Program at a Glance

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Registration & Light Breakfast
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM: Welcome by Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD, Director of Stanford Neurodiversity Project (Room 104 and 105)
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM: Keynote presentation "Cultivating a Neurodiverse Workforce" by Nancy Bargmann, Director of California Department of Developmental Services (Room 104 and 105)
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM: Keynote presentation "Statewide Initiatives to Support Employment for People with Developmental Disabilities" by Ernie Cruz, Deputy Director of California Department of Developmental Services (Room 104 and 105)
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM: Break
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM: DIVERSE, an Innovative Curriculum Developed by the Neurodiverse Community. Lawrence Fung, MD, PhD, Lyrid Zhao, PhD, and Rachel Vandaalen, PhD, Stanford University (Room 104 and 105)
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Keynote Presentation "Advancing Access, Equity and Opportunity" by Mark Erlichman, Deputy Director of California Department of Rehabilitation (Room 104 and 105)
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM: Lunch
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM: Regional Center Directors’ Keynote Panel - Eric Zigman (GGRC), Javier Zaldivar (SARC), Lisa Kleinbub (RCEB) (Room 104 and 105)
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM: Networking Session & Light Refreshments
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM: Concurrent Breakout Sessions 1
   Neurodivergent Panel – Dashiell Meier, Fred Vierra, Heather Satterwhite, Matias Solorzano, Max Crowe, Niamh Tangney (Room 104)
   Employer Panel – Chris Marino, Kathleen Foley-Hughes, and Sherry Meng (Room 105)
3:30 PM – 4:15 PM: Concurrent Breakout Sessions 2
   Job Coach Panel – Angela Lucero Perry, Heather Linka, Gregory Garoppolo, Rob Kiel (Room 104)
   Parent Panel – Keith Parekh, Victoria Gersowsky, Viviana Barnwell (Room 105)
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM: Closing