



VISUAL THINKING

Seeing Behavior Through a Different Lens

Conference Sixteen

Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants

October 29–30, 2026 | Muncie, Indiana

WELCOME

Please consider joining us this October. Our goal is to provide continuing education for all those working with people with disabilities who have behavioral challenges. Professionals in related fields, community partners, parents, and students are all welcome to join us and benefit from the knowledge and expertise that this year's presenters will share.

Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants (INABC) is the primary trade association in the state of Indiana founded for professionals who provide behavioral supports to people with developmental disabilities. This non-profit association was founded in 2003 to develop and maintain a unified voice and representation to state and federal agencies.

INABC is an eclectic association, and its membership includes professionals with degrees and training from a variety of human services specialties. The majority of our members have master's or doctoral degrees in psychology, social work, behavior analysis or special education.

Association membership is open to all, regardless of experience, degree, certification or licensure. INABC exists to serve the interests of its members and behavioral support providers within individuals' homes, communities, schools and treatment centers. Our commitment to both membership and our partners is to build a thriving profession based on best practice, effective standards, and ethical leadership.

If you are not already an INABC member, we look forward to meeting and building a relationship with you. You are welcome to become a member at the time of registration and receive a discounted conference fee.

HOTEL & VENUE



Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center

601 South High Street
Muncie, IN 47305
(765) 287-8550

Room block available for October 28 and 29.
Reserve a room and request the "INABC
Annual Conference" room block.

Parking:

*To avoid the potential of being towed, please park
only in the surface lot or the parking garage to the
west of the convention center.*

Conference Agenda

Up to 10 continuing education units are available across both days

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TOTAL
4.75 CEUs	5.25 CEUs	10 CEUs

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

7:30–8:30	Registration and Breakfast
8:30	Membership Meeting: Committee Reports, Board Election, INABC Awards, and Liaison Report
9:45	Ethics Committee Trivia/Game
10:45	Break and Breakout #1 Sign-In
11:00–12:15	Breakout Session 1 — concurrent sessions <u>Jim Wiltz</u> <i>Clinical Supervision</i> <u>Rachl Ballard, Tim Kirk, John Stidham</u> <i>From Supports to Success</i>
12:15–1:15	Lunch
1:30–2:45	Breakout Session 2 — concurrent sessions <u>Kayla Honaker</u> <i>IDD-Specific Trauma</i> <u>Laura Smyth</u> <i>Supporting the Whole Family</i>
3:00–4:15	Breakout Session 3 <u>Holly Wimsatt</u> <i>BDS Update</i>
4:15	Day One Concludes

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

7:30–8:15	Registration and Breakfast
8:15–10:00	KEYNOTE — Temple Grandin <i>“The Way I See It”</i>
10:00	Break and Book Signing
10:45–12:00	Breakout Session 4 – concurrent sessions <u>Kim Dodson, ARC</u> <i>Blueprint for Change</i> <u>Judge Williams</u> <i>Commitment Courts</i>
12:00–1:00	Lunch
1:15–2:30	Breakout Session 5 – concurrent sessions <u>Karly Sciortino-Poulter</u> <i>Decision-Making and Guardianship</i> <u>Greta Ehlers</u> <i>Feuerstein Cognitive Key Program</i>
2:45–4:00	Breakout Session 6 – concurrent sessions <u>Nikki Eubank</u> <i>Eye Movement Desensitization And Reprocessing (EMDR).</i> <u>Bil Easley</u> <i>Screen Strong</i>
4:00	Conference Concludes

Erskine Green Training Institute

A nationally recognized model for inclusive vocational training



Founded by The Arc of Indiana Foundation, the Erskine Green Training Institute (EGTI) is a postsecondary vocational training program housed within the Courtyard by Marriott in Muncie. Since opening in 2016, EGTI has provided personalized training in hospitality, food service, healthcare, and inventory distribution.

During 10- to 13-week sessions, students attend classes, develop job skills, and complete internships. The curriculum also emphasizes workplace etiquette, teamwork, following direction, and effective communication. EGTI serves adults whose academic, social, communication, or adaptive skills are affected by disability.

