

Keynote Michael Coyne



Michael Coyne applied for several different jobs, but was constantly turned down. Instead of giving up, he recognized that it was nothing more than a setback. He used this as motivation to fuel a newfound dream: opening his own business. He took some business classes through the Rhode Island Developmental Disability Center, and with the help of his parents, he was able to open a coffee shop in his hometown of North Smithfield, Rhode Island.

The coffee shop is called Red, White & Brew, and it not only promises a mean cup of coffee, there is also an attached retail shop called “Budding Violet” where Michael’s peers can sell products they have made.

Michael’s goal is simple: Inclusion. “It’s just a beacon of hope for people with disabilities.”

Sheila, Michael’s mom, could not be more proud of her son. She said that you can tell that he’s a really good human being as soon as he walks in a room.



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15th Annual Central Nebraska Youth First Conference



April 8, 2020
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Kearney, Nebraska



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Students with developmental disabilities who are between the ages of 14-21 are invited to participate in the NE Youth First Conference.

DATE:

April 8, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Registration 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

University of NE at Kearney
Nebraskan Student Union
Ponderosa Rooms
Kearney, Nebraska

REGISTRATION:

Registration fees, lunch costs, and conference are provided through a grant.

However – Registrations are due by March 2, 2020.

Please register each person attending.



Event Schedule

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Student Sessions

- Style Show
- Work Stations
- Special Olympics
- #IamABLE

Teacher Sessions

- PEERS Curriculum
- S.A.F.E. Center

Students will receive certificates for documentation of transition activities for their IEPs.

Teachers will receive professional development certificates.

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Direct link located at
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Reminder:

- Complete by March 2, 2020
- Each person attending needs to fill out the online registration form.

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