

# 2021 SWPPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION IN AN AGE FRIENDLY WORLD

TUESDAYS NOV 16, 23, 30 VIRTUAL EVENTS 8:30 AM-10:00 AM  
THURSDAY DEC 9 - IN PERSON ½ DAY SESSION  
THE VINCENTIAN LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT INSTITUTE

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## 2021 SWPPA Conference Program

### Tuesday, November 16, 2021

8:25AM – 8:30AM

**Welcome**

8:30AM – 9:00AM

**SWPPA Business Meeting, and Pruitt Kelly Awards**

*Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam*

Director of the Office of Research and Evaluation  
Homewood Children's Village



*Linda Doman*

Executive Director  
Eastern Area Adult Services



9:00AM – 10:00AM

**Presentation: Policy & Advocacy  
Advocacy Reinvented in A Pandemic Environment**

*Senator Roy C. Afflerbach, Ret.*  
Founder and President  
The Afflerbach Group, LLC.



10:00AM – 10:30AM

**Vendor Visits**

### Tuesday, November 23, 2021

8:25AM – 8:30AM

**Welcome**

8:30AM – 9:30AM

**Presentation: Digital Access & Connectivity**

**Digital Access & Connectivity**

*David Sevick*  
Executive Director  
Computer Reach



**Digital Literacy for the Senior (Close The Gap)**

*Paul Waite*  
President  
Anna Middleton Waite Learning Center



**Virtual Senior Academy**

*Madeline Barnes*  
Director of Technology & Evidence-Based Programming  
Age Well at the JCC  
JCC of Greater Pittsburgh



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### Tuesday, November 30, 2021

- 8:25AM – 8:30AM      **Welcome**
- 8:30AM- 8:45AM      *Jamie Buchenauer (Pre -Recorded Message)*  
Deputy Secretary  
Department of Human Services | Office of Long-Term Living
- 8:45AM-9:45AM      **The Direct Care Workforce Crisis: Old Challenges, New Opportunities**  
*Kezia Scales, PhD*  
Director of Policy Research  
Paraprofessional Health Institute (PHI)
- 9:45AM – 10:15AM      **Vendor Visits**



### Thursday, December 9, 2021

- 8:25AM – 8:30AM      **Welcome**
- 8:30AM – 9:30AM      **Age-Friendly Initiative**  
*Laura Poskin*  
Executive Director  
Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh
- 9:30AM – 9:45AM      **Presentation: Creating Age Friendly Communities Across PA**  
*Secretary Torres (Pre-recorded Message)*  
PA Department of Aging
- 9:45AM – 10:45AM      **Keynote Presentation: Build Effective Relationships in the Workplace and Community – Check Your Biases**  
*Melita Terry*  
Community Engagement Coordinator  
University of Pittsburgh  
Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
- 10:45AM – 11:00AM      **Question and Answers**
- 11:00AM – 11:30PM      **Vendor Visits**



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