Graduates leave with a certificate, resume, practiced interview skills, employment leads, and ongoing connection to the EGTI team and alumni resources. More than 80% of graduates have secured employment in communities across Indiana.

Learn more or schedule a tour: info@egti.org

Temple Grandin

Animal Scientist

Author

Autism Self-Advocate



FRIDAY KEYNOTE

8:15–10:00 a.m.

“The Way I See It”

Temple Grandin is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University, and she has been a pioneer in improving the handling and welfare of farm animals. She was born in Boston, MA. Temple’s achievements are remarkable because she was an autistic child. At age two she had no speech and all the signs of severe autism. Many hours of speech therapy and intensive teaching enabled Temple to learn speech. As a teenager, life was hard with constant teasing. Inspired by her high school science teacher and her aunt on her ranch in Arizona motivated Temple to study and pursue a career as a scientist and livestock equipment designer.

Dr. Temple Grandin obtained her B.A. at Franklin Pierce College in 1970. In 1974 she was employed as Livestock Editor for the Arizona Farmer Ranchman and also worked for Corral Industries on equipment design. In 1975 she earned her M.S. in Animal Science at Arizona State University for her work on the behavior of cattle in different squeeze chutes. Dr. Grandin was awarded her Ph.D. in Animal Science from the University of Illinois in 1989 and is currently a Professor at Colorado State University. She has done extensive work on the design of handling facilities. Half the cattle in the U.S. and Canada are handled in equipment Grandin has designed for meat plants. Other professional activities include developing animal welfare guidelines for the meat industry and consulting with companies on animal welfare. Following her Ph.D. research on the effect of environmental enrichment on the behavior of pigs, she has published several hundred industry publications, book chapters and technical papers on animal handling plus 73 refereed journal articles in addition to 12 books. She currently is a professor of animal sciences at Colorado State University where she continues her research while teaching courses on livestock handling and facility design. Her new book, *Navigating Autism: 9 Mindsets for Helping Kids on the Spectrum*, presents nine strengths-based mindsets necessary to successfully work with young people on the autism spectrum. Examples and stories bring approaches to life, and detailed suggestions and checklists help readers put them to practical use. Her book, *Animals in Translation* was a New York Times best seller and her book *Livestock Handling and Transport*, now has a fourth edition which was published in 2014. Other popular books authored by Dr. Grandin are *Thinking in Pictures*, *Emergence Labeled Autistic*, *Animals Make us Human*, *Improving Animal Welfare: A Practical Approach*, *The Way I See It*, and *The Autistic Brain*. She also has a popular TED Talk.

Dr. Grandin has received numerous awards including the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Livestock Conservation Institute, named a Distinguished Alumni at Franklin Pierce College and received an honorary doctorate from McGill University, University of Illinois, Texas A&M, Carnegie Mellon University, and Duke University. She has also won prestigious industry awards including the Richard L. Knowlton Award from Meat Marketing and Technology Magazine and the Industry Advancement Award from the American Meat Institute and the Beef Top 40 industry leaders and the Lifetime Achievement Award from The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association. In 2011, Temple was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. In 2015 she was given the Distinguished Service Award by the American Farm Bureau Federation and Meritorious Award from the OIE. HBO has premiered a movie inspired by Temple’s early life and career with the livestock industry. The movie received seven Emmy awards, a Golden Globe, and a Peabody Award. In 2016, Temple was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Grandin is a past member of the board of directors of the Autism Society of America. As a popular inspirational speaker, she lectures to parents and teachers throughout the U.S. on her experiences with autism. Articles and interviews have appeared in the New York Times, People, Time, National Public Radio, 20/20, The View, and the BBC. She was also honored in Time Magazine’s 2010 “The 100 Most Influential People in the World.” Dr. Grandin now resides in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Meet the INABC Ethics Committee

Professionals committed to thoughtful, ethical, and person-centered practice.



Briana "Bri" Abbott, MA

Ethics Chair • Paladin, Inc.

6 years field experience • 3 years BMAN



Jenna Conklin, MSW, LSW, IMH-E, RBC

INABC Vice President • Paladin, Inc.

