

2025 International PWS Conference

Professional Providers

Program Agenda



DAY ONE | Wednesday, June 25, 2025

6:30 AM	Breakfast - Food Trucks <i>Conference Center Pavilion; Not included in Conference Registration</i>
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Conference Check-In / Help Desk Hours <i>Conference Center Lobby (first floor)</i>
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Opening and Welcome - Lynn Garrick, MSN, RN , Medical/Research Coordinator, PWSA USA, Patrice Carroll, LICSW , Director of PWS Services, Latham Centers, USA <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	PWS Residential Services Across the Globe - IPWSO's Professional Providers and Caregivers Board and Lin Xiaojing , Zhejiang Prader-Willi Syndrome Rare Disease Care Center, China <i>(Moderators) Lynn Garrick, MSN, RN</i> , Medical/Research Coordinator, PWSA USA, Patrice Carroll, LICSW , Director of PWS Services, Latham Centers, USA <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	BREAK
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	A New Resource: 'Practical Portions for Prader-Willi Syndrome' - Evelien Gevers, MD, PhD, FRCPCH , Consultant Paediatrician in Endocrinology and Diabetes, Barts Health Trust, Royal London Hospital, Dept of Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Poster Presentations <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch <i>Canyon Ballroom</i>
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	The Development of a PWS Specific Respite Service - Lynsey Moorehouse, RNID, BNS , Regional PWS Operations Manager, Resilience Healthcare, Ireland <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
1:50 PM - 2:40 PM	Musculoskeletal Issues of Prader-Willi Syndrome: A Few Things to Know - Harold van Boss, MD , Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon, USA <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
2:40 PM - 3:10 PM	BREAK
3:10 PM - 3:55 PM	Looking Beyond Poor Lean Mass and Growth Hormone Deficiency, Why is Exercise More Difficult for People with PWS? - Daniela Rubin, PhD , Professor, Vice-Chair in the Department of Kinesiology, California State University, USA <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
3:55 PM - 4:40 PM	Caregivers' Forum - Shelly Cordner , Project Manager, IPWSO, UK, Lynsey Moorehouse, RNID, BNS , Regional PWS Operations Manager, Resilience Healthcare, Ireland <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
4:40 PM - 5:30 PM	A Simple and Humane Approach to Minimizing Behavioral Outbursts for People Living with PWS: What to Do and Why - Mark Lister, B.S., BCaBA , Behavior Analyst, The Arc of Alachua County, USA <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>

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DAY TWO (Workshop Day) | Thursday, June 26, 2025

6:30 AM	Breakfast - Food Trucks <i>Conference Center Pavilion; Not included in Conference Registration</i>
7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Conference Check-In / Help Desk Hours <i>Conference Center Lobby (first floor)</i>
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	WORKSHOP I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting People with PWS with Very Challenging Behavior - Patrice Carroll, LICSW, Director of PWS Services, Latham Centers, USA, Brittini Kliment, Executive Vice President, Latham Centers, USA <i>Arizona B (Bougainvillea)</i> • ABA and PWS: Tailoring Applied Behavior Analysis for individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome - Stacy Ward, MS, BCBA, CEO, PWSA USA, Marguerite Rupnow, MBA, National Director of Admissions and Advocacy, Prader-Willi Homes of Oconomowoc, Board of Directors Chair, PWSA USA <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	BREAK
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	WORKSHOP II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Communication with People with PWS - Patrice Carroll, LICSW, Director of PWS Services, Latham Centers, USA, Brittini Kliment, Executive Vice President, Latham Centers, USA <i>Arizona B (Bougainvillea)</i> • Aging in PWS - Lynn Garrick, MSN, RN, Medical/Research Coordinator, PWSA USA, Mary K. Ziccardi, Regional Director, Sevita Health, USA, Kendra King-Blischke, Assistant Director of Adult Residential Living, Latham Centers, USA <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch <i>Canyon Ballroom</i>
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	WORKSHOP III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Experience of Grief for Residents and Staff in a PWS Residential Setting - Barbara J. (BJ) Goff, Ed.D, Professor Emeritus of Special Education, Westfield State University, USA, Larry Genstil, PhD, Psychologist, Prader-Willi Specialist, Sha'are Zedek Medical Center, Israel <i>Arizona B (Bougainvillea)</i> • Caregivers Working with the Family of the Person with PWS - Lynn Garrick, MSN, RN, Medical/Research Coordinator, PWSA USA, Brian Hughes, Professor of Psychology, University of Galway, Ireland <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	BREAK
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	WORKSHOP IV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends, Partnerships, and Sexuality - Patrice Carroll, LICSW, Director of PWS Services, Latham Centers, USA, Brittini Kliment, Executive Vice President, Latham Centers, USA <i>Arizona B (Bougainvillea)</i> • Promoting and Fostering Self-Advocacy - Gary Brennan, National Development Manager, The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association, Ireland, Georgina Loughnan, Physiotherapist, PWS Clinic Coordinator, Metabolism & Obesity Service PWS Clinic Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney, Australia <i>Arizona C, D (Copperwood, Desert Willow)</i>