

TRANSITION Summer Institute 2025



July 8-9, 2025

ARROWWOOD RESORT AT CEDAR SHORE
OACOMA, SD

Keynote Speaker:

Sara Hento

Sara Hento is an attorney at KSB School Law in Sioux Falls, where she practices exclusively in the area of education law. Licensed to practice in South Dakota and Nebraska, Sara graduated with high distinction from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 2015, also earning her Master of Professional Accountancy. Before entering private practice, Sara worked as a school administrator, including serving as a business official for the Avon School District in South Dakota. Her five years as a school administrator inspired Sara to serve South Dakota school districts at a larger level by transitioning to serving as a school lawyer.



Featured Speaker:

Matthew Schwab

Matthew is a 27 year-old North Carolina native who is working toward independence. In addition to being a public speaker, an actor and community volunteer, Matthew works as a host at Townhall Grill. Matthew is passionate about increasing acceptance of those with Down syndrome, and the entire IDD community. In 2019, he gave a TEDx talk about the importance of employing people with IDD and started his business, matthewschwabspeaks, to help change the way the world views Ds.



Featured Speaker: **Jessie Taken Alive-Rencountre**

Jessie Taken Alive-Rencountre is a Hunkpapa Lakota from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She has worked as a school counselor serving hundreds of students for 15 years. Her passion is to help people remember their importance in life and to utilize their unique talents, to create better communities for future generations to come. She is also a Lakota Jingle Dress Dancer and loves to educate others about Lakota culture using storytelling combined with traditional song and dance.

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8:00A.M. - 4:30P.M.



General and breakout sessions designed for secondary special and general educators, special education paras, and special education directors.

Session topics include: Executive Functioning, Exploring Lakota Values, Career Awareness, Behavior Management Strategies, Listen to Students' Transition Journeys, and much more...

Educators: CECHs or one graduate credit pending

Voc Rehab Counselors: CRC credit pending

Registration fee: \$125.00
To register and pay online

Breakfast and lunch are provided both days of the conference.