19 years field experience • 11 years BMAN



Susanne Bauer, MA, RBC

INABC Member • Susanne J. Bauer, LLC

31 years field experience • 26 years BMAN



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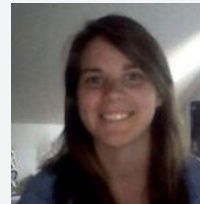
22 years field experience • 6 years BMAN



Katerina Richardson, MA, ABA

INABC Member • Meaningful Days Services

4 years BMAN • Primarily serving Greencastle



Chelsea Puckett, MS

INABC Member • Meaningful Days Services

10 years field experience • 5 years BMAN

Breakout Speakers

Rachl Ballard, Tim Kirk, John Stidham from KCARC present: ***From Supports to Success***. A proactive model of training, education, and engagement that empowers people to build skills, stay informed, and achieve lasting success.



Rachl Ballard
Knox County Arc

Rachl's journey began in Pre-Employment Transition Services, where she supported individuals as they explored their strengths, developed vocational skills, and prepared for greater independence. It was through this work that Rachl discovered her passion for behavior support and began to understand how behavior can serve as a powerful form of communication. Rachl became deeply interested in learning not only how to help individuals connect more successfully with the world around them, but also how to help the world better understand, accept, and connect with individuals with disabilities. This perspective continues to guide her person-centered approach to behavior support, advocacy, and professional education. She earned her Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis with an emphasis in ASD from Capella University. Rachl specializes in supporting individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities by integrating applied behavior analysis with trauma informed and neurodiversity-affirming practices. She is passionate about teaching caregivers and professional's practical strategies that promote independence, dignity, meaningful skill development, self-advocacy and lasting behavior change. In addition to her clinical work, Rachl is an Advanced Certified Autism Specialist, a Trauma Informed Care Certified Professional, a Neurodivergence Coach, and a Certified Disability Rights and Accessibility Consultant. She is committed to advancing the field through staff education, systems improvement, quality assurance, and advocacy for accessible, person-centered supports.



Tim Kirk
Knox County Arc

Tim, whose career has been dedicated to empowering individuals to achieve meaningful, self-directed lives. His journey into disability field began in Vocational Rehabilitation and continued as Director of Dove Employment Services, where he developed a deep appreciation for person-centered support and the impact of meaningful employment on quality of life. These experiences inspired him to pursue a master's degree in special education and continue advocating for individuals of all abilities. Tim is passionate about helping people identify their goals, explore opportunities, and take meaningful steps toward greater independence, community inclusion, and fulfilling employment. Throughout his career, he has focused on building strengths, fostering self-determination, and supporting individuals in creating lives that reflect their own values and aspirations. His professional background includes vocational rehabilitation, special education, transition services, benefits counseling, autism training initiatives, and employment support. Tim believes every individual deserves the opportunity to pursue a meaningful life and is committed to providing practical, person-centered strategies that help people reach their full potential.



John Stidham
Knox County Arc

John's journey into behavior support began with a desire to better serve teenagers and families through his work as a youth pastor. That passion led him to pursue a master's degree while working with Children's Services, where he supported children who had been removed from their homes due to substance use and unsafe living conditions. These early experiences deepened his understanding of trauma, resilience, and the importance of compassionate, person-centered support. John later served as an Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, helping individuals overcome barriers to employment, independence, and community participation. He went on to become the Director of Dove Employment Services where he expanded his leadership experience and continued advocating for individuals with disabilities to achieve meaningful employment and greater inclusion within their communities. Today, John brings the knowledge and experience gained throughout each state of his career to his role as a Behavior Clinician. He partners with individuals, families, caregivers, and interdisciplinary teams to promote positive behavior change, strengthen independence and improve quality of life. John believes behavior support is most effective when it recognizes each person's strengths, respects their dignity, and empowers them to make meaningful choices. His work is grounded in the belief that every individual deserves the opportunity to become the best version of themselves while living a life that reflects their own goals, values, and preferences.

