

Building On Our Hopes & Dreams

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Keynote Speakers Mother and Daughter



Linea Johnson is a national mental health advocate, speaker, writer and the co-author of *Perfect Chaos: A Daughter's Journey with Bipolar, A Mother's Struggle to Save Her* (St. Martin's Press, 2012). Her advocacy work connects her with national mental health organizations including NAMI, DBSA, One Mind for Research and the Kennedy Forum. Her international experience includes working as an intern at the World Health Organization in the Mental Health policy department in Geneva, Switzerland and with a mental health team in rural Kerala, India. In addition to her writing and speaking engagements she is the assistant producer on the world mental health

documentary *Hidden Pictures*. She currently works as a research coordinator at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. She recently completed her graduate degree at Brown University in the Executive Masters in Health Care Leadership program.

Cinda Johnson, Ed.D., is a professor and the director of the graduate special education program at Seattle University. Dr. Johnson is the principal investigator for the [Center for Change in Transition Services](#). She is a national leader in the area of transition from high school to post-high for young people with disabilities. She has a particular interest and passion for supporting children, adolescents and young people with mental health conditions to assure that they are provided the best opportunity to be successful after leaving high school. Her publications include *Positive behavior support and transition outcomes for students in secondary settings*, *Transition of secondary students with emotional or behavioral disorders: Current approaches for positive outcomes* (2nd ed). Champaign, IL: Research Press. She is the co-author of [Perfect Chaos: A Daughter's Journey with Bipolar, A Mother's Struggle to Save Her](#) (St. Martin's Press, 2012) written with her daughter Linea Johnson.



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