



SOLIDARITY Everybody In.

CONFERENCE GUIDE

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON INDEPENDENT LIVING *2016*

JULY 25 - 28 • GRAND HYATT • WASHINGTON, D.C.



- A Message from the Executive Director

It is with great pride and certainty in the power of the Independent Living community that we present the 2016 Annual Conference on Independent Living: *Solidarity – Everybody In*. We echo the words of Justin Dart:

"I call for solidarity among all who love justice, all who love life, to create a revolution that will empower every single human being to govern his or her life, to govern the society and to be fully productive of life quality for self and for all."

Solidarity is essential to building and advancing the Independent Living Movement, and necessary for overcoming the challenges our community faces today. We must unite to defeat the discrimination in policies and attitudes that led to the institutional bias, employment discrimination, and a lack of accessible housing and transportation – just to name a few of the barriers facing our community today.

We must embrace solidarity with all of our brothers and sisters with disabilities and prioritize the participation of people of color, youth, and other multiply-marginalized people with disabilities who remain severely under-represented in our Movement.

We must also continue our commitment to consumer control as we monitor and advocate for the successful implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in the spirit of the law as crafted by our advocates and allies.

I hope you will join us this July as we do the work that will bring our Movement to its full potential: a united people who will create a world in which people with disabilities are valued equally and participate fully.



Kelly Buckland

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Registration

Register online at
www.ncil.org

Questions

Contact us at
conference@ncil.org

Important Notes

Participants must register for the Conference before being eligible for a discounted rate at the hotels.

Accessible rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservations

Grand Hyatt: 800.233.1234

Identify yourself as a NCIL Conference attendee to receive the discounted rate.

Deadline: July 5, 2016

NCIL Board Meetings

The outgoing NCIL Board of Directors will meet 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 24. The newly elected NCIL Board will meet 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29.

NCIL Board meetings are open to the public. If you plan to attend this event and require an accommodation, please contact tim@ncil.org.

• Agenda

July
24

Sunday, July 24:

- NCIL Board Meeting: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Registration Open: 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Pre-Conference: 2:00 - 5:15 p.m.
- Orientation Session: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

July
25

Monday, July 25:

- Registration Open: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Opening Plenary: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- Legislative & Advocacy Update: 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.
- Preparing for the Day on the Hill: 11:30 - 11:45 a.m.
- Concurrent Workshops I: 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.
- Regional Caucuses: 2:45 - 5:15 p.m.
- Diversity Mixer: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

July
26

Tuesday, July 26:

- Organize for the March: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
- March to & Rally at the Capitol: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Hill Visits: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

July
27

Wednesday, July 27:

- Registration & Exhibits Open: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Concurrent Workshops II: 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
- Exhibit Fair: 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Awards Luncheon: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- Annual Meeting: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- ADA Celebration: 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

July
28

Thursday, July 28:

- Registration & Exhibits Open: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Concurrent Workshops III: 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
- Concurrent Workshops IV: 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
- Concurrent Workshops V: 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.
- Legislative Debriefing: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Closing Plenary: 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

- Events

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Pre-Conference - #VoteDisability 2016 GOTV Campaign: Sunday, July 24; 2:00 - 5:15 p.m.

- Participants will gain knowledge of standard Get Out The Vote (GOTV) techniques, 2016 motivational GOTV messaging, a GOTV plan, and orientation into a national disability GOTV collaborative campaign. They will also leave with an easy to follow GOTV handbook, follow up technical assistance references, and GOTV campaign materials. Registration for the Pre-Conference is included with full Conference registration.

NCIL Orientation Session: Sunday, July 24; 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

- NCIL offers this general session for new NCIL members and first-time Conference attendees. Join us to gain greater insight into NCIL's history, our Annual Conference, and formal procedures such as voting at the Annual Council Meeting. The NCIL Board will discuss preparations for the March and Rally and more!

Opening Plenary: Monday, July 25; 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

- A representative of the President's Administration will speak on a topic of importance to the NCIL membership and offer a national plan of action to demand and win full implementation of our civil and human rights. Complete details will be available in the Conference Program. Don't miss this exciting 2016 Annual Conference opener!

Legislative & Advocacy Update: Monday, July 25; 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

- Get up-to-date information on the progress of NCIL's advocacy efforts from the Chairs of NCIL's Legislative & Advocacy Committees. The Chairs will review and answer questions about NCIL's advocacy talking points so participants are fully prepared for their Congressional visits on Tuesday.

Preparing for the Day on the Hill: Monday, July 25; 11:30 - 11:45 a.m.

- Learn the ABCs of NCIL's March & Rally, including where to meet, what to bring, important information about our route, what to do in case of an emergency, and how to get home after your Capitol Hill Visits.

