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You are invited to a Professional Learning Webinar

Usher Syndrome – 100 Years of Discovery

October 27, 2021 from 4-5:30 pm (EST)

Usher syndrome was identified as a unique genetic syndrome more than 100 years ago. Researchers have identified at least 10 genes that cause three subtypes. Yet, Usher syndrome is still under-identified. Nancy O'Donnell will review the latest facts on Usher syndrome. Daniel Greggs will describe life as a husband, father, and professional living with Usher, and his role as the Ambassador in Ohio for the Usher Syndrome Coalition.

Educational considerations such as environment, communication, and practical accommodations will also be addressed.

Guest Speakers:

Nancy O'Donnell – Ms. O'Donnell is the Director of Outreach for the Usher Syndrome Coalition. She has worked with the Deafblind community for more than 40 years.

Dan Greggs – Dan Greggs has Usher syndrome 2a. When he was 3 years old he started wearing hearing aids. Not until his teens did he realize that something was wrong with his eyes. As his vision loss progressed, he officially became legally blind in his mid-30s. Although he does have some physical disabilities, he has a successful career as a data analyst and looks forward to helping others in their unique situations. When he is not working he enjoys spending time with his family, especially playing with his three kids!

Program Description: *Usher Syndrome – 100 Years of Discovery* provides participants with an overview of the history of Usher syndrome, an understanding of Usher syndrome characteristics, the personal experiences and challenges from an individual with Usher syndrome, and strategies to use with students with Usher syndrome.



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Learning Objectives: To provide an overview of Usher syndrome including the history of Usher, characteristics of the syndrome, strategies to use with students, and resources for Usher syndrome in addition to understanding the impact of Usher syndrome from a personal perspective.

Target Audience: Parents, educators, related service providers, and agency personnel

Registration Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UsherSyndrome>

Contact hours: 1 contact hour upon completion of the meeting evaluation

Questions: Contact Kathy Richards via e-mail at kathryn.richards@uc.edu

Cost: No cost

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