

# REGISTER NOW!

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at: <https://odup2017.shutterfly.com>

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The Partnership strives to make all professional development sessions inclusive. Reasonable accommodations for participants with special needs can be made with notice by **June 9, 2017**. Please indicate your specific communication, mobility and dietary accommodations on the online registration form or contact Kristen Stahr for assistance.

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★ **Registration Deadline: June 9, 2017**

## HOTEL INFORMATION

A limited block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Richmond-Midlothian for participants needing overnight lodging. To reserve a single/double room at the government-rate of **\$91.00 per night** plus tax, please contact the DoubleTree by Hilton, Richmond-Midlothian and mention "**VCU/ Opening Doors**" by **5:00 p.m. June 6, 2017**. Lodging availability cannot be guaranteed after the lodging deadline date. Eligible TODHH\* must book and pay for lodging at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Richmond-Midlothian and submit receipts for reimbursement of state-rate lodging costs to the Partnership on Friday, June 30, 2017.

\* *Eligible TODHH must be currently employed full-time directly by a Virginia public school division or Virginia state operated program and work directly with students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Eligible TODHH must attend the full institute and not reside within a commutable distance to the hotel.*

## HOTEL ADDRESS/CONTACT INFORMATION

**DoubleTree by Hilton Richmond-Midlothian**

1021 Koger Center Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23235

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# OPENING DOORS – UNLOCKING POTENTIAL 2017!



*Effectively Serving Students Who are D/HH PLUS*

11th Annual State-wide Professional Development Institute  
For Teachers of Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing,  
SLPs and Educators Who Work Directly with Students  
who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

AND

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017

7:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

DoubleTree by Hilton • Richmond-Midlothian, VA

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# OPENING DOORS – UNLOCKING POTENTIAL 2017! EFFECTIVELY SERVING STUDENTS WHO ARE D/HH PLUS

## About this 11th Annual Professional Development Institute

This year's two-day ODUP Institute, Virginia's *Go-To* event designed to increase the knowledge and skills of teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing (TODHH) and other educators working directly with students who are d/hh, will focus on effective strategies, assessments and more to positively impact outcomes for students who are deaf and hard of hearing and have additional concerns (i.e., D/HH Plus).

Keynote speaker, Dr. Christen Szymanski, who has done significant direct practice with children who are d/hh with additional disabilities and their families as well as research in the field, will share her perspectives on the impact of autism and other developmental disabilities as they pertain to children who are d/hh, their families and those who serve them.

Nicole Schroeer M.S.Ed, BCBA, LBA will conduct a general session on using behavioral principles with students who are d/hh to reduce behaviors that interfere with learning. All attendees will receive the acclaimed book *The Behavior Code Companion* by Jessica Minahan which will be used as a practice tool and take-home resource so participants can immediately apply learned concepts to challenging situations. Participants will have the option of continuing with Nicole for two in-depth sessions with hands-on practice of ABA-based assessments, data collection, and interventions designed for use in schools and outlined in the books, *The Behavior Code*, and *The Behavior Code Companion* to obtain an additional short-course certificate.



Additional concurrent sessions will address working with students with multiple needs and more. In addition to a Professional Development Certificate for full attendance at this year's institute and possible *short-course* certificate, participants may obtain additional certificates for specific sessions to submit for ASHA and/or LSL credits.

Along with exciting exhibits and the opportunity to network with colleagues from across Virginia and beyond, ODUP 2017 is an event sure to provide you with high quality training, tools and best practice strategies to work effectively with students who are D/HH Plus to ensure positive educational outcomes this next school year.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee includes: *The Behavior Code Companion* and resources in specific sessions; Thursday: beverages, lunch and breaks; Friday: breakfast, beverages and lunch-to-go. Grant funds are available for reimbursement of government-rate lodging at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel for eligible Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (TODHH) who attend the full institute and do not live within a commutable distance to the hotel. Eligible TODHH must be full-time employees of a Virginia public or state operated school division and work directly with students who are deaf or hard of hearing. (See Hotel Information for more details.)

### Registration Fees by June 9, 2017:

VA Public School/State Operated Program Professional.....	\$60
Paraprofessional/Parent(s)/University Student.....	\$50
Private Agency/Out-of-State Registration Fee.....	\$150

**Registration fees include an additional \$10 charge if received after June 9, 2017 deadline.**

**Refunds *not* available after the June 9, 2017 deadline.**

**NOTE: Child care is not available for this event.**

For more information, please contact:  
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### Don't miss the 2017 Pre-ODUP Session!

#### Opening Doors To Life Beyond High School 2017

This all-day event will feature sessions for **Rising 8th to Class of 2017 Grads** who are D/HH and **Parents**.

**Educators** will receive the **NEW Steps to Success** and training by its author, **Lynne Price**.

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

<https://odup2017.shutterfly.com/od2lbhs>



## OPENING DOORS - UNLOCKING POTENTIAL 2017 SCHEDULE\*

### DAY ONE

9:00 – 9:45	Registration/Exhibits
9:45 – 10:15	Welcome
10:15 – 11:30	Keynote Session
11:30 – 12:45	Lunch/Exhibits
12:45 – 2:00	General Session (Students with Behavior Needs)
2:00 – 2:30	Break/Exhibits
2:30 – 3:45	Concurrent Sessions Practicing Behavioral Interventions (Part 2)
3:45 – 4:00	Break/Exhibits
4:00 – 5:15	Concurrent Sessions

Evening ~ Enjoy Richmond/Midlothian on your own!

### DAY TWO

7:30 – 8:45	Breakfast/Registration
8:45 – 10:00	Concurrent Sessions Practicing Behavioral Interventions (Part 3)
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:30	Concurrent Sessions
11:30 – 12:30	General Session
12:30 – 1:00	Closing Lunch Session

\*Visit the ODUP 2017 website: <https://odup2017.shutterfly.com> for detailed schedule.