

## 2010 Conference on Visual Impairments and Blindness

March 3 – 5, 2010

Best Western Inn & Suites Conference Center  
Waynesboro, VA 22980



### This Professional Development Conference is for:

Service providers in the field of Blindness and Visual Impairment including, TVI's, Paraprofessionals, Infant and Toddler Specialists, Deaf-Blind, Rehabilitation Teaching, Vocational Rehabilitation, Orientation and Mobility

Other fields and agencies who work with people who are blind and visually impaired including Administrators, OT's, PT's, Assistive Technology Specialists, College Disability Services Coordinators, Adult Service Providers

Parents and Family Members

### Exhibit Area

Vendors of Products  
Programs, Agencies, Organizations

### Contacts

Visit <http://virginia.aerbvi.org> for continuing updates

Questions and Further Information  
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<http://www.bwwaynesboro.com>  
540-942-1100

### Keynote Speakers:

#### Dr. Phil Hatlen

The well-known author of "The Opportunity to be Equal, the Right to be Equal" will speak on the National Agenda and the Expanded Core Curriculum

#### George Brummell

A veteran who was blinded shares the inspirational story of his journey as an African American soldier through Vietnam, blindness and back as outlined in his book, "Shades of Darkness"

#### Carl Augusto

##### President & CEO, American Foundation for the Blind

A preeminent leader in the field of blindness and visual impairment presents his story of living with blindness and the tools for his success and independence

### Concurrent Sessions Include:

#### Linda Alsop, Director for Deafblind Programs

##### SKI-Hi Institute, Utah State University

Conducts two sessions on deaf-blindness and the effective role of the intervener

#### Lucia Hasty, Tactile Graphics Committee Chair, BANA

Conducts 4 sessions on creating and teaching readable tactile graphics

#### Chuck Huss, COMS

Coordinator of the Bioptic Driving Program in West Virginia explores driving with bioptics and leads a panel discussion

#### Dona Sauerburger, COMS

Provides street crossing training where there's no traffic control for O&M'ers and a session on teaching the cane

#### Mary Watkins, Outreach Director,

##### WGBH Media Access Group

Presents on NCAM and WGBH's access efforts, programs and resources

### Strand of Assistive Technology Sessions

Coordinated by Korey Singleton, AT Initiative Manager, GMU

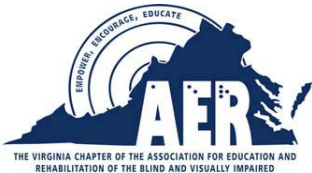
### Preschool Sessions

Vendors and much more . . .



Virginia Project for Children and Youth  
with Dual Sensory Impairments/Deaf-Blindness

Partnership for People with Disabilities



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Virginia Department of Education and VA Deaf-Blind Project

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

AER Member:  yes  no

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Agency Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current position (check all that apply):  TVI  O & M  RT  VR Counselor  Infant Program Specialist

Administrator  Student  Parent/Family Member  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ TTY: Y N E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Special accommodations (requests must be submitted no later than February 17, 2010):

braille  large print  electronic format  orientation to hotel  Interpreter  
 other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ dietary needs (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (postmarked by Feb 17<sup>th</sup>)

### LATE REGISTRATION (postmarked after Feb 17<sup>th</sup>)

#### AER Member/Parent/Student Rates

\$70.00 full conference, includes 2 lunches & breaks

\$35.00 per day\* , includes lunch & breaks

#### Non-AER Members Rates:

\$90.00 full conference, includes 2 lunches & breaks

\$50.00 per day\* , includes lunch and breaks

\* Please indicate which day(s) you will attend:  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

#### AER Member/Parent/Student Rates

\$80 full conference, includes 2 lunches & breaks

\$40 per day\* , includes lunch and breaks

#### Non-AER Members Rates:

\$100 full conference, includes 2 lunches & breaks

\$60 per day\* , includes lunch and breaks

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**Make checks/money orders payable to: AER, VA Chapter. Credit cards are not accepted; purchase orders are accepted.**

**Return completed registration form and the registration fee to:**

**Audrey Dannenberg, P.O. Box 5587, Charlottesville, VA 22905-5587**

**Phone: (540) 332-7788; E-Mail: [Dannenberg@dbvi.virginia.gov](mailto:Dannenberg@dbvi.virginia.gov); FAX: (540) 332-7733**  
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### LODGING:

Participants are responsible for all lodging costs/arrangements. Make reservations directly with Best Western Inn and Suites Conference Center, 109 Apple Tree Lane, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Phone: (540) 942-1100. ([://www.bwwaynesboro.com](http://www.bwwaynesboro.com)). Mention that you are with the AER conference in March for the \$69.99 + tax per night group rate (includes full buffet breakfast). **Rooms will be guaranteed at this rate until Feb. 2, 2010.** Best Western is an ADA compliant, non-smoking hotel with indoor pool, fitness center and wireless internet. Please request specific lodging accommodations directly with the hotel.

To help make the AER VA Conference a success, please check if you would like to volunteer

at the registration table for an hour or two any of the days:  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

miscellaneous tasks of short duration

Orient individuals to the Conference site (O & M Specialist)

**AER VIRGINIA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 at 5:45 p.m.**

**Followed by AER VA DESSERT SOCIAL at 7:30 p.m. and**

**VAAPVI PARENT SOCIAL at 7:30 p.m.**

I will attend the:  AER VA Social (free)  VAAPVI Social (free)