Breakout Speakers

*Bil Easley presents: **Screen Strong**. A science-based solutions that help individuals and families prevent screen dependency, overcome digital addiction, and build healthier technology habits.*



Bil Easley

Certified Autism Specialist
Building Playing Learning

Bil Easley earned his bachelor's degree in special education from the University of St. Francis. He is an experienced teacher and collaborator who is the father of a son diagnosed with ASD. He has been working with families, schools and other organizations for over 30 years as a consultant. He has previously worked at Pathfinders and the Bowen Center. He has earned multiple certifications. He has been certified as an autism specialist which has assisted him in being a valued asset to parents, teachers and providers who are working with individuals in the community. Bil has also been certified as a Crisis Prevention Institute instructor for the past 32 years. Another specialist and certification is as a holistic nutritionist. His most recent certification is a Screen Strong ambassador with the goal of helping families struggling with screen addiction. Bil loves to spend time with his family, restoring his very old farmhouse, tramping through the woods, playing volleyball, or singing with his church choir.

*Greta Ehlers presents: **The Feuerstein Cognitive Key Program**. A practical cognitive intervention program that equips educators, clinicians, and parents with tools to strengthen thinking, learning, problem-solving, and social-emotional skills in young children and learners with special needs.*



Greta Ehlers

Certified Feuerstein Institute Trainer
The MINDCAP Center

As a Certified Trainer for The Feuerstein Institute and Executive Director of The MINDCAP Center of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Greta Ehlers loves spreading the message that all people can grow their ability to think, learn, problem-solve, and adapt. Greta has done clinical cognitive development work with hundreds of individuals between the ages of 5 and 85 who come from a variety of etiological backgrounds: Autism, ADHD, Brain Injury, Cultural Difference (refugees), Down Syndrome, Giftedness, History of cancer with resultant chemo fog, Mild and Moderate Intellectual Disability, PTSD, and more. Greta served as a founding team member of The MINDCAP Center when it first opened in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2015 and subsequently led the organization as Assistant Director prior to resigning in 2019 to homeschool her youngest son, who is a brain injury survivor adopted from Ethiopia. While homeschooling her youngest son, Greta worked on contract with The Feuerstein Institute, conducting online training in various levels of the Feuerstein Method* for professionals and parents from over twenty nations. In addition to being an expert in the application and training of the Feuerstein Method, Greta is also certified in other tools which are effective in cognitive development and rehabilitation such as Dr. Carl Haywood's Bright Start program and Dr. David Tzuriel's Dynamic Assessment tools. In the scope of her professional work, Greta was honored to be invited by her former colleague, Professor Louis Falik, of blessed memory, to partner in drafting a book entitled Mediating Learners Beyond the First Level of Resistance. Greta has also been honored to receive invitations to travel internationally to work with Autistic learners in both Saudi Arabia and India. Outside of her work, Greta is thankful to be married to Mark Ehlers and to be Mom to six amazing adult children. In her free time, Greta enjoys hiking, reading, and learning new skills. Her most recent endeavors have included learning knitting, weaving fabric on a loom, weaving baskets, making homemade soap, and restoring the clockwork mechanisms of two antique clocks.

*The Feuerstein Method has been used for over 70 years in over 50 countries to help people of all ages and ability levels improve their ability to problem-solve and learn.

Breakout Speakers

Dr. Robyn “Nikki” Eubank presents: ***Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)***. A group practice specializing in autism, learning disorders, fitness-for-duty evaluations, and trauma-focused care.



Dr. Robyn Eubank

PsyD, HSPP

Psychological Services Group

Dr. Robyn “Nikki” Eubank, PsyD, HSPP is a licensed clinical psychologist in Indiana and Washington with more than 20 years of experience specializing in the treatment of trauma, psychological assessment, and working with neurodivergent individuals across the lifespan. She is the Founder and Owner of Psychological Services Group in Muncie, Indiana, where she leads a practice dedicated to the assessment and treatment of first responders and their family members. Prior to founding her practice, Dr. Eubank served as the Chief Psychologist at a residential treatment facility for adolescents, where she developed specialized programming for neurodivergent youth, survivors of human trafficking, and adolescents with severe mental health needs. She also directed an APA-accredited doctoral internship program, supervising more than 100 doctoral practicum students, interns, and postdoctoral fellows from across the United States and Canada. In addition, she served on a multidisciplinary team that helped advance legal protections for juvenile victims of human trafficking in Indiana.

