



101 Relationships: It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3 (& Other Lies!). Mary Ellen Sousa, Creative Support Alternatives, Mountain Ranch, CA Relationships...friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, partners, lovers...let's be honest: it's NOT always as easy as 1, 2, 3! This panel will share some of their experiences and ideas on: How do you meet "good people"? What makes a good friend? How, where, and when do you meet people you might want to date? What happens when it gets messed up? And how do you do any of this on a tight budget? Come to listen, watch, learn, join in the conversation by sharing your ideas! This session promises to be fun, informal, and lively.



102 Building Community Connections: Turning Your Interests into Contributions. Bill Gaventa, Elizabeth M. Boggs Ctr on Dev. Dis.; UMDNJ- Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; New Brunswick, NJ Being part of your community is much more than living there. It means connections & friendships, ways of contributing to the life & work of the communities & networks in which we live. Sometimes that is not easy, when doors are not immediately opened & the welcome mat hard to find. In this session, we will explore some ways to think about the challenges & opportunities of turning your interests into community connections & contribution.



103 A Proven Strategy to Increase Employment Opportunities. Aaron Markovits, Kern Assistive Technology Center, Bakersfield, CA The HIRE Committee is a unique model of service providers, government, and employers working together to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Because of this foundation the committee was selected as a pilot project area to implement marketing strategies that will assist in leading to increased employment opportunities for people with disabilities known as "Talent Knows No Limits". The session informs about the resources developed and activities completed as a result of these efforts. Businesses have been engaged, service providers are collaborating, and people with disabilities are going to work.



104 Work Incentives 101: Getting the Basics of Social Security Straight. Molly Sullivan, Griffin-Hammis Associates, Seattle, WA This session is the first of a 3-Part Strand on Social Security Work Incentives. Wonder about how working will or will not affect SSI, SSDI, or Medi-Cal Insurance of someone you support, yourself, or a family member? This 3-part Thursday strand is for you! This session gives the basics of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as a foundation for the following 2 sessions. Basic information about eligibility, health insurance, and general impact of earned income on cash benefits are covered.



105 Lifespan Planning: Collaboration of Families, Providers & Regional Centers. Robert Royeton, Futures Explored, Inc., Lafayette, CA Two years ago, Futures Explored & Regional Center of the East Bay embarked on a collaborative effort to provide consumers & their families a service resulting in a plan for the future of the consumer. The plan helps guide family members & professional staff after the death of the parents. Many such plans have been developed in the past, but this session outlines a unique model that blends well with the Regional Center System. This is the story of the 12 families participating in the initial program- a story of inclusion on a personal level, with family & friends. Plus: how to develop a program in partnership with any Regional Center.



106 FOCUS Film Festival - part 1 of 3. Mary Ann Weston, FOCUS Film Festival Director; Far Northern Reg'l Ctr., Redding, CA This 3-session strand features self-advocacy, inclusion/family, & general interest films. FOCUS Film Festival - held annually in Chico, Redding, & Quincy - highlights films which "focus" on & explore complexity of human experience: disability, relationships, aging, culture, lifestyle. Seeing this range of experience changes perceptions, open minds to possibilities, & stimulates dialog between people with disabilities & the broader community, reminding us we are more alike than different. Those who attend these sessions will learn how to start & maintain a festival in their community & the value of disability-themed film competitions!



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108 Healthy Me! Healthy You!: A Pilot Wellness Program. Leslie Lovejoy, Wellness Pathways, Lower Lake, CA This Health and Wellness session offers participants practical tools, innovative program content, & outcomes measurement results based on a 6-month pilot wellness program. The program reflected community collaboration between a provider agency, consumers, a hospital wellness center & a consulting team. Staff, caregivers, & family members participated in this program serving as wellness role models reinforcing wellness concepts for participating consumers outside of program sessions. Project outcomes exceeded team expectations, including sustained consumer behavior change & development of a culture of wellness throughout the organization.



109 Are You Right For Me? - Interviewing Community Providers. Mark Starford, Board Resource Center, Sacramento, CA Choosing the right community provider is important for people who want to take a self-directed path toward full participation in their community. Individuals learn how to develop a person-centered plan of informed choices, create a working script for interviewing providers, and establish their own criteria/agreements when selecting a community provider. This session offers effective, easy-to-use materials that promote success through collaborative person/provider partnerships. Presenters lead the group through an interactive project using "Making Informed Choices," a guide that teaches everyone about Think-Plan-Do.



