

Welcome!

I'm very excited to be your getAwareLive! 2019 conference chair in Seattle. This year's program will be packed full of content-rich presentations and industry best speakers. Since this will be the first major industry conference after the required WIOA reporting mandate, we'll all be sharing the lessons we've learned. As such, the program appeals to both the VR and the Workforce communities.



Seattle was chosen based on your feedback to be able to meet and interact with more of the Alliance staff. The location of this year's venue will allow Alliance to make available nearly all their staff sometime during the week. Additionally, the hotel was selected for its value and its willingness to offer below government per diem room rates. The hotel is located adjacent to the SeaTac Airport and offers many amenities including easy public transportation to downtown Seattle and to local attractions. Make your hotel reservations early to ensure you can stay at our conference hotel.

The Pre-Conference Training is scheduled to run two days prior to the conference, so you can hone your existing skills while learning the latest techniques and methods from Alliance's most experienced instructors. These classes are packed full of helpful tips and tricks and are not planned to be offered outside the conference. Classroom capacity is limited so be sure to register early.

The conference will have over 20 presentations from Aware practitioners and industry thought-leaders. I'm especially excited about the keynote speakers already lined up to participate at the conference. Also, Alliance is securing vendor sponsorships to help make the conference experience inspirational and memorable.

The value of networking at a conference like this is incalculable. There will literally be thousands of years of experience gathered in the same place with the sole purpose of sharing their best practices and helping the Aware community to better serve people with disabilities. I urge you to make attending this conference a priority—both to learn and to share.

I look forward to seeing you at getAwareLive! 2019. Please monitor the www.getAwareLive.com website for program updates. This will be an event that you will be glad you attended. See you in the Emerald City!

Yours truly,



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