The 2019 DDS Provider Transformation Conference goal and purpose is to help providers with tools towards:

- Leadership and Setting the Tone for Change including assessment of agency values and mission, outreach and marketing strategies, communication plan development and effective collaboration with boards of directors and other key stakeholders
- Agency Transformation Planning including strategies to become a learning organization, development of transformation planning teams, organizational self-assessment and transformation plan development
- Individualized Supports including customized and supported employment, meaningful integrated day services as a pathway to/wrap around for employment, effective in-take strategies
- Staff Development and Support including determination of staffing needs, attracting, developing and supporting field-based staff, teams and team building
- Getting Started (Think Big, Start Small, Scale Quickly) including development and analysis of pilots, scaling up and initial financial planning and resource reallocation to meet new priorities

There will be two breakout sessions where ODEP subject matter experts will present to the groups. Prior to the conference Providers will have an opportunity pre-register for the breakout session best meets their needs. There will be presentations from national providers pertaining to their transformation process, experiences, successes and challenges. Day 2 (9-11 am) will be for Provider Senior Management, DDS & State Sister Agencies who will receive consultation from SMEs to help:

- Establish clear and uncompromising goals.
- Communicate expectations to everyone
- Reallocate and restructure resources
- Just do it! Find jobs one person at a time.
- Develop partnerships
- More conference information to follow.