

# PROGRAM LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AGENDA

NOVEMBER 19, 2022  
8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

8:30 - 8:55

- **CHECK-IN**

8:55 - 9:00

- **WELCOME IN EKS**

9:00 - 9:25

- **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**EKS** Paul Arohnson, New Jersey Ombudsman  
*Public access and customer service for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and families*

9:30 - 10:15

- **UNDERSTANDING DISABILITIES: Techniques & Application to Coaching**

**EKS** Susan Colacello (SONA), Marla Napurano (Area 5 Coach) & Joanne Monaco (Field Services Director)

*Working with individual athletes and teams and determining their specific need related to sport.*

10:20 - 10:55

- **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

**EKS** Olivia Feriozzi (Team NJ Track Coach), Megan Lipski (Team NJ Soccer Coach) & Shannon Schafer (Team NJ Gymnastics Coach)

*Communicating with families related to team expectations, codes of conducts, and ways to engage during the sport seasons.*

10:55 - 11:05

- **BREAK - 10 minutes**

11:05 - 11:45

- **BREAKOUT 1: FITNESS AND YOUNG ATHLETES (select one)**

**EKS** 1. **TRAINING YOUR ATHLETES** with Anthony Notaroberto, RWJBarnabas Health

**GYM** 2. **YOUNG ATHLETES COACHING & CURRICULUM** with Brianna Santoro, Young Athletes & Health Manager

11:45 - 12:30

- **LUNCH & LEARN: 2022 USA GAMES ATHLETE COACHES**

**EKS** *Eat lunch and hear from Courtney Dreyfus (swimming) and Colleen Ciecura (bowling), two Team New Jersey athlete coaches.*

12:30 - 1:15

- **BREAKOUT 2: HEALTH & YOUNG ATHLETES (select one)**

**EKS** 1. **HEALTH & WELLNESS - SONJ HEALTH DISCIPLINES** with Amelia Hamilton, Health Programs Director and special word from Wendy F. Aita, PhD - Co-Director, Rowan Integrated Special Needs Center

**GYM** 2. **PROGRAM DEMONSTRATION** with Brianna Santoro, Young Athletes & Health Manager

1:20 - 2:00

- **BEYOND COACHING: FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES WITH SONJ**

**EKS** Natalie Hatrak (SONJ Committee), Della Porter (SONJ Sports Director), and Stephanie Johnson (Area 10 Director)

*Ways to get involved in SONJ outside of coaching - volunteering, committees, site coordinators, area-level involvement, and more.*

- **ZOOM ROOM OPTION:**

- Meeting Registration

Join the Program Leadership Conference remotely via Zoom.

Conference Contact Information:

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Rooms  
EKS - Eunice Kennedy Shriver Conference Room

GYM - Gymnasium

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