

PATH & MAPS: Person-Centered Ways to Build Community

April 28-30 from 9am-4pm at the Schaumburg Township Building. (1 Illinois Blvd, Rm 310).

Join us for this three-day hands on workshop to learn how to facilitate **PATH** (*Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope*) and **MAPS** (*Making Action Plans*). This dynamic training is for educators, case managers, self-advocates, family members, therapists, advocates, or anyone working with persons with disabilities (adults and children), in mental health, life coaching or with a person experiencing a life transition. The workshop is facilitated by the *Illinois Association of Microboards and Cooperatives* (*IAMC*), an organization that provides technical assistance, education, advocacy, and training to benefit individuals with disabilities to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives as valued members of their communities.

PATH and MAPS are useful tools to help streamline and set goals for IEPs and Personal Plans while keeping the **person** the **center** of any formal plan. This process focuses on a vision for a positive and possible future while maximizing a robust circle of support to lead a full and inclusive life in the community.

Who Should Attend?

- People who will be using person-centered planning approaches with people and organizations.
- People concerned about planning to give a person with disabilities a life and are willing to step out of the box in order to make that happen.
- Employment specialists interested in **real discovery** based on a person's hopes, dreams and goals for employment, and life.
- People willing to invest time and effort in building relationships with people who are relegated to isolation.
- Professionals, family members, allies working or living with individuals going through major life-changes, from transitioning out of institutional living, entering transition, exiting transition, or experiencing other life obstacles.
- Anyone interested in true person-centered planning!

"This training is life-changing." (past attendee)



ATTENDEE	Before April 1*	After April 1
Professionals, therapists, educators, case managers (includes 18 hours of CEUs or CPDUs	\$700	\$770
Others, non-profit service organizations	\$550	\$600
Family members, self-advocates, students not affiliated with a provider or organization	\$400	\$440

- Fees are refundable if canceled prior to April 6, minus a \$25 fee. Non refundable after April 6, but fee can be applied toward future training.
- Attendees not being reimbursed by their organizations are encouraged to apply for an Arc of Illinois consumer stipend. This training is not grant funded, therefore IAMC relies on fees to cover all expenses.
- Ask about a discount if registering a group of four or more.
- Schaumburg Township residents, providers, businesses and educators pay the discounted rate. Thanks to the Township for providing the facilities for this training.

FEES INCLUDE:

- Three full days of training
- Workbooks and reference books & additional materials
- All supplies on-site
- Lunch for three days
- 90-minute follow-up via Zoom 90 days after training
- Attendee added to IAMC's roster of trained facilitators

THE DAYS WILL INCLUDE:

- Person-Centered Planning foundations (not your traditional approach!)
- An introduction to PATH
- An introduction to MAPS
- Demonstrations of PATH and MAPS, as well as team practice
- In-depth conversation, reflection and brainstorming
- Opportunities to participate as a graphic recorder, a process facilitator, a listener, a creative resource and more. Note: You don't need to be an artist!

For registration information visit the IAMC website: www.iambc.org or email Kish Pisani at kish@iambc.org.

A Little History

IAMC uses these person-centered planning tools created by Jack Pearpoint, Lynda Kahn, and Marsha Forest before her untimely death in 2001. PATH, MAPS and CIRCLES originated in Canada and were developed to assist individuals, families and their support networks to plan positive and possible futures. Circles came first (with Judith Snow), to discover who was in her life, to work to build an exciting and robust future. MAPS had its origins in schools, to replace the medicalized files with stories that children and adults could use to discover the potential and direction for inclusion and friendship for all. PATH followed by reversing the planning process, beginning with a North Star Vision of possibility, and working backwards in steps into an action plan to implement a better life.

IAMC PATH coaches/mentors have been **personally trained** by Jack Pearpoint and Lynda Kahn in order to maintain the integrity and authenticity of this process. IAMC also regularly advises with David Wetherow of the Star Raft Project and the innovator of the Microboard model IAMC advocates as a true person-centered solution for leading a self directed life.





