# **National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana**

# **2023 State Convention**

# **Louisiana Parents of Blind Children**

## **Friday, April 14, 2022**

### **3:00-6:00 PM Stem2U**

* STEM Activities for VI/blind children who have pre-registered through NFB

**3:00-6:00 Family Hospitality and Learning**

* Just Enough to Know Better: Learn Some Braille
* Parent Round Table Discussion
* Games and Activities for Siblings of students in Stem2U

**6:00-6:45 NFBL Registration Packet Pick-Up and/or Dinner**

**6:45-7:00 LPOBC Registration and Resource Packet Building**

### **7:00-8:30 PM LPOBC Parent Power Track**

* LPOBC Welcome, Board Introductions, and Housekeeping—Alison Tarver, Pam Allen, Norma Crosby
* How I Found the NFB and Why I Stayed—Amber Guillbeau
* Saturday Club—Mindy Lavern (Southern Area) and Kristen Sims (Northern Area)
* NFB Early Childhood Initiatives and Early Steps—Cindy Champagne
* Summer Opportunities—BELL Academy, Krystal Guillory & Camp ABLE, Blanche Faulk
* State Library of Louisiana—Charlene Moore
* State Legislative Updates and Resources—Robin King

### **8:30-9:30 PM Showcase of Talent and NFBL Auction**

## **Saturday, April 15, 2022 LPOBC Parent Power Track**

**11:00-11:30 Stepping into Independent Movement, Kristen Sims**

* Milestones and Expectations

**11:30-12:00 Stepping into Literacy with Braille, Casey Robertson**

* Braille Learning: What to Expect along the Journey and How to Support Your Child

### **12:00 Grab Your Lunch and Join Us for Networking and Games**

### **12:45-1:45 Hearing from the Voices of Experience**

* Laura Bostick, Brett Camen, Eric Guillory, Trisha Kulkarnni, Mindy Lavern, and Stephanie Martin (Moderated by: Alison Tarver)

**1:45-2:00 Board Meeting--Elections**

### **2:00-3:00 Navigating Your Blind Child’s Education, Carlton Walker**

* Advocacy: Parental Rights, LRE, Due Process, Facilitated IEPs
* Is My Child Dyslexic? Can They Read Braille?

**3:00 Return to General Sessions**