The Arc Illinois

Celebrating 70 Years

Continuing to Build Better Tomorrows

Presenting

The Arc of Illinois 70th Annual Convention

Wednesday, April 22, 2020
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
"Moving off the PUNS List: Phase 2 of the Ligas Consent Decree"
Presented by Ronnie Cohn and Barry Taylor

The *Ligas* Consent Decree is providing opportunities for people with I/DD to receive community services. Phase 1 of the Decree (2011-2017) gave all ICF-DD residents the opportunity to move into the community and 3,000 people living at home on the PUNS (Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services) list to receive services. In this session, *Ligas* Court Monitor Ronnie Cohn and *Ligas* lead counsel Barry Taylor of Equip for Equality will discuss Phase 2 of the *Ligas* Decree, with a major focus on people moving off the PUNS list, the reasonable pace aspect of the Decree, and how people currently receiving some services (such as home-based) will be able to get different/additional community services (such as CILA). Additionally, Ms. Cohn will review the findings of her recent survey of services provided to *Ligas* class members.

Wednesday, April 22, 2020
2:30 –3:30 p.m.
"The Richest Man in Town"
Presented by VJ Smith

This is the true story on how a letter of praise changed two lives - for both the receiver and the sender. One held a high position at a mid-sized university; the other was an older cashier at a local big box store. Given their positions in life, one might imagine that the university official taught lessons to the cashier. The exact opposite happened. The older cashier schooled the "college boy" on relationships, being a good listener, taking extra steps to demonstrate care, and being grateful. All you give you get back and more. Audience members will go on an emotional roller coaster ride … guaranteed.

Parent Brian

Thursday, April 23, 2020
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
"The Hats We Wear"
Presented by Darcy Chamberlin, Nora Fox Handler, Leanne Mull, Brian Rubin and Sherri Schneider

Sibling Nora

Every person wears many hats. Learn about the roles and rules people have in the world of Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities!

Guardian-Brian

Payee-Sherri

Trustee-Darcy

PSW-Leanne

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020
REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

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

8:30 - 10:00	**Stephanie Behlke Leigh** **Samantha Stockman** Trinity Services ***"Empowerment through Employment: Helping People with I/DD Gain a Sense of Autonomy through Competitive Community Employment"*** This presentation will focus on employment related initiatives and the positive impact employment has on the lives of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.	**Sherri Schneider** Family Benefit Solutions ***"SSI, SSDI, DHS, HFS: Understanding the Alphabet Soup of Government Benefits"*** This interactive informative session will address the four major government benefit programs with a strong emphasis on Medicaid – which is needed like oxygen for waiver programs. Ending in a game of BINGO, you will not believe how much you have learned!	**Diana Braun** **Tavarus Wesley** Self-Advocates **Kathy Carmody** Institute on Public Policy **Teresa Parks** IGAC **Linda Sandman** Blue Tower Solutions **Kathy Ward** DDD/DHS ***"House Bill 3299: Providing Sex Education to People with I/DD"*** HB3299 ensures that individuals with developmental disabilities admitted to a DD facility receiving habitation have access to sexual education. Learn about the issue, hear self-advocates testimonials, implementation updates, and what providers, advocates and families can expect.	**Laura Fine** NSSEO ***"Transition Planning and Parent Empowerment...It's Never Too Soon to Start"*** 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 to help guide the conversation in developing meaningful post-secondary outcomes.	**Sharon Anderson** **Caren Musembi** **Kelly Stumme** **Kim Zoeller** Ray Graham Association ***"Cultural Transformation: You Can't Make a Fish Climb a Tree and Other Things We've Learned"*** Quality is directly affected by organizational culture. Believing that feedback is a gift and effective communication is vital, learn how Team RGA is transforming its culture to One RGA.	**Nafia Lee** **Bob Peterson** The Arc of Illinois **Laura Miller** Equip for Equality **Barb Pritchard** ICDD **Amber Smock** Access Living ***"Going Home Coalition: Putting Community First"*** Going Home Coalition is putting community first. Coalition representatives talk about proposals to foster community inclusion, barriers encountered, and why inclusion for all is more important than ever.
10:30	**WELCOME: Sherri Schneider, Board President, The Arc of Illinois**					
10:45-12:15	**KEYNOTE: *"Ligas Update and More"*** **Presented by Ronnie Cohn and Barry Taylor, J.D.**					
12:15	**LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER: Allison Stark, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities, DHS**					
2:30-3:30	**KEYNOTE: *"The Richest Man in Town"*** **Presented by VJ Smith**					
4:00 - 5:30	**Eric Blackledge** **Bob Taylor** Trinity Services **Diane Compton** Parent **Teresa Parks** IGAC **Cindi Swanson** The Arc of Illinois **Dennise Vaughn** Homewatch Caregivers ***"Circles at Work: Real Stories, Real Lives"*** Gather around and let's talk Circles of Support. Hear from parents and self-advocates how they foster relationships resulting in a full and inclusive life for themselves and their focus person.	**Brian Rubin, J.D.** **Benji Rubin, J.D.** Rubin Law, A Professional Corporation ***"Special Needs Legal & Future Planning"*** This session will cover the many legal tools families can use to maintain assets and reserve funds for individuals who receive SSI and/or Medicaid, such as third party special needs trusts, first party or OBRA special needs trusts, Pooled special needs trusts, ABLE Accounts, including "how much is needed to leave, how divorce impacts benefits, among other related topics."	**Noel Ann King** Sibling **Melissa Regan** Self-Advocate **Monica Regan** Sibling **Leanne Mull** Blue Tower Solutions ***"Grief: Something We All Have in Common"*** We will explore ways to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities when they are experiencing grief, ways to encourage inclusion of family members with disabilities in traditions around grief.	**Matt Cohen** **Brad Dembs** Matt Cohen and Associates, LLC ***"How to Ensure School Districts Provide Appropriate Transition Services to Students with Disabilities"*** This session will describe legal standards surrounding school districts' provision of transition services to young adults with disabilities to prepare them for work and independent living in their communities.	**Mariel Hamer** **Kim Mercer-Schleider** ICDD ***"Council Investments, Impact and Goals for Illinois"*** In this presentation participants will receive a comprehensive overview of the Council and learn about past and current Council investments, individual and family advocacy and systems change impact, and Council goals for Illinois. Some time will also be dedicated to offering participants the opportunity to share ideas on the Council's next 5-Year State Plan.	**Susy Woods** IATP **Phil Milsk** Attorney ***"Why Legislation and Advocacy are Important in Changing Things for People with Disabilities"*** This session will look at how legislation both state and federal have changed things for people with disabilities in the past and how legislation continues to do this as we move into the. It will also look at how everyone can be involved in educating legislators on the needs of people with disabilities.
5:30-7:00	**HORS D'OEUVRES RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT-** ***"Expression Dance Studio Unified Team"*** Expression Dance Studio is proud to be a fully inclusive studio. Our programs give dancers with all abilities the opportunity to dance and express themselves through movement in a safe, welcoming environment. We also offer Special Olympic Training in Rhythmic Gymnastics, as well as SO Cheer, Unified, and Young Athletes.					

