

Magellan hosts plenary discussion at annual Harvest Full of Hope Conference

In October, Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania hosted a plenary discussion titled, “Neurodiversity Panel Discussion: Perspectives of Autism,” at the annual Harvest Full of Hope Conference in Bethlehem. This plenary discussion was the keynote event for the conference.

With over 75 attendees in the audience, the one-hour event was an open and safe space to discuss aspects of disability in the context of a social model. The panelists included various professionals that represent different areas of the systems we are all navigating in supporting individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities. Following the event, the questions that were not able to be answered in person, were organized in a document, and shared on the conference website to help members have improved access to resources.

To see the full one-hour recording of the plenary session and to view the answers for the audience questions, please visit the conference website [here](#).

In addition, Magellan wishes to thank the panelists for the plenary session that included:

- **Dr. Jacquelyn Bartek, Assistant to the Executive Director for Student Services, Colonial Intermediate Unit 20**
- **Rob Harvey, M.Ed., BCBA, LBS, Director of Intensive Behavior Health Services, KidsPeace Autism/Applied Behavior Analysis Community Programs**
- **John G. Lees, MSW, LSW, Member & Family Advocate, Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania**
- **Mimi Ludwig, MS OTR, MSME, President, Autism Society Lehigh Valley**
- **Jessica McKenty-Nuttall, Director of Advocacy, The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties**
- **Kerri Miller, Forensic Case Manager, Lehigh County**