

**LAKOTA NATIONS EDUCATION CONFERENCE
PRECONFERENCE “B”
SPECIAL EDUCATION/DISABILITY NEEDS
DECEMBER 12, 2023-BADLANDS ROOM**

“Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care”.

- 9:00 **WELCOME**
- 9:15 **EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION**
Tisha DeGross at LifeScape in Rapid City, SD
- 10:15 **BREAK**
- 10:30 **UNDERSTANDING EXECUTIVE FUNCTION AND
HOW “EF” DELAYS IMPACT BEHAVIOR**
Carla Miller with Parent Connections-Sioux Falls, SD
- 11:30 **LUNCH PROVIDED BY STRONGHOLD EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT**
served in the Washington Room
- 12:30 **UNDERSTANDING AUTISM**
Tisha DeGross, MBA,OTR/L Director of Rapid City Operations at LifeScape in
Rapid City, SD
- 1:30 **UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION DELAYS**
Carla Miller with Parent Connections-Sioux Falls, SD
- 2:30 **BREAK**
- 2:45 Sarah Brown & Amy Thompson - **“REFRAME YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON
“BEHAVIOR”: LOOKING THROUGH AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
LENS BY SARAH BROWN, MS OTR/L, BCP AND AMY THOMPSON,
MS OTR/L, BCP.**
Our students demonstrate a wide range of behaviors that are not conducive to
learning. To effectively change behavior, we must examine our personal body
and mind state, consider behavioral triggers and causes, hypothesize individually
tailored strategies to address behavioral challenges, and promote student agency
to self-manage. This presentation will provide an overview of 3 frameworks
related to behavior, Brain States, Sensory Processing, and Executive Functioning
and strategies related to each framework. Participants will be challenged to
consider different perspectives to promote appropriate states of arousal for
learning.
- 3:45-4:00 PM **CONVERSATION AND CLOSING**