
  - **Room E**
    - **How-Tos of Political Involvement and Working for a Campaign Office as a Deaf Person Panel moderated by Kristi Merriweather (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room A**
    - **Using verbs in ASL by Justin Malone (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room F**
    - **Personal Finance by Mark Apodaca (.15 CEUs)**



# Session 4

- **Saturday 8:30 am - 10:00 am**
  - **Room E**
    - **Superb non-profit leadership by Shane Feldman (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room A**
    - **Fatigue prevention by DeAnna Swope and Crystal Hardy (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room F**
    - **Real Estates Smarts by LaToya Childs (.15 CEUs)**

# Session 5

- **Saturday 10:15 am - 11:45 am**
  - **Room E**
    - **NAD Region 3 by Lisa Rose and Michael Duell (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room A**
    - **GaRID Business Meeting**
  - **Room F**
    - **Strategies to build your wealth by Jeremiah Thompson from Kramer Investment (.15 CEUs)**

# Session 6

- **Saturday 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm**
  - **Room E**
    - **Organizational Leadership by Mark Apodaca (.15 CEUs)**
  - **Room A**
    - **NTID part 1 - Title: Biology, Body Systems**
    - **This workshop provides the participant with an introductory-level discussion of body systems and their components through examples and clear visual aids. Participants will have the opportunity for guided deliberate practice with a source that is directly related to the information discussed. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to give and receive some feedback with neutral language.**
  - **Room F**
    - **Deaf Foster Care in Georgia by Vyron Kinson and Christopher Patterson (.15 CEUs)**

# Session 7

- **Saturday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**
  - **Room E**
    - **GAD General Meeting**
  - **Room A**
    - **NTID part 2 - Title: Biology, Body Systems (.3 CEUs)**
  - **Room F**
    - **TBA**

# **Keynote Speaker: Shane Feldman**

**Friday 2:00 - 3:00 pm (.1 CEUs)**

**Shane Feldman will talk about the key principles that nurture an environment that encourages partnerships and consistently seeks to define shared values. These values lay the foundation for transformative community-wide change. He will then describe, and provide examples of communities that build a culture of collaboration through open dialogue, platforms for engagement, and breaking down silos that hinder communication and information sharing.**

# Shane Feldman's Biography.

Shane Feldman is the CEO of Innivee Strategies an organizational and leadership development company. He has over 20 years of exceptional and invigorating leadership that has impacted many national and local organizations along with their stakeholders. As an executive, he aligned associations to the expectations of their boards and members. These achievements came through systemic changes to policies, processes, and practices that resulted in significant increases in visibility, efficiency, revenues, accountability, and influence.

Shane was the Chief Operating Officer at the National Association of the Deaf, Executive Director at the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, and a Director at the Communication Service for the Deaf. He was President of the Discovering Deaf Worlds Board and numerous other boards and organizations. His leadership has spearheaded issues in the Deaf and hard of hearing community ranging from human services, international development, employment, ASL interpreters, captioning, and leadership development.

Shane received his Bachelor's degree in Professional and Technical Communications from the Rochester Institute of Technology, a Master's in Management, and a Certificate in Nonprofit Financial Management from the University of Maryland University College is a Certified Association Executive and was selected to the Diversity Executive Leadership Program in the American Society of Association Executives. He is also a professional executive coach.

# Evening Programs

**Friday night from 7 pm to 9:30 pm**

## **Business Pitch Sponsored by**



We received several wonderful applicants and are excited to see their pitches. We will help prepare their pitch for the conference, so keep an eye out for new update as conference gets closer.

## **Deaf Dreamland Film**

This film collected stories of the lived experience of Black Deaf Elders time at segregated Georgia Black School for the Deaf

**Saturday night from 7 pm to 9:30 pm**

## **ASL Performance and Fashion show**

We will have a fashion show on Saturday evening to wrap up the conference. We are seeking models of any age 18 and above, all sizes. There is no financial compensation involved, just the fun experience of walking the runway. Please sign up to volunteer.

[Click here](#) or scan  
QR code to sign up



# **Training opportunity**

## **Supporting Service Providers/ Co-navigator**

DeafBlind Access of the South will have a retreat for DeafBlind Adults from October 3rd to 8th and they are looking for volunteers - training will be provided on **Saturday, July 8th from 8 am to 5 pm** for up to 20 people.

**[Sign up - click here or](#)  
[Scan the QR code](#)**





# GAD Board Election

Run for GAD 2023-2025 Board

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

[Click here](#) or scan  
QR for the  
nomination form



## Volunteers needed!

We need volunteers to help us with the registration desk, moderator for presentations, and other assignments to help make the conference go smoothly. Volunteers are the backbone of our organizations and we appreciate your help. We will offer 50% off the registration rate in exchange for 5 hours of volunteering.

[Click here](#) or scan  
QR to volunteer.



# GAD Award Nomination

We would like for you to help us identify community members and organizations who demonstrated outstanding commitment to service in the community with advocacy to improve the quality of life for deaf, deafblind, deafdisabled, late deafened, and hard of hearing people in Georgia. They can be someone who advocates for your rights, help bring awareness to your community, or provide resources to become more accessible. It could be someone you know or follow in the community.

[Click here](#) or scan QR code  
for the nomination form



## By-Law Amendment

We received numerous proposals and will review them to draft the proposal two weeks before the conference

# Hotel Information

We will not have hotel blocks this year and there are many hotel options in Perry such as **Comfort Inn & Suites; Microtel Inn & Suites; Avid Hotel; Hampton Inn; Holiday Inn Express; and La Quinta Inn & Suites.**

# RV Reservation

GNFA has RV space open for reservation - [click here](#)

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## 2024 ADARA Conference



We are excited to announce information about the 2024 ADARA conference which will be held in person from **May 29 to June 1, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia** at the CNN Omni Hotel. Our conference theme is Recover, Recharge and Reconnect. This conference is an excellent opportunity to gain new information, share your experiences, and hone your professional skills.

For general conference information you can go to: [https://www.adara.org/2024\\_conference.html](https://www.adara.org/2024_conference.html)

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