

Registration Fee: \$15 per adult, children free. If you are not able to attend in person, there will be virtual sessions available for presenters Andrea Montano, Tyler Merren, and James Michael through Zoom with \$15 registration and email.

Checks payable to: ND School for the Blind Foundation. (PayPal available, must add 3% Fee: ndsbfoundation@gmail.com)

Registration Deadline: March 27th

Accommodations: A block of rooms are reserved under ND School for the Blind at the Expressway Suites, with a rate of \$110 plus tax per night for double queen or single king room. Rooms will be reserved until **March 20th**. To ensure you get the reduced rate, please call the hotel directly and ask for the NDSB Family Weekend block: Expressway Suites (877) 239-4303.

Scan QR Code for online registration:



Scholarships are available to assist families with transportation & room costs. Please contact your local vision teacher to request assistance.

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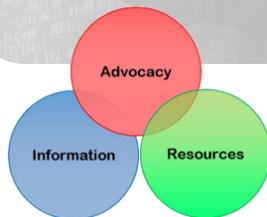
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OUR MISSION

To empower families so that they may access information on topics relating to their child's visual impairment, develop an awareness of services and resources available on a regional and national level and become more effective advocates for their child.

WHAT IS FAMILY WEEKEND?

This is an opportunity for families who have a child with vision loss (including those with additional disabilities) to listen to informational speakers, and one can meet other families from across North Dakota and staff from North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind.



NORTH DAKOTA VISION SERVICES/SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND PRESENTS:

LEARNING NEW TRICKS FOR FAMILY

WEEKEND 2026

April 10th - 6:00PM
Expressway Suites
4303 17th Ave S
Fargo, ND 58103

April 11th - 8:00AM
First Lutheran Church
619 Broadway N
Fargo, ND 58102

PRESENTERS

JENNIFER BROOKS



Jennifer Brooks is the APH Regional Outreach Specialist for the Northcentral Region. She has over 20 years of experience, including 5 years in Romania providing vision trainings. Jennifer is passionate about empowering others with knowledge, leadership, and resources from APH.

Andrea Montano is an instructional lead and provides mentorship at the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NMSBVI). With 28 years of experience, she is passionate about helping families understand sensory processing needs, especially how they interrelate with CVI.

ANDREA MONTANO



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT LANNA SLABY

(701) 840-7939 or lslaby@nd.gov



JAMES MICHAEL

Mr. James Michael is the current Superintendent at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI). He believes that assistive technology is the key for his students and for leading ISBVI into the future. As a person who is blind himself, he aspires to be a role model for the students at ISBVI too.

TYLER MERREN



Tyler Merren is a 5-time Paralympic athlete and a 2-time medalist with Team USA. Born with Retinitis Pigmentosa, he grew up with a love of sports and activities and now owns Revision Training LLC. He lives in Michigan with his wife, who is also blind, and their 4 children.

Friday, April 10th Expressway Suites - Agenda

- 6:00 to 8:00 Supper & Social

Saturday, April 11th First Lutheran Church - Agenda

- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 - 10:00 Family Time
- 10:15 - 11:30 Jennifer Brooks
- 11:30 - 1:00 NDSB Foundation Banquet and Card Contest
- 1:00 - 2:00 Tyler Merren
- 2:00 - 3:00 Breakout ECC Sessions
 - CVI - Andrea Montano
- 3:00 - 3:45 James Michael
- 3:45 Closing Remarks

**Event schedule is tentative and may vary.

Family Weekend Sponsors

- NDSB FOUNDATION
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