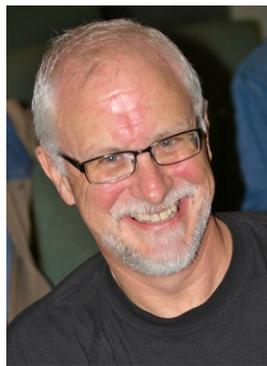




Presenting
The Arc of Illinois
69th
Annual Convention



Wednesday, April 24, 2019
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
***“Families of People with Disabilities:
Too Important to Ignore”***
Presented by Don Meyer

Brothers and sisters will be in the lives of family members with disabilities longer than anyone! Attending to sibs' concerns throughout their lives benefits everyone— especially the family member with the disability. During this lively keynote, Don Meyer (founder of the Sibling Support Project and creator of Sibshops) will discuss brothers' and sisters' unique concerns and opportunities and their implications for parents, service providers and policy-makers.

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
2:30 –3:30 p.m.
***“The Culture of Coordinated Supported Model:
Change the Culture, Change the World”***
Presented by Jonathan Martinis



Too often, services for people with disabilities are "silo-ed" – agencies, organizations, and providers focus only on what they do and do not communicate or collaborate with others providing similar supports. As a result, people with disabilities can receive ineffective, redundant, or even contradictory advice and support. This keynote will demonstrate ways to create and implement effective and efficient support plans and services. Using the Culture of Coordinated Support Model, people can improve their services and ensure that providers work together, allowing them to specialize in the areas where they perform best - so people and providers can do better work in less time, with less effort and waste of resources.



Thursday, April 25, 2019
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
***“Illinois Medicaid Redeterminations: The Good,
The Bad and The Required”***
**Presented by Sherri Schneider, President
Family Benefit Solutions, Inc.**

Illinois Medicaid is sending redetermination forms to renew benefits on a yearly basis. Illinois Medicaid is required to maintain all waiver services. Sherri plans to take away the confusion and mystery of the Illinois Medicaid Redetermination process by explaining the: who, what, where, when and how of this vital task.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019
REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Art Exhibit

Reception 5:30-7:00 p.m.

