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FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
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## Going Beyond Awareness in Education (FRIDAY)

If you are passionate about disability awareness, you'll want to attend this session! Come reflect on why we "do" disability awareness and whether our methods and focus are actually making the intended difference toward more accessible and inclusive communities. Learn how to take your community beyond simple awareness by fostering respectful and socially responsive conversations about topics that actually make a difference for years to come!

## A Walk with Joaquin: One Family's Journey to Inclusion (Saturday)

Hear one family's struggle through the education and social services systems that ultimately led to a 15-year stay in an institution for their loved one. Learn how they found the knowledge and the courage to dream big and stay strong in order to bring Joaquin home to a life of self-determination and inclusion. This heart-breaking journey has a happy ending. But come with tissues in hand, ready to be moved and inspired!



Diana Pastora Carson, M.Ed. has been an elementary educator for over 30 years, and co-teaches a Disability & Society course at San Diego State University. She is a consultant and educator on diversity as it relates to disability, and is the author of several articles and books including *Beyond Awareness: Bringing Disability into Diversity Work in K-12 Schools & Communities*, and children's book, *Ed Roberts: Champion of Disability Rights*. Diana is known for her powerful keynote presentations and educational workshops related to disability awareness and inclusive teaching practices.