110 Living & Working in the Community -- Recent Legal Developments: Lawsuits, Legislation & More. Sujatha Jagadeesh Branch, Disability Rights California, Sacramento, CA Hear the latest statewide news!! Legal & policy developments affecting access to community living & employment are recounted, including *Capitol People First v. DDS* – the lawsuit seeking comprehensive assessments & services people need to avoid or return from institutions. New legislation & budget issues affecting employment & inclusion are addressed, as is progress on closure of Agnews Developmental Center. Hear an update on Self-Directed Services, Olmstead, and Supported Living.



201 Grassroots Advocacy & Partners in Policymaking. Raymond Hampson, WarmLine Family Resource Center, Sacramento, CA Participants in this session learn about grassroots advocacy and training available to build skills and confidence. Recent Partners in Policymaking graduates share their experience of being trained for 8 months, 1 weekend a month, on how to advocate at the legislative level. Perspectives of parents and self-advocates are given joint focus, as the training is split between these partnering groups. A California Coalition/Partners in Policymaking panelist addresses the importance of advocacy training to create change for ourselves and our communities.



202 Are We Getting Closer? Bill Allen, Allen Shea and Associates, Napa, CA This session incorporates the conference theme “A Meaningful Life...Are We There Yet?” into a discussion of Life Quality and Personal Achievement. These speakers use narrative stories and video clips (from individuals with developmental disabilities) to start a conversation about ways to think about personal achievement and life quality. And how to record it. Plus, this interactive session is an opportunity for participants to develop their own one-page summary.



203 Job Development and Business Partnerships. Dale DiLeo, Training Resource Network, Inc., St. Augustine, FL Youth and adults with disabilities have one of the highest rates of unemployment in the nation. Finding quality employment in today’s job market requires careful planning, marketing support, and a toolbox of job development strategies. This session covers the key principles needed for finding jobs for people with disabilities.



204 Work Incentives 201: Dispel Myths - Be Knowledgeable about Work Incentives. Molly Sullivan, Griffin-Hammis Associates, Seattle, WA This session is the second of a 3-Part Strand on Social Security Work Incentives. How will working affect benefits such as SSI, SSDI, and Medi-Cal? Many people with disabilities have concerns about working and losing access to critical benefits. This session will provide detailed information you should know about work incentives that allow a person to maintain health insurance, maintain eligibility for cash benefits, and experience an increase in monthly income when working.



205 Our Consumer Advisory Committee Is Making Information Understandable. Robert Rogers, Alta Regional Center CAC Chairperson, Marysville, CA Members of the Alta California Regional Center Consumer Advisory Committee share how they use advocacy to help make complicated information easier to understand. Using plain language, pictures & larger print, they are helping their regional center adapt its information so it is more accessible for more people. The CAC put forward recommendations & created examples of written materials with plainer language, graphics/pictures & larger print - all so more people can be better included in the information world.



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208 Feeling Safe, Being Safe: Emergency Preparedness Train-the-Trainer Project. Mark Starford, Board Resource Center, Sacramento, CA Dept. of Dev. Svcs Consumer Advisory Committee launched a “Train-the-Trainer” for their Feeling Safe, Being Safe emergency preparedness tools. Advocates get opportunities to learn how to teach peers, community providers & families how to be prepared & make their own emergency To-Go kits. With a DVD (offered attendees) & custom training notebook, trained trainers gain confidence, skills & possibly develop a personal consulting business, & some are “Certified” to offer trainings. Feedback from 500 Californians guided this project.



209 Special Education Parent Training Seminar - part 1 of 2. Michael Rosenberg, Area Board 3, Sacramento, CA This two-part session provides an overview of the various special education regulations governing school districts and the rights that families have in acquiring optimal services for their children with special needs. The sessions provide families with tools necessary to become strong and effective advocates for their children. Attendees get an understanding of responsibilities of school districts to provide quality special education services and learn effective advocacy and negotiating strategies to work collaboratively with school personnel for proper educational services.