<p>8:30 - 10:00</p>	<p>Dan Strick Sampson Maggette Erica Woodley <i>New Star</i></p> <p>“Supportive Housing and Rental Subsidies in Action”</p> <p>New Star has provided supportive housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for several years and recently began accessing rental assistance subsidies to support several of its residents. Learn how this may work for you!</p>	<p>Sherri Schneider <i>Family Benefit Solutions</i></p> <p>“SSI, SSDI, DHS, HFS: Understanding the Alphabet Soup of Government Benefits”</p> <p>An informative interactive workshop focusing on the: who, what and when of SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, Medicare. Needing benefits is more vital than ever because more programs are being funded under the waiver system. Critical information will be discussed to help sustain benefits.</p>	<p>Vicki Niswander <i>IAMC</i></p> <p>“CrowdSourcing the Community: Brainstorming Possibilities for a Better Life”</p> <p>Do you rely on special programs for yourself, family members, or clients? Existing classes, organizations and events can be open to all if we make the connections. Develop ways to support real participation in community opportunities.</p>	<p>Nora Handler <i>The Arc of Illinois Board, S.I.B.S</i></p> <p>Katherine Hamann <i>The Arc of Illinois</i></p> <p>“Siblings Are Stronger Together”</p> <p>A panel of siblings will discuss the sibling perspective, sibling issues, and how sibling support makes a difference. The panel will include a self-advocate.</p>	<p>Alisa Jordan Sheth <i>University of Illinois at Chicago</i></p> <p>“Exploring the Influence of Environment on People with Intellectual Disability and Dementia”</p> <p>This presentation will discuss the findings of a research study with women with Down Syndrome and dementia and their caregivers, focusing on the impact on environment on their everyday lives.</p>	<p>Kathryn Kaniewski Jeremy Polk Laurel Spahn <i>Guardianship & Advocacy Commission</i></p> <p>“Getting to Know the Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission”</p> <p>The Commission is an executive state agency created to safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities by providing legal representation, investigating complaints of rights violations and providing state guardianship for people with disabilities in Illinois.</p>
<p>10:30 WELCOME: Terri Devine, Board President, The Arc of Illinois</p>						
<p>10:45-12:15 KEYNOTE: “Families of People with Disabilities: Too Important to Ignore” Presented by Don Meyer</p>						
<p>12:15 LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER: Kathy Ward, Acting Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities, DHS</p>						
<p>2:30-3:30 KEYNOTE: “The Culture of Coordinated Support Model: Change the Culture, Change the World” Presented by Jonathan Martinis</p>						
<p>4:00 - 5:30</p>	<p>Nancy Pallela Beth Hooton <i>Orchard Village</i></p> <p>“Creating Vocational Opportunities Through Alternative Day Programs”</p> <p>Developing programs that educate, empower, and assist the participants in building the skills that they need to be successful in community employment. This presentation will include topics of job development, social enterprises, curriculum development, and vocation training.</p>	<p>Brian Rubin, J.D. Benji Rubin, J.D. <i>Rubin Law, A Professional Corporation</i></p> <p>“How to Preserve Assets and Not Lose SSI and Medicaid”</p> <p>This session will cover the many legal tools families can use to maintain assets, save and preserve funds, for individuals who receive SSI and/or Medicaid, such as third party special need trusts, first party or OBRA special need trusts, Pooled special needs trusts, and ABLE accounts, including “how much” is needed to leave, how divorce impacts benefits among</p>	<p>Dan Strick Kara Pierce <i>New Star</i></p> <p>“Stronger Community Opportunities Through Organized Transportation”</p> <p>New Star has developed a innovative ride share mobile app to meet the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. See a demonstration and learn how other non-profits can use it.</p>	<p>Jonathan Martinis <i>Syracuse University</i></p> <p>“Supported Decision-Making: From Justice for Jenny to Justice for All”</p> <p>Study after study has shown that when people with disabilities have more control over their life and make more decisions for themselves—when they have more self-determination—they have better lives. People with disabilities who are more self-determined are more likely to live independently, work, be integrated into their communities, and avoid abuse. This session will introduce the audience to the theory and practice of Supported Decision-Making (SDM). When people with disabilities use SDM, they work with friends, family, and professionals so they can understand their choices and make their own decisions. As a result, SDM can help people be self-determined, have better life outcomes, and avoid unnecessary guardianship.</p>	<p>Cyndie Kieffer <i>Southern IL Case Coordination Services</i></p> <p>“Doggone It! Creative Treatment Through Animal Assisted Intervention”</p> <p>During this session, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about animal-assisted interventions and how to incorporate this playful therapy in outcomes.</p>	
<p>5:30-7:00 HORS D’OEUVRES RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT- “Special” presented by Anthony Billups and Nicholas Billups</p> <p>Anthony Billups was 20 years old and had dreams of being a pitcher for the Major Leagues when he suddenly lost his sight. During his stay at the hospital, he couldn’t see the frets on his guitar, so he felt out the few basic chords and started writing songs. After 2 months of blindness, his vision inexplicably returned. He then tried to resurrect his baseball career and received a full scholarship to Eastern Illinois University, but his heart wasn’t in it. After a year, Billups moved to Nashville to study art at Cumberland University. For the past nine years he’s made a living playing music and selling his art around Nashville. Anthony wrote the song, “SPECIAL” after his younger brother, Nick, was born with a rare Ring 9 chromosome disorder. Besides being a two-time Special Olympic gold medalist, Nick Billups often joins his brother to get a taste of life as a country star as he joins Anthony on stage to perform their favorite Garth Brooks songs together.</p>						

**THURSDAY, April 25 2019 REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
THE ARC OF ILLINOIS ANNUAL MEETING 7:30 - 8:30 A.M.**

