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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



KEITH JONES



DR. LINA PATEL

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Keith Jones, President and CEO of SoulTouchin' Experiences

As an African American community activist and entrepreneur with cerebral palsy and as a strong advocate for independent quality living in the community, Mr. Jones has participated actively in various issues that face people with disabilities. These areas include, but are not limited to housing, education, and voting access.

Mr. Jones is also extremely active in multi-cultural, crossdisability education and outreach efforts and has performed trainings (including train the trainer) with the purpose of strengthening outreach efforts to provide services and information to people with disabilities. Mr. Jones works to not only educate the disability community about enhanced community living, but also the community at large. Mr. Jones holds a strong desire to get the disability community more involved in the issues that concern their own lives. Mr. Jones provides outreach support in relationship to the arts and independent living skills. Mr. Jones has been recognized for his emerging leadership by the state of Massachusetts and President's Commission for Employment for People with Disabilities. Also, Mr. Jones is the Disability Law Center's 2011 Individual Leadership Award recipient.

Dr. Lina Patel, PsyD

Lina Patel, PsyD, is an Assistant Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, practicing at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Patel is the Director of Psychology for the Anna and John J. Sie Center for Down Syndrome, a multidisciplinary consultative clinic coordinating care for infants, children, teens and young adults with Down Syndrome. Dr. Patel is responsible for management of all referrals for psychological treatment and evaluation. She provides consultation with schools, parent training regarding the management of challenging or unsafe behaviors, evaluation for dual diagnoses (Down syndrome and Autism), toilet training, and desensitization to medical devices (such as hearing aids and CPAP) and procedure-related distress. Outside of her clinical work, she has presented to numerous organizations across the country with a focus on behavioral interventions with individuals with Down Syndrome. She also conducts research on clinical issues impacting those with Down Syndrome.

Dr. Patel received her bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Oklahoma. She received her masters and doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Denver's Graduate School of Professional Psychology. She completed her internship training at Boston University Medical Center and her postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.