210 Living a Safe Life: What You Can Do! Clay Hoffman, Safe Life Coalition, Ione, CA Studies show: children with intellectual disabilities are 4.7 times as likely to be abused; and 6.4 times as likely to be sexually abused as other children. People with disabilities, school programs & community agencies have responsibility to pay attention to & respond to this dark reality. This session addresses self-advocacy, abuse awareness & personal safety skills for those with disabilities, & development of healthy relationships. Presenters use materials from the Safe Life Project Curricula as tools for participants, as well as visual & audio presentations to emphasize session concepts.



301 Parents as Advocates for Systems Change. **Mary Beth Phillips, California Association of Family Empowerment Centers Sacramento, CA** The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Often tragedy spurs a parent into advocacy as it did in this speaker's case. "In 1983, my 6-month-old daughter was shaken by a neighbor's nanny. The story of establishing the Trustline Registry, now a California State program, is a story of faith, determination, luck, optimism, & collaboration...a true grassroots effort." This session discusses the skills for sustaining grassroots advocacy; strategies for working effectively with legislators & the media; & strategies & stories to inspire & spur participants toward their own vision of systems change.



302 Spirituality: Supporting Believing, Belonging, and Becoming. **Bill Gaventa, Elizabeth M. Boggs Ctr on Dev. Dis., Editor-Journal of Religion, Disability, & Health, New Brunswick, NJ** Our spirituality is often expressed in religious communities and traditions, and a key to a meaningful life for many. Sometimes people with disabilities have had very mixed experiences with faith communities. This session is part presentation, part discussion, part sharing of resources, and part exploring theological issues and practical strategies in helping congregations to become more inclusive of people with all kinds of abilities and disabilities.



303 Promoting Co-Worker Relationships & Other Natural Supports at Work. **Dale DiLeo, Training Resource Network, Inc., St. Augustine, FL** This presentation discusses the role of agencies, schools and employers to maximize the promise of community jobs for all people with disabilities. This speaker reviews the need to promote relationships to connect people with others at the workplace, and in other community environments, in ways that will be self-sustaining. The session also reviews professional marketing approaches to build business partnerships that result in natural supports.



304 Work Incentives 301: Plans for Self-Support - a Funding Option. **Molly Sullivan, Griffin-Hammis Associates, Seattle, WA** This session is the third of a 3-Part Strand on Social Security Work Incentives. Learn how SSA's "Plan for Achieving Self-Support" (PASS) can help pay for work related expenses. Find out who is a good candidate for a PASS, and what steps to expect in using a PASS. This session provides examples of how people have successfully used PASS to reach their work goal, plus concrete steps you can take to help make PASS a funding option for you, someone you support, or your family member.



305 Ideas to Action: Self-Advocates Using THINK-PLAN-DO. **Nicole Patterson, Department of Developmental Services, Sacramento, CA** The DDS Consumer Advisory Committee members will show the completed project of 15 DDS CAC Leadership Think-Plan-Do DVDs and guides. This group spent three years creating these materials. This presentation will show how, with the right steps, people can be successful in living their dreams in key areas such as: Being a Healthy Leader, Managing Money, Having a Professional Image, Mission Statement, Having a Mentor, Pubic Speaking, Having my Business, and Finding a Job.



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308 The Meaning of Life According to Dad. **Al Millan, WarmLine Family Resource Center, Sacramento, CA** Contemplate the meaning of life & empowerment from the eyes of fathers who found themselves on a road less traveled as parents of children & young adults with unique abilities & challenges....Trailblazing Fathers share their experiences & changing dreams, expectations, destinations, honey-do lists. This interactive multi-media session welcomes your views as we ponder our families' journeys & our efforts to create inclusive communities. Help all of us to sharpen a vision/answer to questions like: Where are we going? How will we know when we get there?



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310 The Truth about Facilitated Communication. **Sarah Leone, Harbor Supported Living Services, Capitola, CA** Presenters are all individuals who have been utilizing Facilitated Communication for years. They share the impact of this method of communication on the quality of their lives. They live in their own homes with assistance of a supported living agency & have taken control of their lives by using their "voice". They share the single most important thing that has happened for each of them since they have been facilitating. They discuss the value of group counseling and of individual counseling. At session-end, each takes questions & gives spontaneous answers.



