



Agenda Overview

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Safe travels to Jekyll Island, GA

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Early Conference Registration and Check In

Monday, June 16, 2025

7:00 - 7:55 AM: Registration and Check-in

8:00 - 8:30 AM: Welcome and Opening Ceremony

8:35 - 8:50 AM: Yancey Bus Sales and Service Platinum Sponsor

8:55 - 9:10 AM: Bus Right Platinum Sponsor

9:15 - 10:00 AM: GaDOE Updates – Dr Todd Cason

10:00 - 10:15AM: Morning Break

10:20 - 11:05AM: GaDOE Awards

11:10 - 12:00 PM: School District's Worst Nightmare - Jason Ayers

12:00 - 1:00 PM: ***Lunch Break***

1:05 - 1:55 PM: Keynote Speaker and GAPT Special Awards

2:00 - 2:45 PM: The Behavior Puzzle: Decoding Student Needs

2:50 - 3:25 PM: Georgia Department of Public Safety - Captain Anthony Hudson

3:30 - 4:30 PM: Breakout Sessions - Opportunity to Meet Today's Presenters, Take a deeper dive, ask questions. **Rooms 1,2&3**



Tuesday, June 17, 2025

8:00 - 8:50 AM: Breakout Sessions

- Special Needs Roundtable, preventing liabilities, best practices & procedures, extreme situations (2-hour session) **Ben Porter**
- Rush Truck Centers (IC Bus) Updates **Rooms 1,2&3**
- Transportation Department Organizational Management **Rooms 4&5**
- Driver Trainer Development & Enhanced Program **Rooms 7&8**
- GA MCCCD **Rooms 9&10**

9:00 - 9:50 AM: Breakout Sessions

- Special Needs Roundtable, preventing liabilities, best practices & procedures, extreme situations (*continued*) **Ben Porter**
- Peach State Bus Center (Thomas Bus) Updates **Rooms 1,2&3**
- Reasonable Suspicion (2-Hour Session) **Rooms 4&5**
- Department of Driver Services **Rooms 7&8**
- Managing People – How to Survive **Rooms 9&10**

10:00 - 10:50 AM: Breakout Sessions

- Special Needs Emergency Evacuation Planning & Procedures (2-hour session) **Ben Porter**
- Yancey Bus Sales & Service (Blue Bird Bus) Updates **Rooms 1,2&3**
- Reasonable Suspicion (*continued*) **Rooms 4&5**
- Management vs Leadership **Room 7&8**



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11:00 - 11:55 PM: Breakout Sessions

- Special Needs Emergency Evacuation Planning & Procedures (*continued*) **Ben Porter**
- Operational Effectiveness for School Bus Fleet/Garage **Rooms 1,2&3**
- Grant Writing & Basic Budgeting/Planning Skills **Rooms 4&5**
- DER-Designated Employer Representative (2-hour session) **Rooms 7&8**

12:00 - 12:55 PM: Breakout Sessions

- GaDOE New Directors Panel **Ben Porter**
- Analyzing Department Data Effectively **Rooms 4&5**
- DER-Designated Employer Representative (*continued*) **Rooms 7&8**
- Underground Storage Tank Compliance, Servicing, & Building Program **Rooms 1,2&3**
- EPA Clean School Bus Funds Are Gone. Now What? (*A special offsite working session held at Tribuzio's Grille, 322 Captain Wyley Rd. (upstairs)*)

Networking

Summer Waves - Sponsored by **everdriven**

Dolphin Tours - Sponsored by Peach State Trucking



Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Trade Show

Members Must Wear Their GAPT Badge to Enter

8:00 - 10:00 AM: *Trade Show for Decision Makers Only* (Executive Director, Director, Assistant Director, & Shop Foreman)

10:00 - 12:30 PM: Trade Show - All Members –

11:30 - 12:50 PM: *Lunch Break*

12:30 - 12:50 PM: Vendor Drawings & Adjourn Trade Show

1:00 - 1:55 PM: *Breakout Sessions*

- Special Needs Understanding Significant Disabilities medical, physical, behavioral (2 hours session) **Ben Porter**
- FMCSA & DPS Roundtable **Rooms 1,2&3**
- DOAS Procurement Process **Rooms 4&5**
- GaDOE Directors Checklist – Compliance **Rooms 7&8**
- Bus Right Platinum Sponsor Session **Rooms 9&10**

2:00 - 2:55 PM: *Breakout Sessions*

- Special Needs Understanding Significant Disabilities medical, physical, behavioral (continued) **Ben Porter**
- ASE Automotive Svc Excellence & Program for Bus Shop **Rooms 1,2&3**
- School Bus Threats Analysis & Open Discussion **Rooms 4&5**
- Bus Right Platinum Sponsor Session **Rooms 9&10**
- GaDOE Training Updates **Rooms 7&8**



Thursday, June 19, 2025

8:00 - 8:55 AM: Breakout Sessions

- Building/Evaluating Special Needs Training Program (2- hour session) **Ben Porter**
- Mandated GaDOE Reporting and Funding **Rooms 7&8**
- TSA (2 – hour session) **Rooms 9&10**

9:00 - 9:55 AM: Breakout Sessions

- Building/Evaluating Special Needs Training Program (continued) **Ben Porter**
- Fleet Problem Solving – Open Forum **Rooms 1,2&3**
- GaDOE Planning a Successful Operation **Rooms 7&8**
- TSA (Continued) **Rooms 9&10**

Return to Main Ballroom for General Session:

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| 10:05 - 10:55 AM | Bus Keys In The Wrong Hands |
| 11:00 - 11:55 AM | Has Your Transportation Office Ever Been Hacked? |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM: | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1:00 - 1:15 PM: | Yancey Bus Sales and Service Platinum Sponsor |
| 1:20 - 1:35 PM | Bus Right Platinum Sponsor |
| 1:40 - 2:30 PM: | GAPT Annual Business Meeting, Drawings and Updates |
| 2:30 PM: | Adjourn / Safe Travels |