

**The Arc of Illinois and  
The Executive Forum Leadership Conference  
Virtual - February 10-11, 2021**



**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

**9:15 - 9:30 a.m. - Welcome and Agenda Review** Michael Glanz, Executive Forum Chair and CEO of The Arc of the Quad Cities and Meg Cooch, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois  
Meg will review the objectives of the conference and give updates on State and National Affairs.

**9:30 - 10:30 a.m. - "Nonprofits and the Pursuit of Quality during Covid-19 and Beyond"**

**Presented by Mary Kay Rizzolo, CEO of the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL)**  
Mary Kay Rizzolo will highlight recent research, trends and opportunities to pursue and evaluate quality services and supports during this challenging time, while preparing for a post-COVID future.

**10:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Break**

**10:45 - 11:45 a.m. - "Change, Challenge and Opportunity"**

**Presented by Al Condeluci, Ph.D.**

Al Condeluci will share with us new ways to consider the elements of change, why resistance occurs and how we can get in front of the change process.

**11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Break**

**12:00 - 12:45 p.m. - "DHS Strategic Direction"**

**Presented by Secretary Grace Hou**

Department of Human Services Secretary Hou will discuss the hard work of the Illinois Department of Human Services during the time of pandemic and her vision for working with community organizations and funding for critical services.

**12:45 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch Break**

**1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - "2021 Outlook for Division of Developmental Disabilities"**

**Presented by Allison Stark, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities**

DHS Director Stark will talk about the key priorities of the Division as well as hot topics regarding the rates oversight committee, State Employment Leadership Network and more.

**2:30 - 2:45 p.m. - Break**

**2:45 - 3:30 p.m. - "Wellbeing - What Makes Worthwhile and How We Can Support Each Other"**

**Presented by Peter Leidy**

This interactive, thought-provoking, and fun workshop is an opportunity to learn, think, and work together around ways to enhance the wellbeing of ourselves and people we care about. We will look at how 5 elements of wellbeing (career, social, physical, financial, and community) interact with each other and contribute to our overall wellbeing.

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

**9:15 - 9:30 a.m. - Good Morning! Michael Glanz, Executive Forum Chair and CEO of The Arc of the Quad Cities**

**Lessons Learned and Objectives of the Day**

**9:30 - 10:30 a.m. - "2021 Federal Legislative and Administrative Update"**

**Presented by Nicole Jorwic**

Nicole Jorwic, Senior Director of Public Policy for the Arc of the United States will share the latest from DC including key legislation, expectations with a new administration and Congress, and implementation of rules and regulations.

**10:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Break**

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## Thursday, February 11, 2021 Continued

### 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. - **“A Conversation on Engaging the Whole Person in Planning a Life Like Any Other”** With Art Dykstra and Thane Dykstra, CEO of Trinity Services

Art Dykstra and Thane Dykstra, CEO of Trinity Services will join us to discuss their latest book and offer insights for how to ensure that person centered planning allows people to lead in their own lives.

### 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Break

### 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. - **“Healthcare and Family Services”**

#### Presented by Theresa Eagleson, Director, Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Director Eagleson will share her vision for HFS and HFS priorities around Medicaid including waiver services.

### 12:45 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch Break

### 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - **“A Meaningful Day Despite Pandemic”**

#### Presented by NASDDDS

Key leaders from the National Association of State Directors of Divisions of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS) will speak to the trends and innovations occurring in supported employment and community day services even during this challenging time.

### 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. - Break

### 2:45 - 3:15 p.m. - **“View from Springfield”**

Join a panel of elected leaders in the Illinois House and Senate as well as The Arc’s lobbyist, Phil Milsk, to discuss the spring legislative session and possible opportunities and challenges with advocating for increases to community living.

### 3:15 p.m. - Wrap Up and Next Steps

## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

#### AL CONDELUCI

Al Condeluci is a lifelong resident of Pittsburgh PA, USA. He received his masters and doctorate degrees at the University of Pittsburgh and for the past 45 years has been associated with CLASS, a full service nonprofit organization supporting people with disabilities. Holding faculty appointments with the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and School of Social Work, Dr. Condeluci teaches, advises, and mentors students. His books, *Interdependence* (1991, 1995), *Beyond Difference* (1996), *Cultural Shifting* (2002), *Essence of Interdependence* (2008), *Together is Better* (2010), *Social Capital* (2014) and the *Macro Change Handbook* (2015) focus on culture, community, social capital and macro change and have been used around the world. In his entire career, Dr. Condeluci has managed programs and projects. He has been personally involved in every grant and project over his years and currently manages an annual budget of \$14 million dollars. His supervisory and leadership skills are acknowledged in the greater community having won awards and medals related to his participation in providing supports and services to individuals with disabilities.