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402 Living Beyond Boundaries. **Lupe Trevizo-Reinoso, Easter Seals Southern California, Pasadena, CA** Mr. Fletcher is seventy one years old. He's lived in 60+ places over the course of his life, most recently the Lanterman Developmental Center. Everyone assumed he would live out his years there. Now he lives on his own with the assistance of others. The presenter tells how this elderly man gained his freedom and lives the life he wants - and why this should be the rule, not the exception. Learn how listening well, building trust, astute observation, creativity, & careful planning can be used to help any person step into the rights and responsibilities of adulthood.



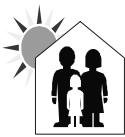
403 Family Support for the Real World. **Sue Swenson, Former US Commissioner for Dev. Dis. / Parent Advocate, Bethesda, Maryland** More and more people with disabilities live with their families - and expectations of families of children with disabilities are increasing. In this interactive session, let's explore the concept of family support: what it is, how can it be improved, how can we all help.



404 Work for All: Income Opportunities Unlimited. **Dale Dutton, Casa Allegra Community Svcs, Bd. Pres., San Rafael, CA** With encouragement & full support from board & key staff, this service agency adopted a "Work First" philosophy for those it serves in day programs & living supports. Using Customized Employment strategies, people enjoy choices among wage jobs or participate in self-employment through membership in the state's first consumer-owned cooperative corporation (Keep Marin Green) and/or operation of several vending machines placed in local business sites. Others are developing their own microenterprise ideas in a recently-opened small-business incubator.



405 Scary Budget Times, What Will Happen to My IPP Rights? **Daniel Meadows, Disability Rights California, Sacramento, CA** In tight budget times, it can be especially hard to get what you need and want in your Individual Program Plan (IPP). Come to this session and learn good advocacy skills to help you get the services you need and want in your IPP. This presentation will include multimedia visual aids, role plays and audience interaction. User friendly handouts will also be distributed to share with others.



406 Limited Conservatorships - Consider All Options Before You Conserve Your Child. **Steve Dale, Dale Law Firm, Walnut Creek, CA** As with any citizen, once a disabled child turns 18, their parents lose certain rights regarding medical decision-making, access to records, & control over where their child lives. This session explores the least restrictive way parents can assist their disabled adult child, striking a balance between preserving a child's civil rights & maintaining reasonable access & participation. We will also discuss Healthcare Directives, Power of Attorney, HIPAA, & the skyrocketing costs of Conservatorships, & how parents can try to minimize those expenses.



407 Communication: It Works Both Ways. **Bonnie Mintun, Supported Life Institute - Communication Technology Education Center (CTEC), Davis, CA** Communication is a 2-way street. When a person is learning to use Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC), the role of the communication partner is very important. This session discusses the partner's responsibilities, grounded in respect & equality, in contributing to success of communication interactions. Methods include: furthering a conversation by sharing information about oneself; promoting turn-taking in a natural context; supporting an AAC learner's device-use through following the user's lead.



408 Dual Diagnosis and a Meaningful Life. **Leonard Louis Magnani, Alta Calif. Reg. Ctr, Medical Director, Sacramento, CA** Some individuals with developmental disabilities are also diagnosed as having mental health problems, i.e., a mental illness or disorder. It is unclear at times to know when it is helpful to label unproductive or dysfunctional behaviors as a psychiatric disorder; and when doing so, it may be unclear as to what behavioral or medical treatment seems best. Mental health medications may be over-prescribed; yet they are also underutilized. Experts in dual diagnosis & its treatment are hard to find. Yet mental health problems in those with developmental disabilities are frequently encountered. They must be understood and managed if a meaningful life is to develop.



409 Eating to Live and Other Fun Activities. **Louise Rittmiller, Alta California Regional Center, Sacramento, CA** This staff nurse and health instructor at Alta Regional Center offers this health and wellness session, looking at Food Choices as healthy choices to fuel living and activities - and not putting the focus on dieting. Food can impact our bodies in positive ways by promoting healing, growth, boosting the immune system, and helping prevent disease. Topics also include the Food Pyramid and planning a meal using healthy choices. Time to focus on food, nutrition, and staying healthy!



410 How to Access Affordable Housing. **Sara Grignon, Housing Choices Coalition, San Jose, CA** This session features a panel of experts in different community resources that help explain how a person with developmental disabilities can live affordably in the community. Panel members include: experts in programs offered by public housing agencies, and experts in the development of affordable housing. Each presenter explains how, with the right support, community integrated living can be a reality for anyone.



