

Tools for the Journey January 26th and 27th

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January 26:

What Matters Most: Preparing Your Students with Disabilities for Adulthood

This session will focus on ways families, schools, and communities can prepare children and youth with disabilities well for life after high school. The transition to adulthood can seem both exciting and challenging—whether it is far away or right around the corner. What practices and programs are important to pursue? How can your expectations and advocacy make a difference? What might it look like for students experience a “good life” in their community after graduation? We will discuss promising practices that help promote successful transitions.

Dr. Erik Carter, Ph.D., is the *Luther Sweet Endowed Chair in Disabilities* at Baylor University. His research and writing focus on best practices for promoting inclusion, friendships, and valued roles for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). He serves as Executive Director of the [Baylor Center for Developmental Disabilities](#), which aims to promote the flourishing of people with disabilities and their families. He has written seven books and more than 300 journal articles, chapters, and other publications. His scholarship and advocacy have also been recognized with awards from *All Belong*, the *American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, the *Association of University Centers on Disability*, the *Council for Exceptional Children*, and *Key Ministry*.

