

The Arc of Illinois and The Executive Forum Leadership Conference

June 8 - 9, 2023
In Person at the DoubleTree Hotel in Lisle, IL

Thursday, June 8, 2023

10:30 - 11:00 am Registration, Check In

11:00 am Welcome with Dan Strick, President and CEO of New Star, Vice-Chair, Executive Forum

11:05 am- 12:00 pm DDD Update - Sarah Myerscough-Mueller, Interim Director of Developmental Disabilities

12:00 - 1:15 pm Networking Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 pm "How Natural Language Processing Can Be Applied in Human Services" presented by Edgar Mihelic, MA, MA, MBA, Director, Data Analytics, CSS; Mandy Carlino, Associate Director of Client Projects, MediSked

Artificial intelligence (AI) is no longer just a plot device in the movies. Natural language processing (NLP) is the use of software to process, analyze, and understand written data – much like the plans and notes we collect on the people we support. This form of AI is the future of what can be harnessed in home and community-based services to extract and quantify written words and study subjective information. This will be the trend of the future, but by the end of our session today, attendees can expect to:

- Understand the basics of sentiment analysis and natural language processing and how it can be applied to the human services field
- Explore real use cases from a provider agency
- Understand how to improve lives and outcomes through futuristic technologies
- Learn about opportunities to use NLP to address health equity measures

2:30 - 3:00 pm Federal Legislative Update - David Goldfarb, JD, Director of Long-Term Supports and Services Policy at The Arc US - Presenting virtually

3:00 - 3:30 pm Break

3:30 - 5:00 pm IL DHS/DDD and ICDD Housing Navigator Year One Pilot Update Presentation and Panel

Panel: Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, ICDD, Meg Cooch, DHS/DDD

This session will provide an update on the successes and challenges of the first Housing Navigator Pilot. In addition, the audience will be introduced to the policy issues uncovered along the way and hear ways that we can work together to address them. The panel portion of the session will include perspectives from the individual, the provider, the housing navigator, the housing developer, and the State agencies supporting.

5:00 - 5:45 pm Hospitality

6:00 pm - Dinner - Maggiano's, Naperville, IL

Friday, June 9, 2023

8:00 - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00 - 9:15 am Welcome, Amie Lulinski, PhD, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois

9:15 - 10:15 am DEI presented by Courtney Littlejohn, VP of Equity and Inclusion, AID

10:15 - 10:45 am State Legislative Update - Phil Milsk, JD

10:45 - 11:15 am Break

11:15 am - 12:15 pm "Housing: Innovative Solutions for People with Developmental Disabilities"

Presented by Ron Clewer, Gorman & Company, Carole Rosen, MAID, CAPS, The Arc of Illinois, and Kim Zoeller, Ray Graham Association

Creating innovative, accessible, affordable, and integrated housing for people with developmental disabilities is one of the cornerstones for them to be living a person-centered and fulfilling life in the community. Join the panel to discuss unique options amongst the changing landscape of housing for people with developmental disabilities in Illinois.

12:15 - 12:45 pm "When the Cabin Loses its Pressure" presented by Kathryn Lavin, MSW, President and Executive Director of Gateway to Learning

Listen to Kathryn discuss how her life as a mother of an adult daughter with IDD inspires her work as a CEO. Discover what strategies she uses to lead with compassion and support her family, all while "putting her oxygen mask on first".

12:45 - 2:15 pm Lunch and Departure

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Mandy Carlino

Mandy Carlino, Associate Director, Client Projects, has been working at MediSked for over 8 years. She holds degrees from Pennsylvania State University and the Rochester Institute of Technology and is PMP certified by the Project Management Institute. She lives in Fairport, NY with her partner and their two enormous dogs.

Ron Clewer

Ron Clewer brings more than 20 years of community and real estate development experience to Gorman & Company. Prior to serving as the Illinois Market President, Clewer led the Rockford Housing Authority in Illinois, and brings a unique approach to public/private partnerships and affordable and public housing solutions. Ron has been instrumental in developing creative community-building initiatives in Illinois. He has received awards for his leadership approach, pioneering community and neighborhood visions, affordable housing operations and planning and legislative advocacy.

Meg Cooch

Meg Cooch recently joined the IDHS Division of Developmental Disabilities as the Deputy Director of the Ligas Consent Decree in April 2021. Meg is leading the work to meet requirements of the Ligas Consent Decree. She served for four years as Executive Director of the Arc of Illinois and prior to this, Meg spent 20 years in local, state and national nonprofits focused on policy, advocacy and community organizing with people with disabilities of all ages, families and community organizations. Meg worked on federal health and disability policy in Washington, DC and long-term services advocacy in San Francisco, CA. Meg has a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She lives in Chicago with her husband and two children.

David Goldfarb, JD

David Goldfarb is The Arc of the United States' Director of Long-Term Supports and Services Policy. Prior to joining the Arc, he spent nearly 8 years at the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), where he oversaw NAELA's advocacy initiatives. He currently co-chairs the Disability and Aging Collaborative and the Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD) Financial Security & Poverty Task Force. He began his public policy career as the Economic Policy Fellow for Senator Bill Nelson of Florida.