#### ART & THANE DYKSTRA

Thane Dykstra is the President and CEO of Trinity Services. Thane holds a bachelor’s degree from Valparaiso University and a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno. In addition, he completed a pre-doctoral internship at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. While at Brown, he served as an assistant project coordinator at the university’s Center for Alcohol and Addictions Studies. Within Illinois state agencies, Thane has served on steering committees and work groups for the Department of Human Services (DHS)—both the Division of Mental Health and the Division of Developmental Disabilities—and the Department of Children and Family Services. He was appointed by the Governor to the state’s Quality Care Board, an advisory committee for the DHS Office of the Inspector General.

#### THERESA EAGLESON

Theresa Eagleson has served as Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services since January 2019. Immediately prior to her appointment by Governor Pritzker, she was the Executive Director of the Office of Medicaid Innovation at the University of Illinois for four years. Director Eagleson had previously been the longest serving Medicaid Director in the state’s history, from 2007-2014. She has served in policy and administrative positions in state government since 1990, with a concentration in human services and healthcare. Her career included Governor’s budget and policy teams under two previous administrations and fifteen years at the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

#### SECRETARY GRACE HOU

Grace Hou has been appointed as Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS). Hou most recently was the president of Woods Fund Chicago, a grant-making foundation that funds organizations that draw on the power of communities to fight the brutality of poverty and structural racism. From 2003 to 2012, she served as the Assistant Secretary at the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) where she was responsible for the oversight of the agency’s six program areas. During that time, she was a key leader in the creation and implementation of the state’s nationally acclaimed Immigrant Integration New American’s Executive Order. Hou previously served as executive director of Chinese Mutual Aid Association (CMAA) and has been a vocal advocate for immigrant rights.

#### NICOLE JORWIC

Nicole has demonstrated a commitment to working toward systems change that will create equal access, improved supports, and full lives for all individuals with disabilities, which is in alignment with the mission of The Arc. Nicole has served in various roles to this end, including her appointment as a Senior Director of Public Policy. Nicole served as the CEO/President of the Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities where she continued the Institute’s mission to improve the lives of people with disabilities and assisted the leadership of the state of Illinois in developing public policy driven best practices. Nicole is also an accomplished special education attorney and an advocate for students with disabilities.

#### PETER LEIDY

Peter Leidy has been learning from people with disabilities since 1983. For almost 20 years he worked for [Options in Community Living](#), a supported living agency in Madison, Wisconsin. His roles included direct support, service coordination, recruiting and supporting direct service staff, community building, and administrative responsibilities. Peter consults with individuals, families, organizations, counties, and states in areas such as: supported living, self-determination, organizational development, positive behavior support, building community relationships, and supporting and valuing direct support staff. Peter facilitates workshops, conducts staff training, and often speaks at conferences. Peter also writes and sings humorous and thought-provoking songs about human service and those who find themselves connected to it. He sings these songs wherever he can get away with it!

#### DIRECTOR ALLISON STARK

Allison Stark has committed her entire career to serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Allison most recently served as the President and CEO of Orchard Village, a nonprofit in the North Chicagoland area providing an array of community based services to individuals with I/DD. Prior to her 12 years with Orchard Village, Allison was a Program Manager at Resources for Living in Evanston, and a Home & Community Based Services Waiver Case Manager for Adult Care Management in Lafayette, Colorado. Allison holds a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and a Master’s degree from the University of Chicago.

# Cost and Registration

## REGISTRATION FEES

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This Conference will be held VIRTUALLY using Zoom Webinar.

### Registration Fees for Participants are:

#### Both Days:

Professional Member.....	\$ 100.00
Professional Non Member .....	\$ 150.00
Consumer/Family .....	\$ 70.00

#### Single Day Registration:

Professional Member.....	\$ 75.00
Professional Non Member .....	\$ 100.00
Consumer/Family .....	\$ 50.00

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**  
9980 190th Street, Suite C  
Mokena, IL 60448  
815-464-1832

You can also register at  
<https://www.thearcofil.org>

If you are a person with a disability or family member and have a financial restriction preventing you from attending, contact the Consumer Involvement Program at The Arc of Illinois (815-464-1832) for a consumer stipend application.

Groups of more than 3 from one agency may take a 10% discount. Registrations can also be faxed to 815 -464-5292 or register online at [www.thearcofil.org](http://www.thearcofil.org)/ events

## CANCELATIONS AND 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 conference.

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

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# Registration Form

**EXECUTIVE FORUM LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
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**February 10-11, 2021**

One form per person, please print legibly.

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	FAMILY	MEMBER	NON MEMBER
Both Days	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100

AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

### METHOD OF PAYMENT:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax form and send check to: The Arc of Illinois  
9980 190th St., Suite C  
Mokena, IL 60448

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**FEBRUARY 10-11, 2021**

## **CEU'S**

Nursing Home Administrators,  
Social Workers and QIDPs presenting  
their license on the day of the event  
are entitled to CEU's as follows:  
Wednesday – five (5)  
Thursday – four (4.5)

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