<p>9:00 - 10:15</p>	<p>Jennifer Browning Laura Fine Cathi Ivack Eileen Morrison Jill Wood</p> <p><i>“Transition Planning and Parent Empowerment...It’s Never Too Soon to Start”</i></p> <p>Participants will learn the components of the NSSEO transition planning process and the role of both the family and the educational team. The Presenters will share their Transition Action Planning meeting tools.</p>	<p>Brian Rubin, J.D. Benji Rubin, J.D. Rubin Law, A Professional Corporation</p> <p><i>“Guardianship and the many Alternatives” No Two Individuals with Special Needs are the Same”</i></p> <p>This session will cover forms of guardianship as well as the many options to guardianship, such as “Supported Decision Making” Powers of Attorney, as well as Limited and Plenary Guardianship, the new E-file Guardian Report requirement, the new Guardian Training Law, the use of Short-Term Guardian Declarations, the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act, and many related topics.</p>	<p>Elle Liberty Michelle Bishop Trinity Services</p> <p><i>“Releasing The Reins”</i></p> <p>Watching as someone “fails” can be difficult. However, empowering someone to make their own choices inspires growth. Let’s learn together that failure is an opportunity to flourish.</p>	<p>William Belleau Joy and Amber Eident Taneya Higginbotham Janie Lucio Jennifer Stringfellow Camp New Hope</p> <p><i>“Respite and Recreation: Enhancing Quality of Life for People with Disabilities through Camping and Social Recreation”</i></p> <p>This presentation will discuss real life experiences from diverse perspectives that prove respite and recreation are solutions to combating fears and promoting personal development for people with disabilities.</p>	<p>Mariel Hamer Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities</p> <p><i>“A Comprehensive Council Overview: National Trends, Introduction to Investments, and Goals for Illinois”</i></p> <p>This presentation will review national trends in aging, workforce, and utilization of long term supports and services. As well as provide an overview of the Council’s 5-Year State Plan and the mission to invest in community inclusion, integration, and systems change. Participants will also be informed on the current ICDD investments and important initiatives statewide.</p>	<p>Phil Milsk, J.D. Attorney Susy Woods IATP</p> <p><i>“How To Be an Advocate at Any Level”</i></p> <p>This session will help everyone realize they have a voice and show them how to use the skills they have to advocate for things important in their lives.</p>
<p>10:45</p>	<p>WELCOME: Meg Cooch, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois</p>					
<p>11:00-12:30</p>	<p>KEYNOTE: “Medicaid Applications and Redetermination Challenges” Presented by Sherri Schneider, Family Benefit Solutions</p>					
<p>12:30-2:00</p>	<p>LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: “Self-Advocacy-A World of Possibilities” - Presented by Brian Antczak, Derrick Morris, Susan O’Connor, Bob Peterson, John Porter, Jamie Ricketts and Robert Rowley</p>					
<p>2:15 - 3:30</p>	<p>Theresa Grimoldi Olsen Daniel Olsen Ability Marketplace</p> <p><i>“Discovering Where Disability Meets Opportunity”</i></p> <p>Daniel Olsen and his Mom will discuss the high unemployment rate among people with disabilities and how AbilityMarketplace.com strives to help move the Inclusion Revolution into the workplace.</p>	<p>Vivian Villers Sage Planning</p> <p><i>“Be Prepared: A Checklist for Individuals with Special Needs as Parents Age”</i></p> <p>A review of critical issues as parents age. Topics will include crisis/emergency planning, Social Security claiming strategies (beware the family max!), beneficiary designations, future caregivers and living arrangements, and more.</p>	<p>Linda Sandman Blue Tower Solutions, Inc.</p> <p><i>“Supporting Healthy Relationships and Sexuality: Knowledge is Power!”</i></p> <p>Everyone is a sexual being! Yet information about healthy relationships and sexuality is often not available or accessible for people with disabilities. This interactive session will introduce best practice strategies and resources you can use.</p>	<p>Susy Woods IATP</p> <p><i>“Why AT Can Make a Difference in All Areas of Life”</i></p> <p>AT makes people independent in all areas. This will be a hands on session that will look at making this happen at home, at work, at school, and in the community.</p>	<p>Shannon Benaitis Albatross Training Solutions</p> <p><i>“This Can’t Wait! Disability Education for First Responders”</i></p> <p>Police officers in many communities where we live or provide services become default responders to mental health crises. It’s up to us, as citizens and community agencies, to educate first responders on disabilities. Leave this Train the Trainer session with a training you can take to your local police/fire departments to get those informative and necessary conversations started.</p>	<p>Ronnie Cohn Court Monitor Barry Taylor Lead Council for Plaintiffs</p> <p><i>“Update on the Ligas Consent Decree”</i></p> <p>This session will provide an update regarding the implementation of the Ligas Consent Decree. There will be time for questions from those attending.</p>
<p>4:00</p>	<p>PICK UP AUCTION ITEMS</p>					