A formative attachment-based training retreat in Canada, designed by Dr. Larry Brendtro and Martin Brokenleg for a small interdisciplinary cohort that included First Nations participants, deepened Dr. Eubank’s interest in the intersections of attachment, Indigenous perspectives on healing, historical and cultural trauma, resilience, and the restorative role of the natural environment in trauma recovery. This experience continues to shape her commitment to culturally responsive, trauma-informed care and to integrating diverse perspectives into evidence-based clinical practice. Dr. Eubank is an EMDRIA Approved Consultant and EMDR Certified Therapist who provides EMDR consultation and coaching to clinicians around the world. Her work integrates evidence-based trauma treatment with attachment theory, interpersonal neurobiology, somatic psychology, and experiential therapies. She offers EMDR intensives and therapeutic retreats designed to promote deep, lasting healing. Drawing on the connection between the nervous system and trauma recovery, she incorporates movement-based bilateral stimulation, including walking and other rhythmic bilateral activities, often in natural settings, to strengthen mind-body integration and facilitate adaptive information processing. This approach has been particularly valuable for many first responders and neurodivergent clients who experience differences in interoception, body awareness, or sensory processing. Dr. Eubank also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Ball State University, where she teaches graduate-level courses in trauma and trauma-informed care. She is passionate about helping clinicians translate theory, neuroscience, and research into intentional, evidence-based clinical practice. Her teaching emphasizes understanding not only what interventions are effective, but why they work, empowering clinicians to make thoughtful, science-informed decisions that are responsive to the unique needs of each client.

Dr. Eubank’s work integrates attachment theory, neuroscience, EMDR, movement, and the natural environment to advance trauma treatment that is both scientifically grounded and individually responsive. Her current clinical and professional interests include adapting EMDR therapy to recognize and support the diverse ways neurodivergent individuals process information and experience the world while incorporating movement, embodied interventions, and the restorative qualities of the natural environment into trauma treatment. Through her clinical work, consultation, teaching, and presentations, she is committed to advancing trauma-informed, neurodiversity-affirming care that is evidence-based, culturally responsive, and tailored to the unique strengths, lived experiences, and needs of each individual.

Breakout Speakers

*Dr. Jim Wiltz presents: **Clinical Supervision**. A practical guide for supervisors and behavior consultants to strengthen supervision practices and improve quality outcomes.*



Dr. Jim Wiltz

PhD, HSPP

**Kestrel Behavioral Health • INABC
Professional Liaison**

A native Hoosier, Jim, earned a bachelor's degree from IU (the current College Football Champs) and master's and PhD degrees in Clinical Psychology from Ohio State University. His training at OSU was through its Nisonger Center, which is a University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). Jim has worked with people with I/DD since 1994 in a variety of positions, including as a Direct Support Professional (DSP), a Group Home Manager, a community-based Behavior Clinician (BC), and a Director of a Crisis Service. Jim also has published multiple scientific studies in peer-reviewed journals and has presented at dozens of conferences. In addition, he has served as a senior administrator for three large service providers in Indiana where he directed both waiver and group home residential programs. Most recently, Jim co-founded Kestrel Behavioral Health and serves as its clinical supervisor. In 2025, Jim began work as the Professional Liaison for the Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants (INABC) and as part of this position, he sits on the DDARS Advisory Council. Jim is a licensed Psychologist, and he serves on the Board of Bloomington's Down Syndrome Family Connection.

*Kayla Honaker presents: **What Happened to Them, Not What's Wrong with Them**. A guide to recognizing trauma specific to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), using somatic regulation and trauma-informed approaches to support healing.*



Kayla Honaker

MSW, LCSW

Opportunities for Positive Growth

Kayla Honaker, a MSW graduate from Indiana University, has spent the past 10 years as a Behavior Specialist at Opportunities for Positive Growth, following 4 years with the company as a Direct Support Professional. That path, starting in direct support and building toward behavior consulting, has shaped how she approaches her work: with a grounded understanding of what day-to-day support actually looks like.

