

September  
12, 2019

## Illinois Health Care Coverage Options and Benefits Information for People with Disabilities

### AGENDA

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introductions:  
♦ Meg Cooch, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois  
♦ Faye Manaster, Project Director, Family to Family Health  
Information Center/Family Voices of Illinois

8:45 - 10:15 a.m. - *“Understanding SSI, SSDI, Medicare and Medicaid”*  
presented by Sherri Schneider, Family Benefit Solutions

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. - **Break**

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - *“Spotlight on Family Advocacy and Leadership: Panel Discussion”*  
presented by Kimberly Haynes, Tila Mims and Claudia Partida

11:15 a.m. - Noon - *“Update on Class Action Lawsuits and Children with Special Needs”*  
presented by Robert H. Farley, Jr., Attorney at Law

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - **Lunch** - **If you need a vegetarian meal or have any other special needs for lunch, please indicate on your registration form.**

#### **CHOOSE FROM 2 SESSIONS:**

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - *“Partner, Help, Connect – UIC’s Division of Specialized Care for Children”*  
presented by Tom Jerkovitz, Executive Director and Molly Hoffman, Associate Director of Care  
Coordination, DSCC - **FOREST BALLROOM**

1:00 - 2:00 pm - *“Family to Family - Brainstorming Ideas to Improve Healthcare Experiences  
for Individuals with I/DD”* - **EVERGREEN BALLROOM**  
presented by Lally Daley Hotchkiss and Katie Hench, Co-founders of Infiniteach

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. - **Break**

2:15 - 2:45 p.m. - *“Navigating Your Options for Health Coverage”*  
presented by Kristin Hartsaw, Director of Training and Technical Assistance,  
DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform

2:45 - 3:30 p.m. - *“Illinois Medicaid Update”*  
presented by John Spears

3:30 p.m. - **Adjourn**

## About the Presenters

**Robert H. Farley, Jr., Attorney at Law** of Naperville, Illinois, is one of the leading attorneys in the United States as he has successfully filed 7 Federal Class Action Lawsuits in the last decade to secure funding for services and protect the legal rights for persons with disabilities, including persons with mental health conditions. In January, 2018 a Class Action Settlement (Consent Decree) was entered in Federal Court in Chicago, Illinois, *N.B. v. Norwood*, which will provide Mental Health services to all Medicaid eligible children under the age of 21 in the State of Illinois. It is anticipated that as the Implementation Plan is both developed and carried out, approximately 100,000 children will be receiving community based services.

**Kristin Hartsaw, MPH, MCHES** is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance at the DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform. In this role, she conducts training on a variety of topics including *Navigating Public Benefits*, *the Influence of Culture*, *Mental Health First Aid*, and more. She has provided enrollment assistance to families applying for health coverage and served on the State of Illinois training team to deliver Health Insurance Navigator/Assister training.

**Kimberly Haynes, Illinois Family 2 Family Federation for Children's Mental Health**  
**Tila Mims, Family Voices, Inc.**

**Claudia Partida, Hope for Hemophilia**

### Family Advocates Panel

Three Illinois family leaders will share how their experiences as parent of children with special health care needs led them to become advocates for other families. They will discuss the importance of family involvement, supporting children and youth to develop self-advocacy skills, and effective ways to encourage underserved families to be family leaders.

**Katie Hench** is the co-founder of Infiniteach, a company that develops mobile apps for people with autism and other developmental disabilities. Katie is a former Special Education teacher and has provided autism trainings to parents and educators in countries around the world. Katie's younger brother, diagnosed with autism at the age of 6, inspires the work she does.

**Molly Hofmann** is the associate director of care coordination at DSCC working with the Core and Home Care Programs throughout the state of IL. Molly is a Pediatric Advanced Practice Nurse. She obtained her bachelors and masters in nursing from OSF Saint Francis College of Nursing in Peoria. Molly has been in her role at DSCC for over 2 years. Prior to coming to DSCC Molly was working at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria practicing at the Children's Hospital of Illinois in a child abuse clinic. As a nurse Molly worked in quality improvement, pediatrics, and the emergency department.

