Person-Centered Thinking and Planning: How can this help teachers?

Jeff Garrison-Tate: Well, I think it can be part of any set piece of curriculum around self-determination. I think of course that’s happening. It’s really exciting and in our schools as we’ve seen more of self-directed IEPs. How do we support the student as a part of what we do? To discover this, an on-going discovery, is empowering the student to say this is what is important to me. Maybe the teachers and parents say ‘Well, this is about health and safety. Let’s not forget that.’ Looking at how it can be embedded in the day-to-day curriculum. There are requirements. Teachers have to do A, B, C, and D. They have to gather data in a certain way and recognize all of that. But, when it comes back to the instruction, then how can you be creative to put this in there?