



**Building Bridges
and Breaking
Down Barriers
Program Agenda**

2021

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Michael Murray

Chief Relationship Officer for GT Independence

Michael Murray is the chief relationship officer for GT Independence, joining the company in June 2020. In his role, Michael manages business development, government relations, marketing, innovation and corporate social responsibility for the self-directed services company. Michael's lifelong drive for inclusion is fueled by his experience as a person with a learning disability and ADHD.

Previously, Michael was the director of the employer policy team at the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. Michael was responsible for ensuring that ODEP's policies and practices addressed the needs of employers. He also oversaw coalition development with the business sector to promote disability employment.

Michael's tenure in the federal Government also included serving as the deputy director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. In this role, he drove highly successful government-wide workforce initiatives with various diverse communities. Michael was responsible for steering and designing the government-wide policies and programs of 56 federal agencies throughout the country to increase federal employment of individuals with disabilities. By fostering teamwork and collaboration, Michael led the federal government to successfully hire 100,000 people with disabilities over five years.

Before joining OPM, Michael was the chief operating officer for the American Association of People with Disabilities, supporting private sector employers in creating innovative and high-performing teams. On the state level, Michael advocated for the rights of people with disabilities as the executive director of the North Carolina Disability Action Network. His vision for the organization and strength as a grassroots organizer amplified the voice of people with disabilities at the North Carolina General Assembly, producing positive systemic change. Michael also led efforts at Disability Rights N.C., a local center for independent living and as vice-chair of the North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council.

At the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he and his colleagues established Beyond Academics, now our nation's largest post-secondary education program for people with intellectual disabilities. Michael is fluent in American Sign Language and holds a Bachelor of Science in special education.

GUEST TRAINER



Tina Williams

*National Office Deputy Director Program Operations
U.S. Department of Labor - Office of Federal Contract
Compliance Programs*

Tina Williams is the Policy Director for the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), National Office; where she is responsible for overseeing the development and coordination of new directives, regulations, agency policies and procedures, the OFCCP Training Academy, and the development of public education and outreach materials. In 2006, she began her federal career with the U.S. Department of Justice and joined OFCCP in 2013. Mrs. Williams brings a wealth of knowledge in federal government compliance, EEO, Title VII, ADA, Public Policy and Rulemaking.

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PROGRAM AGENDA

9:00 - 9:05 a.m.	Welcome
9:05 - 9:10 a.m.	Transition into Keynote Speaker
9:10 - 9:55 a.m.	<u>Keynote Speaker</u> : Michael Murray
9:55 - 10:00 a.m.	Transition into Awards
10:00 - 10:25 a.m.	Award Presentations
10:25 - 10:30 a.m.	Transition into Trainer/Break
10:30 - 12:00 p.m.	<u>Trainer</u> : Tina Williams
12:00 - 12:05 p.m.	Closing

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