THURSDAY, April 23, 2020 REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
THE ARC OF ILLINOIS ANNUAL MEETING 7:30 - 8:30 A.M.

9:00 - 10:15	**Reagan Carey** CTF Illinois **Kathy Haberer** Inclusive Learning & Living **Dawn Lamp** Coleman Tri-County **Craig Laskowski** Human Support Services **Susan Walter** ICDD ***"Southern Illinois Transition Project: Transforming Outcomes for Youth with I/DD"*** Join this panel presentation to learn about the first year of progress and lessons learned at the SITP sites as they implement evidence-based transition practices for youth with I/DD; enhance community partnerships and interagency collaboration; and what the coming year will bring.	**Brian Rubin, J.D.** **Benji Rubin, J.D.** Rubin Law, A Professional Corporation ***"Guardianship and the Many Alternatives to Guardianship"*** No two individuals with special needs are the same. This session will cover forms of guardianship (Limited vs. Plenary; Person vs. Estate), as well as the many options to guardianship.	**Connie Melvin** **Richard Harrington** Trinity Services ***"Using Technology to Promote Independence, Break Down Barriers, and Foster Inclusion"*** In this session, we will explore a variety of low and high tech products that address challenges commonly faced by people who have disabilities.	**Katie Arnold** **Tara Conley** **Amy Halm** **Nora Fox Handler** S.I.B.S. ***"Sibling Support and Future Planning"*** A panel of adult siblings and SIBS Leaders will discuss the importance of parents and professionals working with siblings to prepare them for the future and strategies for successfully planning for the future together. They will also discuss additional support needs of siblings of people with disabilities throughout the lifespan.	**Ralph Hastie** Self-Advocate **Shannon Benaitis** Albatross Training Solutions **Leanne Mull** Blue Tower Solutions ***"Disability Education for First Responders: It's on Us!"*** Panelists will give an overview of their respective initiatives, each aimed at increasing first responders' awareness of people with disabilities and decreasing negative-outcome encounters such as trauma, injury, and even death.	**Sherri Schneier** Family Benefit Solutions ***"You Had Me at SGA: Benefits 102"*** Having a basic knowledge of government benefits, this session will delve deeper to discuss: DAC, 1619, CDR, 18 year olds, HBWD, QMB types, TPL, Spend-down, IRWE, PASS, Ticket to Work, TWP. Case scenarios will be reviewed.
10:45	**WELCOME: Meg Cooch, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois**					
11:00-12:30	**KEYNOTE:** ***"The Hats We Wear"*** **Presented by Darcy Chamberlin, Nora Fox Handler, Leanne Mull, Brian Rubin and Sherri Schneider**					
12:30-2:00	**LUNCHEON PRESENTATION:** ***"How to Develop a Micro Business"*** **Presented by Scott Nixon, Consuelo Puente and Matt Koupal**					
2:15 - 3:30	**Lisa Fegert** PACTT **Matt Koupal** Parent Advocate **Kathy Lyons** Center for Independent Futures **Kelly Stumme** Ray Graham Association ***"Creative Living Options"*** This panel presentation will explore different living options and how ***One Size Does NOT Fit All!*** Hear from one family and RGA on how they partnered to meet Luke's vision while navigating through various state and local rules and regulations! Learn how other families are working together to create new options.	**Vivian Villers** Sage Planning ***"Are You Prepared? Planning for the Future"*** Important issues in planning for the future: Social Security claiming and the family max, beneficiary designations, funding options for special needs trusts, ABLE accounts, successor trustees, crisis planning and more.	**Susan Gardner** **Trevell Jordan** **Kristen Noonan** Envision Unlimited ***"Step Aside: I've Got This"*** Envision Unlimited members have assumed many responsibilities of their community day services program. Through video examples and sharing personal experiences you'll hear how it can be done in your program.	**Tammy Bedford** **Janet Larson** Quality Lives **Kish Pisani** IAMC ***"PUNS Limbo: Solutions for While You Wait"*** Create a self-directed life while waiting for PUNS selection. Organic person-centered planning, Circles of Support, Microboards or Cooperatives can improve life now and prepare for success when the letter arrives.	**Kathy Carmody** Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities **Kim Zoeller** Ray Graham Association ***"Alternate Payer Models in I/DD Services: An Overview for Families and Provider Organizations"*** This session is intended to inform and educate families and providers on basic tenets of a managed care system so they can be strong and impactful voices in shaping any changes that may be proposed for the Illinois I/DD system.	**Darcy Chamberlin** **Sara Riechert** Chamberlin Law Group ***"The SNT Trustee Goes to School"*** The presentation will cover the general responsibilities of the family member SNT Trustee as well as the specific responsibilities, including guidance on what the Trustee can buy and how to buy it.
4:00	**PICK UP AUCTION ITEMS**					