NOTE

If you have any special needs, please contact The Arc of Illinois (815-464-1832). Notice of any special accommodations is required TWO WEEKS prior to the event.

If financial restrictions prevent you from paying full registration, you may contact the Consumer Involvement Program at The Arc of Illinois (815-464-1832) for an application for a consumer stipend. The stipends are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so you need to get your application in as soon as possible.

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The Doubletree Hotel is located just North of I 88. Exit I 88 at Naperville Rd. exit and go right at the stop light. Then proceed to Warrenville Rd and turn right. The Hilton is on the right. The Arc of Illinois has reserved a block of rooms at the convention rate of \$114/night single or double. The cut-off date for the special rate is April 9, 2019 and the code is Cail. If you need to know what public transportation is available to the hotel, call the RTA at 836-7000. For driving directions go to goglemaps.com.

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If financial restrictions prevent you from paying full registration, consumer stipends for self-advocates and families are available through funding from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities by contacting The Arc of Illinois at 815-464-1832.

FULL REGISTRATION
(Per person - includes both days)

_____ PROFESSIONALS ARC MEMBER	\$250.00	\$ _____
_____ PROFESSIONALS NON-ARC MEMBER	\$290.00	\$ _____
_____ SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY ARC MEMBER	\$195.00	\$ _____
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DAILY REGISTRATION

_____ PROFESSIONALS ARC MEMBER PER DAY	\$160.00	\$ _____
_____ PROFESSIONALS NON-ARC MEMBER PER DAY	\$190.00	\$ _____
_____ SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY ARC MEMBER	\$140.00	\$ _____
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INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU WILL ATTEND: ___WEDNESDAY ___THURSDAY

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_____ YES, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE ARC OF ILLINOIS FOR \$20.00 \$ _____

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NOTE: We must know of any special needs, including dietary needs, at least two weeks prior to the convention. Please tell us your accommodation needed here:

Participants canceling their registration at least 72 hours before the convention may be given a refund, less \$50 administrative cost. No refund will be given for cancellation less than 72 hours before the convention.

The Arc of Illinois 2019 Annual Convention Children's Program

**Respite is available for children and adult children of convention attendees.
This service is provided by The Arc of Illinois at no extra cost.**

Parent's Name: _____

Participant's Name & Age: _____

Nickname, if used: _____

Tell us about your child: _____

Medication (if any): _____

Special Diet Needs (if any): _____

Best way to communicate with your child: _____

Special needs or comments: _____

Does your child have seizures? YES _____ NO _____

Does your child require assistance with eating, walking, toileting or dressing? Please explain:

What day and time do you need the Respite Care? _____

Please sign the following waiver for The Arc of Illinois sponsored outings:

I hereby waive and release all claims for injuries my child might sustain arising out of the Children's Respite Program during The Arc of Illinois Annual Convention, April 24-25, 2019. I understand that every precaution is taken to protect the safety of each participant in this program. I agree to assume the full risk and to waive, relinquish and release all claims I and/or the participant may have against and indemnify and hold harmless The Arc of Illinois, their officers and staff and volunteers from any such claims. I agree to emergency treatment by a physician or hospital in the event I cannot be reached.

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Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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