

# 2016 Candidates' Forum on Disability Issues

## Diane Smith - Forum Moderator

★ Sign Language Interpreters will be available at the event. ★

A New York Times bestselling author, Emmy award winning journalist, documentary producer and speaker, Diane Smith is a media veteran. Diane has been on the air in CT for more than 25 years, and is the anchor and senior producer for program development at CT-N, the Connecticut version of C-SPAN.



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**DATE:** October 5, 2016  
Wednesday

**TIME:** 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Four Points Sheraton  
275 Research Pkwy  
Meriden, CT

**RECEPTION:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
(light refreshments)

**All Gubernatorial and Congressional candidates are invited. Come hear the candidates present their platforms on disability issues!**



Please arrive on time.

The event will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m.

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