Kayla currently splits her time between her role as a Behavior Specialist and her private practice as an LCSW, where her clinical focus centers on trauma, including how trauma uniquely shows up in people with neurodivergence and IDD. She works primarily through a somatic lens, helping clients regulate the nervous system as a foundation for healing, rather than relying on cognitive coping strategies alone, and has furthered this focus through additional training in somatic therapy, complex trauma, and the neurobiology of trauma. Kayla is passionate about bringing this same trauma-informed, somatic lens into IDD support, exploring how regulation-based approaches can move beyond behavior management to address what's actually driving the behavior. She also brings a personal lens to this work as the sibling and legal guardian of her brother with Autism, which continues to inform her commitment to neurodivergent-affirming, trauma-informed care.

Breakout Speakers

Laura Smyth presents: **Supporting the Whole Family: Strategies for Effective Family Support Models.** Explore family-centered approaches, caregiver coaching, and sustainable partnerships that empower families and improve long-term outcomes.



Laura Smyth

Behavior Consultant
Positive Pathways

Laura Smyth has served as a Behavior Consultant with Positive Pathways for the past 14 years and has worked with individuals with disabilities in various capacities for 27 years. She earned her bachelor's degree in Special Education and Deaf Education from Ball State University in 2003, followed by a master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis with an emphasis in autism in 2012. Laura is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Special Education with a focus on emotional and behavioral disorders and a minor in disability research fundamentals at Ball State University.

Karly Sciortino-Poulter presents: **Decision-Making and Guardianship.** Understanding guardianship and supported decision-making options that protect individual rights while providing the appropriate level of support.



Karly Sciortino-Poulter

The Arc Advocacy Network

Karly Sciortino-Poulter is the director of The Arc Advocacy Network at The Arc of Indiana. She oversees the family advocacy programs around the state, working on public policy, increasing opportunities for self-advocates, and helping families navigate various government programs, connect to community resources, and solve problems. Karly is a graduate of the Indiana University –Bloomington's School of Journalism (now part of the College of Arts and Sciences) and the College of Arts and Sciences' Political Science Department. Through her work at The Arc, Karly sits on several committees, boards, and commissions including the Guardianship Oversight Task Force, the Statewide Transition Advisory Workgroup, the WINGS Advisory Group, and the Marion County Re-Entry Coalition. She also sits on the Indiana Alliance for Prenatal Substance Exposure (formerly INOFAS) Board of Directors and the Guardianship Association of Indiana's Board of Directors. She works closely with state agencies to help families navigate various systems and to ensure policies are self-advocate and family friendly. Most importantly, Karly is the mother of a 26-year-old son with autism and anxiety who is growing into an incredible adult and a 20-year-old son with ADHD, depression and a wicked sense of humor. This experience as a parent gives her a unique perspective for input with government agencies and allows her to speak with families as a peer who experiences many of the same situations they do.

Breakout Speakers

*Holly Wimsatt presents: **BDS Updates**. Providing an overview of BDS, including past amendments, current updates, future changes, and important information about RESET.*



Holly Wimsatt

Director
BDS State of Indiana

Holly began working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in 1988 after graduating from Indiana University. She started her career working for a provider of residential and day services. It was here that she found her passion to meet people where they are and support them as they create the life they want to live. Holly later worked in the case management realm supporting people as they navigated various systems, including home- and community-based services. In 2003, Holly accepted a position in a BDS district office as a service coordinator. She has since worked in a variety of roles within BDS, each one providing her opportunities to learn from some remarkable individuals and their families. Holly is from southern Indiana where she and her husband raised their two sons. She enjoys spending time with family, particularly her two granddaughters. Holly has applied her extensive knowledge and experience to lead the BDS team in their aim to support and empower individuals and families by connecting them to resources and supports to live their best life since 2003.