Kathryn Lavin, MSW

Kathryn has worked in the disability field for over 30 years - as a researcher at the Institute on Disability and Human Development and as service provider to adults and children with IDD both in Illinois and on the east coast; and for the last 27 years has been the mother to an adult daughter with IDD. Kathryn has undergraduate degrees in Middle School Education and Human Development from Boston College and earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from the Jane Addams School of Social Work/UIC, while pregnant with her first child, Emily, who was born with Down syndrome. Since that time, Kathy has worked at Neumann Family Services as both the Director of Community Relations and the Director of Creative Strategies; founded KiteTail Strategies® (life coaching and person centered planning for individuals with IDD and their families), served as the Executive Director of the National Lekotek/AblePlay Center and currently is the President and Executive Director of Gateway to Learning. Kathryn and

J. Edgar Mihelic, MA, MA, MBA

J. Edgar Mihelic, Director of Data Analytics, has been working in the I/DD field with Community Support Services for over a decade in various roles. He has advanced degrees in English, Business, and Economics. The most interesting thing about him is the time he lost of the television game show Jeopardy! He lives in Brookfield IL with his wife, dog, and two cats.

Phil Milsk, JD

Phil Milsk J.D is an attorney from New Lenox. He has worked tirelessly over the years on behalf of people living in poverty as well as people with disabilities. Since 1990 he has been a champion in Springfield working with legislators to ensure that legislation for disenfranchised people is passed to help them better their lives. The many groups he has worked for includes: The Arc of Illinois, Illinois Association of Social Workers, School Social Workers, Gifted Education, the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, the Illinois Assistive Technology Program, the March of Dimes, Community School's (to mention just a few). He has served on numerous committees and councils over the years including the Attorney General's committee on special education and Employment First.

Sarah Myerscough-Mueller

Sarah Myerscough-Mueller is the Interim Director of the DHS -Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) since June 17th of this year. Prior to this appointment she had been Chief of Staff for DDD since May, 2021. Before working for DDD, Director Myerscough-Mueller was a Senior Policy Advisor in the DHS office of the Secretary where she served as a policy liaison with the Governor's Office as well as working on a number of projects including working closely with DDD, Parties and the Court Monitor on the Ligas Consent Decree. She has also worked for an IDD Association, the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF), and held various roles in Illinois State Government.

Carole Rosen, MAID, CAPS

Carole has a diverse background in advocacy and is currently the Advocacy Program Specialist at The Arc of Illinois. Carole served as a member to The Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. While serving on the Council, she served on its Executive Committee and chaired the Community Housing and Inclusion Committee. Additionally, she serves on the board of Collaborative Community Housing Initiative, a grassroots collective comprised of families who have young adults with Intellectual IDD. Her driving belief is that Community is strengthened by diversity and inclusion. In addition to her Masters of Interior Design degree, she is a Certified Aging in Place Specialist with additional coursework in Universal Design. Additionally, Carole became certified as a Financial Wellness Trainer for people with disabilities through the National Disability Institute. She is an award-winning photographer with work having been shown in numerous regional and national photography exhibitions. Carole and her husband, William, have a daughter who has developmental disabilities and a nondisabled son.

Kim Zoeller

Kim Zoeller is the President and CEO of Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities. Ray Graham Association (RGA) supports more than 2,000 children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities through DuPage County and the surrounding communities. With more than twenty-five years of experience, Kim has worked to create positive change with a focus on innovation and transformation. Kim is the managing Board member for Life's Plan, a pooled trust option for people with disabilities. Presently, Kim is a past Chair of the Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities and continues to serve on the executive committee. Kim is a founding member and leader of They Deserve More which unified advocacy efforts in IL around the DSP crisis and need for increased rates. She serves as Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, she is a past chair of The Arc of Illinois Executive Forum, and Vice Chair of The Arc of Illinois Board of Directors. For years, she chaired the Statewide DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities Quality Committee. Kim also worked for CQL for more than fifteen years as a Quality Enhancement Specialist. Kim holds a BS in Psychology and a Master's degree in Public Administration.

Cost and Registration

REGISTRATION FEES

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This Conference will be held **IN PERSON**, only

Registration Fees for Participants are:

Both Days:

Professional Member.....\$ 250.00
Professional Non Member\$ 310.00
Consumer/Family\$ 190.00

Single Day Registration:

Professional Member.....\$ 190.00
Professional Non Member\$ 240.00
Consumer/Family\$ 130.00

Dinner at Maggiano's:

Additional (not included in registration).....\$ 50.00
Enjoy family style dinner with group in private dining room. There is limited seating, so be sure to register!

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/events>

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/events

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.

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

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.

LOCATION

Doubletree Hotel
3003 Corporate West Drive
Lisle, IL 60532
630/505-0900

The Doubletree Hotel is conveniently located just North of I-88. Exit I-88 at Naperville Rd. The Arc of Illinois has reserved a block of rooms at the conference rate of \$119/night. Room reservations can be made directly by calling 630/505-0900. Reservations are under the Code "CAI." The cut-off date for the block of rooms is **May 17, 2023.**

Make your reservation now!

Registration Form

EXECUTIVE FORUM LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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One form per person, please print legibly.

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

You can also register at www.thearcofil.org

	FAMILY	MEMBER	NON MEMBER
Both Days	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$310
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240
Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50		

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

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

_____ Check enclosed payable to **The Arc of Illinois**

_____ P.O. or State Voucher #

_____ Charge to my Credit Card

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

CVV Code: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Card Holder's signature: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____