

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Karin Grandon began her professional career in high school working with children with Autism and acquired brain injury. Karin was a Rehabilitation Counselor and Deputy Administrator for the Department of Economic Security (DES), Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA); in charge of programs for individuals who are blind, low vision, Deaf-blind, Deaf or Hard of Hearing. She currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona, grew up in Tucson, AZ and lived in northern Arizona, Flagstaff, for seventeen years. Working for the state rehabilitation agency, she traveled to both metro and rural areas across Arizona and has been fortunate to work with many of the Arizona Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation agencies. Since her retirement from RSA/DES, she has remained in the field of Rehabilitation and the disability community working for the Institute for Educational Leadership as a subject matter expert and now as a State Technical Assistance Liaison for the Youth Technical Assistance Center (Y-TAC).



The Youth Advocacy Council - In collaboration with several state agencies and community partners, VocRehab initiated a Youth Advocacy Council in the Fall of 2018. The group is comprised of youth and young adults with differing abilities, ages 15 to 27, who expressed interest in participating in both leadership training and opportunities to impact how Vermont prepares students with disabilities for life after high school. Members connect with other students in Vermont, advocate for youth resources, and lead while providing community service.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Katarina Lisaius – Outreach Representative, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders

Michael McRaith – Assistant Executive Director, Vermont Principal's Association