

Thirty-First Annual

Philadelphia Conference
on
Developmental Disabilities

Friday, May 4th, 2007

3535 Market Street, 16th floor
(Entrance on 36th street)

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The annual Philadelphia Conference on Developmental Disabilities began in 1977 as a way to bring together parents, family members, persons with developmental disabilities, and professionals in the field. Its purpose is to provide a forum to discuss areas of mutual concern, to foster partnerships among these groups, and to keep abreast of the latest developments.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2007

8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

Registration/Resources
3535 Market Street, 16th Floor

9:15 a.m.

Welcome

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Keynote Address

‘ADVOCACY IN ITS FINEST FORM’

Sue Badeau,
Executive Director
Philadelphia Children’s Commission

10:45 – 12:15 p.m.

Morning Workshops

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch/Resources/Poster Sessions

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Workshops

Planning Committee

- Ann Marie Campbell
Mental Retardation Services
- Nancy Hale, Family Friends
Temple University
- Nathan Blum
Megan DiTizio, LEND
Patty Huang
Marty Hudson
Ijeoma Nwabuzor
Maureen Sullivan
Symme Trachtenberg
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Ellen Scharff, HMS School
- Leslie Thompson, Parent
- Joanne Timmins, PDDC/The Arc
- Sabra Townsend
Philadelphia Department of Public Health

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If you wish to display materials, please bring them to the conference by 8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

Thirty-First Annual Conference on Developmental Disabilities

Registration fee:

- \$50.00 per professional
- \$10.00 per parent, family member, or consumer

Registration Deadline: APRIL 24, 2007

No refunds unless registration is closed

Make checks payable to:→ Developmental Disabilities Conference

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c/o PDDC/Arc

2350 W. Westmoreland Street

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(questions call 215-229-4550 or e-mail jtimmins@arcpddc.org)

WORKSHOP SELECTION

Please pick one morning and one afternoon workshop

Indicate the numbers of your first and second choice

We will try to accommodate your first choice.

AM Workshop (1st choice) _____

(2nd choice) _____

PM Workshop (1st choice) _____

(2nd choice) _____

Please print: () Parent/Family/Consumer () Professional

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

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Morning Workshops

1. *Creating the Job You Want*

This presentation explores how an employee's job has changed, and the support strategies used in expanding the job duties to highlight interest and personal strengths. This session can provide ideas for others to take on a more active role in their lives at work, in the community, or at home.

Diane Kehoe, George Callaway
Networks for Training and Development, Inc.

2. *Real Self-Determination Is For Everyone*

Participants in the Philadelphia Self-Determination Project share what they have learned. The presentation will provide knowledge that will help anyone wanting to take more control and responsibility for their supports and services. Aspects of self-determination are applicable to parents, staff, and individuals with disabilities.

Ed Cohle
Phila Assoc for Independent Support Brokers

**Carolyn Morgan, Denise Weil,
Emily Cloveau**
Self-determination Project

3. *Building Local Communication Mentors' Networks*

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) provides an individual with choice, opportunity, and access. This session will assist others to find and use more effective means of communication allowing them to live fuller and richer lives and hear from people on how they 'got' their voice.

Beth McKeown, Jessica Stover
Networks for Training and Development, Inc.

Representatives from Communication Mentors' Network of SE Pennsylvania

4. *Aging with Developmental Disabilities*

This presentation will share knowledge to help people support an aging person with developmental disabilities, effectively manage age related changes as safely as possible, and how to incorporate health promotional activities into the daily routine.

Jack Toomey, R.N., Julio Nieves
Philadelphia Coordinated Health Care

5. *Experience on Inclusion*

This presentation of parents and professionals will speak to their perspective on inclusion, what it means, how it changes, how life events affect it and their views on best practices.

**Wendy Schmid, Elwyn SEEDS
Doneza Smith, Carmen Campos, Parents
Mary Lou Haughney, SPIN
Kevin Royster, Self Advocate
Jeanne Baker, KenCrest Center**

Afternoon Workshops

6. *Pharmacological Treatment of Behavioral & Emotional Problems for Individuals with Disabilities*

Dr. Blum will discuss when it is appropriate to consider pharmacological treatment and the advantages and disadvantages of some common pharmacological treatments. He will also answer questions from participants in this session.

Nathan Blum, M.D.
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

7. *What is HIP? Health Intervention Program*

Through interactive presentations by families and professionals the audience will learn about the 'HIP team approach.' Specific examples will be given of how families can be supported in the often difficult task of caring for a child with special needs.

Nick Claxton
Phila Dept of Pubic Health, Div of Maternal, Child, & Family Health

Families receiving services from HIP agencies

LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center
Resources for Children's Health
Supportive Child Adult Network

8. *You Can Take It With YOU! Assistive Technology and Transition from School to Work*

Assistive Technology (AT) devices can be crucial to success in both school and employment. Life after school introduces a set of new environments and activities for which different assistive technologies may be useful. This session will discuss this transition process including finding and owning AT after graduation.

Amy S. Goldman
Institute on Disabilities at Temple University

9. *Sexual Abuse Awareness Training for Self-Advocates by Self-Advocates*

This session will describe types of abuse, including unwanted touch, physical force and non-physical force. You will learn how to make yourself safer with street smarts and street awareness and how to fight against abuse.

**Esther Kuhn, Ramona Klink,
Susan McCloskey, Debbie Leasure**

PA Training Partnership for People with Disabilities and Families
Vision for EQuality, Inc.

10. *Choosing Entrepreneurship As A Good Fit*

Entrepreneurship is a viable alternative for individuals who do not otherwise fit the traditional workforce. This session will show how focusing on strengths rather than weaknesses proves to be a successful approach to finding meaningful work. Individuals working together, while sharing resources and appropriate mentoring relationships, continue to contribute to successful start-up businesses. .

Ruby Wilkosz

Working Order, a Program of Volunteers of America

Poster Sessions

• *Education For All*

**Diane Perry, Ben Moueddene,
Kathy Brofman**
PA Education for all Coalition (PEAC)
MRS
Ed Contaldi, Parent

• *Networking With Other Parents How to develop supports groups*

Sharon Harper-Young , Barbara Nattile
Vision for EQuality, Inc.

• *Be An Informed Consumer What Is Cognitive Behavior Therapy And How Can It Help*

Travis A. Cos
Drexel University

• *Solution For MR/DD Independent/Supportive Housing*

Representatives
The Arc of Philadelphia

• *"SPIN 911" Supporting People In Need Of 911 Services*

Gina A. Galli
Luzerne-Wyoming Counties
MH/MR Program