

Virtual Conference | September 14, 2023

AGENDA

9:00 - 9:05 am: Welcome, Mary Dixon, F2FHIC Director

9:05 - 10:00 am: Medicaid Programs & Redeterminations, Jay Bohn, DHS-DDD Medicaid Analyst

10:00 - 10:30 am: IL Health Insurance for Immigrant Children and Families
Andrea Kovach, Senior Attorney, Healthcare Justice, Shriver Center on Poverty Law

10:30 - 10:45 am: BREAK

10:45 am - 12:00 pm: Social Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), Josephine Mueller, Jack Myers, and Megan Forristall, Public Affairs Specialists, Social Security Administration

12:00 - 12:30 pm: LUNCH

12:30 - 1:30 pm: Medicaid Managed Care Coordination, Help with home-modifications, durable medical equipment, diapers, and more
Aetna Better Health Team, an Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO):

- Mary Cooley, MS, BSN, RN, Health Services Officer, ABH-IL
- Bret Deyo, ABD, MA, LPC, CADC. Senior Clinical Strategist, Region 1
- Hector Barendt-Hernandez, MA, LCPC, CADC, Director of Care Management, ABH-IL

1:30 - 1:45 pm: Break

1:45 - 2:30 pm: Medicaid Waivers for Children-Parent Stories
Erica Stearns, parent of two children enrolled in the Medically Fragile Technology Dependent Home and Community Based Waiver
Ruth Aguilar, parent of a daughter enrolled in the Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities Support Waiver
Faith Rosenshein Young, parent of a son enrolled in the DHS-DRS Persons with Disabilities Waiver

2:30 - 3:30 pm: Health Insurance Savings through the IL Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace
Stephani Becker, Associate Director of Healthcare Justice, Shriver Center on Poverty Law

Nota especial:

El Seguro Médico de IL para Niños y Familias Inmigrantes se ofrecerá en español el martes 19 de septiembre a las 6 pm con Daniela Vélez-Clucas, abogada de planta para Justicia Médica/Inmigración, Centro Shriver sobre Ley de Pobreza. Inscríbese con su registro de la Conferencia o en www.thearcofil.org/events

Special Note:

IL Health Insurance for Immigrant Children and Families will be offered in Spanish on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:00 pm with Daniela Vélez-Clucas, Staff Attorney, Healthcare Justice/Immigration, Shriver Center on Poverty Law. Use this form or register at www.thearcofil.org/events.

About the Presenters

Ruth Aguilar has over fifteen years of combined experience advocating for people with disabilities. She holds a B.S Psychology from the Illinois Institute of Technology and Professional Graduate Studies in Non-Profit from Harvard University. Ruth's professional experience stems from working previously in an ISC Agency and then as a Self-Directed Assistant serving the community with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Moreover, with her personal expertise as a mother of a teen girl with Rett Syndrome and Seizure Disorder, Ruth brings a wealth of knowledge to the families by assisting them in how to obtain services and understanding their options by being assertive, yet professional. Ruth is inspired by her husband and her daughter to be a servant leader who helps those around her without hesitation.

Stephani Becker conducts policy research, data analysis, trainings and advocacy on a range of health care issues, including the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and access to public benefits. Stephani provides training and technical assistance on ACA implementation and Medicaid to navigators, certified enrollment specialists and community agencies in Illinois. Stephani also manages HelpHub, an online crowd-sourcing community of over 2,000 enrollment specialists in Illinois. Stephani is a founding member of the Protect Our Care Illinois coalition which was formed in January 2017 to protect against repealing the ACA and disastrous cuts to Medicaid. Prior to joining the Shriver Center, Stephani was Project Director of the Illinois Health Matters digital hub at Health & Disability Advocates. Stephani has an MPP from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a BA in English from Duke University.

Jay Bohn began working for the State of Illinois Department of Public Aid KidCare Program (now AllKids) in 1999, then transferred to DHS-DDD in 2011. He is currently an analyst in the Medicaid Waiver Unit. Before his employment with the State, Jay worked for ten years in the private sector for Mental Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disability community residential agencies in Illinois and Oregon.