**Lally Daley Hotchkiss**, passion for autism includes both research and practice. Prior to helping found Infiniteach, Lally worked as a behavior therapist in an outpatient healthcare center with children with ASD from ages 2-17. She provided individual behavior therapy, social skills groups, and parent trainings for newly diagnosed families. Additionally, Lally worked a number of research teams while at DePaul. Her own research interests focused on the impact of culture in regards to diagnosing ASD.

**Tom Jerkovitz, M.P.A, C.P.A.** was appointed Executive Director of the University of Illinois-Chicago's Division of Specialized Care for Children (UIC-DSCC) on November 16, 2009. Mr. Jerkovitz gained extensive knowledge and administrative experience with large, complex children's health programs through his long career in Illinois State government. He served in the Governor's Office as Senior Policy Advisor for Health and Human Services. In addition, Mr. Jerkovitz worked in the Governor's Bureau of the Budget as the Division Chief for the Medical, Child Welfare and Health and Human Services Programs with responsibility for policy direction and fiscal management. He also served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan (ICHIP), a high risk health insurance pool which had an annual expense of \$150.0 million and provided coverage for more than 16,000 individuals. Immediately before joining UIC-DSCC, Mr. Jerkovitz was the Director of Finance for Health Alliance Medical Plans, Inc.

**Sherri Schneider**, President of Family Benefit Solutions, Inc., QDDP, and the mother of a child with special needs, has been tirelessly dedicated to helping individuals with special needs and their families. Her career began as a social worker in a CILA, where she helped those with developmental disabilities acquire the government benefits they so desperately needed, including SSI, Medicaid and food stamps. She helped launch one of the first CLF facilities funded under a Medicaid waiver. Sherri now meets with families to thoroughly assess their situations and pursue appropriate benefit assistance programs by personally guiding them through the application process. Families and professionals find her in-service expertise to be invaluable as they attempt to navigate the government benefit arena.

**John Spears** spent 32 years training the caseworkers of the State of Illinois in medical, SNAP and TANF programs. Starting as a caseworker, John was promoted to trainer, training supervisor, outreach coordinator and finally retired from HFS (the IL Dept of Healthcare and Family Services) as Bureau Chief of Eligibility Integrity.

## Cost & Registration

September 12, 2019 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Registration 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration Fees for Participants are:

### Arc Members:

Professional.....\$140.00  
Consumer/Family Member.....\$ 95.00

### Non Arc Members:

Professional.....\$180.00  
Consumer/Family Member.....\$130.00

The registration fee covers the cost of materials, refreshments and lunch. Groups of more than 7 from one agency are entitled to a 10% discount. Please complete the attached registration form, fax it to 815-464-5292, then mail the hard copy along with your check to:

**The Arc of Illinois**  
20901 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 209  
Frankfort, IL 60423  
815-464-1832

Notice of any special accommodations is required two weeks prior to the event. Contact The Arc of Illinois at 815-464-1832.

**CEUs** will be offered for this training. Licensed Social Workers, Licensed Nursing Home Administrators and QIDP's signing in and out on the day of the event are entitled to five (5) credits.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FAMILY STIPENDS

We have two options for **family/self-advocate stipends** for this event. (Stipends are not available for professionals receiving CEUs.)

1. F2F stipends are available for families and youth up to age 21 with any type of special needs, disability and/or chronic illness. **Call 866-931-1110 to apply for this option.**
2. The Arc of Illinois Consumer Stipends are available for parents of adult children over age 21 with developmental disabilities only. **Call 815-464-1832 to apply for this option.**

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS** Participants canceling their registration 72 hours in advance will be entitled to a credit or refund, less a \$50.00 administrative cost. No refund or credit will be given for cancellation less than 72 hours before the seminar.

### LOCATION

Doubletree Hotel  
5000 W. 127th St.  
Alsip, IL 60803  
708/371-7300  
ChicagoAlsip.Doubletree.com

## Registration Form

### "Illinois Health Care Coverage Options"

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One form per person, please print legibly. Your name will appear on your name tag as it appears on this form.

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### METHOD OF PAYMENT:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax form and mail check to The Arc of Illinois (815-464-5292)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed payable to The Arc of Illinois

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\_\_\_\_\_ Charge to my Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on credit card:

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