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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630/505-0900

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Doubletree Hotel is located just North of I 88. Exit I 88 at Naperville Rd. 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 7, 2020 and the code is CAR. If you need to know what public transportation is available to the hotel, call the RTA at 836-7000.

The Arc of Illinois Presents

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April 22-23, 2020
Doubletree Hotel
Lisle, IL

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.

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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	$ _____
_____	SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY NON-ARC MEMBER	$240.00	$ _____

DAILY REGISTRATION

_____	PROFESSIONALS ARC MEMBER PER DAY	$160.00	$ _____
_____	PROFESSIONALS NON-ARC MEMBER PER DAY	$190.00	$ _____
_____	SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY ARC MEMBER	$140.00	$ _____
_____	SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY NON-ARC MEMBER	$170.00	$ _____

INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU WILL ATTEND: ___WEDNESDAY ___THURSDAY

INTRODUCTORY YEARLY MEMBERSHIP- NEW MEMBERS ONLY (available only for the convention)
____ YES, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE ARC OF ILLINOIS FOR $20.00 $ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Please print or type all information. Mail completed form to: The Arc of Illinois, 9980 190th St., Suite C, Mokena, IL 60448. Make checks payable to The Arc of Illinois. You may fax this form to 815-464-5292 and send the fee with the hard copy of this form in the mail. On-site registration will be available at the convention. You may also register online at www.thearcofil.org/events. YOUR NAME AND CHAPTER/AGENCY WILL APPEAR ON YOUR NAME BADGE EXACTLY AS YOU INDICATE ON THIS FORM. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

FULL NAME: _____

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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:

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

_____ Fax form and send check to The Arc of Illinois
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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 cancelation less than 72 hours before the convention.

The Arc of Illinois 2020 Annual Convention
Children's Program

Due to changes in the Respite Program, The Arc of Illinois will only be providing Respite upon request. You must complete the form below and send in with your Convention Registration Form no later than March 23, 2020.

Parent's Name: _____

Participant's Name & Age: _____

Tell us about your child: _____

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Medication (if any): _____

Special Diet Needs (if any): _____

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Best way to communicate with your child: _____

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Special needs or comments: _____

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Does your child have seizures? YES _____ NO _____

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

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

Please sign the following waiver for The Arc of Illinois Respite Program:

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 22-23, 2020. 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.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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SILENT AUCTION AND EXHIBITS
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

PLINKO GAME
We will have a PLINKO Game with Fabulous Prizes! The proceeds from the game will go to The Arc of Illinois Assistive Technology Fund.

LUNCH
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Special Guests
Expression Dance Studio Unified Team
Wednesday Reception
5:30 PM