Andrea Kovach advocates for quality, affordable health care to be accessible to all Illinoisans. Andrea's work focuses on the successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act and on improving and defending the Medicaid program. Andrea employs the full advocacy toolbox at the direction of community. She is an Executive Committee and Steering Committee member of the Healthy Illinois Campaign (which works to ensure a pathway to affordable, comprehensive health coverage for all immigrants) and a co-chair of its Income Equity Working Group. Andrea convenes the Illinois Immigrant Access to Public Benefits Work Group and is an Executive Committee member of the Protecting Immigrant Families-Illinois (PIF-IL) coalition, created to educate and resist the former administration's harmful federal rulemaking. Andrea is also a proud participant in the Immigrant Health Academy and the Illinois Alliance for Welcoming Health Care Providers.

Josephine Mueller, Jack Myers and Megan Forristall are Public Affairs Specialists for the Social Security Administration. Together they have over 40 years experience with Social Security. They work together to cover the outreach needs for Social Security offices throughout the state of Illinois.

Faith Rosenshein Young is the Family Engagement Coordinator for Project Reach: Illinois DeafBlind Services. In this role she provides technical assistance to families of children aged 0 to 22 who have a combined vision/hearing loss and helps connect families with each other. Additionally, Faith facilitates collaboration between Project Reach and the Illinois Advocates for the DeafBlind (IADB) parent organization. Faith served nine years as the Governor's representative to the Illinois Advisory Board for Services for Persons Who are Deaf-Blind (IABDB). For the past 25 years, Faith has managed all aspects of care, including medical, insurance, educational, and vocational issues, for her son who is DeafBlind plus. Her son receives services through the DHS-DRS Persons with Disabilities waiver.

Erica Stearns worked at The Arc of Illinois as an Illinois Life Span information Specialist for two years and is currently an employee of the Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC). She is also the mother of two children receiving services through the DSCC's Medically Fragile Technology Dependent Home and Community Based Waiver. Prior to her employment at DSCC in the summer of 2023, she served as Chairperson of the DSCC Family Advisory Council as one of 22 family members across the state participating along with two DSCC staff members to bring together families and DSCC staff and leadership to promote the delivery of participant and family centered services.

Daniela Vélez-Clucas is a Healthcare Justice/Immigration staff attorney committed to social, economic, and racial justice. At Shriver Center, Daniela focuses on issues related to immigrant eligibility for health coverage, public charge, enrollment in Medicaid/Medicaid-like programs, like HBIA/HBIS, PHE unwinding and redeterminations, and other issues at the intersection of immigration law and health care coverage. Prior to Shriver, Daniela worked as a supervising attorney at the National Immigrant Justice Center representing unaccompanied immigrant children and their families in an array of immigration matters. Daniela brings her lived experience as an immigrant herself and an immigration lawyer to further Shriver's mission.

Cost & Registration

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9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration Fees for Participants are:

The Arc of Illinois Members:

Professional.....\$ 80.00
Self-Advocate/Family Member.....\$ 40.00

Non Members of The Arc of Illinois:

Professional.....\$ 140.00
Self-Advocate/Family Member.....\$ 75.00

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
9980 190th St, Suite C
Mokena, IL 60448

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

Accommodations Needed:

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.

CONSUMER AND FAMILY STIPENDS

We have two options for **family/self-advocate stipends** for this event. (Stipends are not available for professionals receiving CEUs.) **Call 815.464.1832 or email karin@thearcofil.org to apply.**

1. Family to Family (F2FHIC) Conference Stipends are available for families and youth up to age 22 with any type of disability and/or chronic illness.
2. The Arc of Illinois Consumer Stipends are available for parents of adult children over age 22 with developmental disabilities only.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS Participants canceling their registration 72 hours in advance will be entitled to a credit or refund, less a \$25.00 administrative cost. No refund or credit will be given for cancellation less than 72 hours before the seminar.

Registration Form

"Illinois Health Care Coverage Options"
September 14, 2023

One form per person, please print legibly.

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

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Also Register me for the Spanish presentation on Tuesday 9/19

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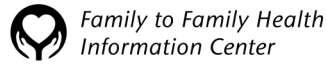
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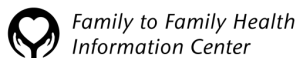
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