*Kim Dodson presents: **Blueprint for Change**. The Arc of Indiana's collaborative plan to transform Indiana's system of programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through person-centered practices, sustainable supports, community partnership, and practical solutions that expand choice and opportunity.*



Kim Dodson

Chief Executive Officer
The Arc of Indiana

Kim Dodson was appointed to serve as Chief Executive Officer of The Arc of Indiana in July 2015. Kim first joined The Arc of Indiana in 1998 as Director of Government Relations and was moved into the role of Associate Executive Director in 2006. In 2013, Kim was named CEO of Arc Innovations, Inc. and The Arc Building Corporation. These related entities with The Arc focus on employment opportunities for people with disabilities and have worked to establish the Erskine Green Training Institute and Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center – a landmark project that provides training to people with disabilities to work in the hospitality, food service, and health care fields. Kim has over 30 years of work experience in the field of public policy and government affairs. She has worked for a United States Congressman, the Indiana House of Representatives, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and as a contract lobbyist for a local law firm. Kim received degrees from Purdue University in political science, management and literature. Kim is active on several boards and councils including: the National Council of Executives of The Arc US; Indiana Disability Rights; Indiana Medicaid Advisory Committee; Indiana State Special Education Advisory Council, Division of Disability, Aging and Rehabilitation Services Advisory Council; The Arc of the United States. Kim is a native of Kokomo, Indiana and lives in Carmel with her husband, Steve.

Breakout Speakers

*Judge Williams presents: **Commitment Courts.** Navigating Commitment Courts and supporting Clients through the court process. Practical strategies for guiding, advocating for, and supporting clients throughout commitment court interactions.*



Andrew S. Williams

Judge

Allen Superior Court Civil Division

Andrew S. Williams has served as Judge of the Allen Superior Court Civil Division since August 2020. He was appointed to the bench by Governor Eric Holcomb. Judge Williams graduated cum laude from Ball State University in 1995. In 2001, Judge Williams received his Juris Doctorate from the Baylor University School of Law. While at Baylor, he served as a senior editor of the Baylor University Law Review and a Moot Court Barrister. In 2002, Judge Williams returned to Indiana to practice with the law firm of Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros, LLP. He was made a partner in 2010 and continued with Hunt Suedhoff until his appointment to the bench. In eighteen years, his practice included the areas of insurance defense litigation, state and federal civil rights, products liability, construction law, medical malpractice, personal injury, municipality law, administrative law, probate, family law, and appellate law. Judge Williams briefed and argued appeals before the Indiana Supreme Court, the Indiana Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. While practicing law, Judge Williams was named an Indiana “Super Lawyer-Rising Star” in 2012 and 2013. He was named an Indiana “Super Lawyer” in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Judge Williams is actively involved in the community as well as the legal profession. He was President of the Allen County Bar Association in 2018 and 2019, after previously serving as Board Secretary. He was President of the New Lawyers Section of the Allen County Bar Association in 2005 and 2006. He is a current member and Master of the Benjamin Harrison Inns of Court. Judge Williams is a member of the Board of Directors of the Parkview YMCA, RemedyLive, Forgotten Stones, Great Kids Make Great Communities, and the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Allen County Bar Foundation. In addition to a docket consisting of civil cases, Judge Williams serves as the mental health judge in Allen County. He is responsible for issuing emergency detention orders for mental health evaluations and deciding Petitions for Involuntary Commitments. He also oversees the Superior Court’s Mental Health Task Force which includes members of law enforcement, mental healthcare providers, and community mental health advocates.

Conference Registration

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INABC Member	☐ \$199	☐ \$249	☐ \$299	☐ \$100	☐ \$15**
Non-Member*	☐ \$249	☐ \$299	☐ \$349	☐ \$100	☐ \$15**
Student	☐ \$149	☐ \$199	☐ \$249	☐ \$100	☐ \$15**

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* Non-members are welcome to become 2027 members and register for the 2026 conference at the member rate. Please check below to indicate that you wish to become a member while also including \$100 for 2027 membership plus the conference registration fee along with this form.

☐ I wish to become an INABC Member for 2027 and have included the \$100 membership fee in addition to the conference registration fee.

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