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502 Parent Directed Supported Living. Trudy Holmes, Journey of Choice, Inc., San Jose, CA Have you wondered about managing your own child's supported living services? This session explores how to look at services in another way & consider implementing a parent-directed agency, based on your family's choice. This practical, interactive session illustrates supported living structures, funding, your role & how to improve your adult son/daughter's outcomes. Attendees learn how to work closely with these systems of care. Families will understand how to remain active & valued participants in their adult child's life when a move to a supported living environment occurs.



503 The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Sue Swenson, Former United States Commissioner for Developmental Disabilities / Parent Advocate, Bethesda, Maryland In the many years of work leading up to the signing of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, people with intellectual disabilities & their families were leaders. Why is the Convention important to us in the US? Since we have not signed it (yet), how does it affect us? How can we work together to promote its ideals? This session looks at the history of the Convention, an overview of its principles & content & how it can help support meaningful lives for all.



504 Transition Planning "Life in the Real World". David Taylor, Jr., RaceCar Waterboy, LLC, Statesville, NC This 25-year-old self-advocate from North Carolina has already: started his own microenterprise; helped changed how Dept. of Rehab. funds things in his area; written a book to teach others to write their own business plan; & helped start a nonprofit agency. In this session, he explains how he successfully transitioned from high school to "Life in the Real World". He will do so by explaining all the steps it took him to get out on his own, from getting a job, to getting an accessible apartment, to getting involved in his community, becoming a self-advocate, to starting his own business.



505 You Have the Right to Choice in the Agencies and People Who Support You! Marinda Reed, Disability Rights California DD/Peer/Self Advocacy Unit, Sacramento, CA People with disabilities have the right to choice in the types of services, agencies & people they receive services from. Too often, people are not told about these rights in their IPP or by their service providers. Come to this multimedia presentation to understand your rights & responsibilities when making choices about services you receive. Learn effective strategies in choosing among service providers & support staff. Session includes roleplays, audience participation & user friendly materials.



506 Special Needs Trust Basics. Steve Dale, Dale Law Firm, Walnut Creek, CA Special Needs Trusts can do much more than preserve public benefits like SSI and Medi-Cal. In this presentation, attendees will learn the management options open to families including those provided by professional care managers. The Presenters will also cover the basics of Special Needs Trusts, selection of Trustees, and how to coordinate gifts from family members.



507 Assistive Technology We Use. Aaron Markovits, Kern Assistive Technology Center, Bakersfield, CA This panel of AT users will share how Assistive Technology they use helps them live, work, and play in the community. Various technologies that provide computer access, communication, and independent living will be highlighted as a part of this presentation. Real life stories by real life people will be shared. Learn practical ways to increase participation and involvement in the community, as well as increase independence at home and at work.



508 Don't Let Behaviors Get in the Way of a Meaningful Life! Scott Shepard, Avenues Supported Living Services, Valencia, CA Presenters share stories and ideas on how they have focused on valued roles and community building to promote community inclusion. Presenters share their own experiences and advice to others on how NOT to burn out your neighbors & friends; how to maintain employment even when there are other important things going on in your life; and how to change a "severe reputation". They also show how they incorporate person centered planning and functional assessment strategies into the process of becoming actively involved in their community.



509 The Lanterman Act at 40. Jordan Elliott Kamnitzer, A Self-Advocate, Los Angeles, CA This session offers the story of the Lanterman Act, which has grown over the past 40 years as the foundation protecting the rights of Californians who have disabilities to have choices & support to live, to work, to enjoy good quality of life. This Act survived an attempt a few years back to suspend our entitlement to services to address a State budget crisis. The Legislature would not go along with this suspension. Rallies, phone calls, & letter writing campaigns resulted in the Governor withdrawing his unfortunate plan & never again proposing it, notes this presenter, who suggests that the booklet "Consumer's Guide to the Lanterman Act" should be revised as a legacy for the author of this critical law.



510 Statewide Best Practice Housing Models. Lisa Jackson, Association of Regional Center Agencies, Sacramento, CA There is a critical lack of affordable housing in California for people with developmental disabilities. The grim realities of affordability & accessibility are why Regional Centers and housing organizations are working to create housing that is safe, decent & affordable. This session looks at the growing demands for housing; defines the guiding principles for creating successful housing programs; and examines the current housing models & programs statewide that demonstrate ways to successfully meet the needs of housing for people with developmentally disabilities.