Regional Caucuses: Monday, July 25

Regions VI through X: 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.; Regions I through V: 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

- This is your opportunity to strategize for your Capitol Hill Visits. Each state decides who will attend which meeting to ensure that every legislator is visited. Please note the separate times listed for Regions I - V and VI - X. A list of Regions by state is available at www.ncil.org/regions.

Diversity Mixer: Monday, July 25; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- The Diversity Committee will present awards to NCIL members who have committed themselves to centering people of color, LGBTQIA, young people, and other communities underrepresented in IL. Light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available, accompanied by a cash-bar.

March & Rally at the U.S. Capitol: Tuesday, July 26; 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- This annual tradition is your opportunity to take grassroots advocacy to the streets! Participants will march from the Grand Hyatt to Capitol Hill carrying signs and chanting in support of disability rights! Then, marchers will converge in front of the Capitol for an empowering rally. Complementary Do-It-Yourself Sign Kits will be provided to Conference registrants who wish to participate.

Capitol Hill Visits: Tuesday, July 26; 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

- The key to a successful Hill Visit is planning! It is very important that meetings with legislators are scheduled 4-6 weeks in advance. Contact the legislator's Appointment Secretary / Scheduler to schedule a meeting for the afternoon of July 26 (after 1:00p.m.). Explain your purpose and who you represent. It will be easier for Congressional staff to arrange a meeting if they know what you wish to discuss. Direct requests for interpreters and other accommodations to Congressional staff.

Exhibit Fair: Wednesday, July 27; 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Spend some time browsing the products and services offered by our exhibitors, many of which are your fellow NCIL members. The NCIL Conference would not be possible without the generous support of our exhibitors and sponsors.

Awards Luncheon: Wednesday, July 27; 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

- Join us to celebrate and honor this year's national award winners! Awards will be presented over lunch. Admission to this event is included in full Conference registration.

Annual Council Meeting: Wednesday, July 27; 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

- Attend the 2016 NCIL Annual Council Meeting to vote for Board members and resolutions that will guide NCIL in the coming years. This year, elections will be held for: Vice-President, Secretary, Diversity Chair and three Members-At-Large. Elections for Representatives of Regions II, IV, VI, VIII, and X and the new Youth at-Large position will be held prior to the Conference and the winners will be announced at the meeting. CILs and SILCs must pay their 2016 dues in full by June 29 (30 days prior) to be eligible to vote in person or by proxy.

ADA Celebration: Wednesday, July 27; 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

- Join us as we celebrate the 26th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act! Come ready to join your fellow advocates in merriment and don't forget your dancing shoes! Light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available free of charge, accompanied by a cash-bar.

Legislative Debriefing: Thursday, July 28; 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

- This session will summarize the advocacy accomplished during the week and serve as a springboard for development of a plan of action that can be implemented at the national, state, and local levels during the coming year.

Closing Plenary: Thursday, July 28; 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

- Invited guests will deliver a plenary session on pressing advocacy issues important to the NCIL membership and energize the crowd before we return home and prepare to make change.

NCIL Board Meeting: Friday, July 29; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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- **Workshop Sessions**

The following workshops have been selected by NCIL's Annual Conference Subcommittee. Great care has been taken to ensure that the workshops are, as a whole, relevant to this year's Conference theme and valuable to a cross-section of CIL, SILC, and IL Association staff, board members, consumers, and other advocates. Workshops are classified by target audience: *Front Line Staff & Consumers, Advocates & Project Directors, or Executive Directors & Board Members*. Workshops are

also classified as *Newcomer, Experienced, or Appropriate for all levels* at the end of each description.

Workshop Tracks

- **International Track:** Workshops related to understanding and supporting international development of the Independent Living Movement.
- **Intersectionality Track:** Workshops by and for multiply-marginalized people with disabilities, as well as topics related to diversity, inclusion, and improving representation of all people with disabilities in the Movement.
- **SILC Track:** Workshops covering best practices and innovation in operations and activities of Statewide Independent Living Councils.
- **Youth Track:** Workshops related to youth leadership, outreach, and movement building.
- **General Track:** Workshops for staff, consumers, and other advocates in the Independent Living Movement that do not fit the other four categories. This track seeks to improve the skills and resources of staff to carry out CIL core services (including transition) and operate strong SILCs.

Concurrent Workshops I

Monday, July 25, 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.



Legislative & Advocacy Workshop Session - General Track

This workshop session has been reserved for discussion of a pressing advocacy issue. Details will be available in the Conference Program. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

Disability Integration Act: The Unfinished Business of the ADA - General Track

Presented by: Bruce Darling (CEO: Center for Disability Rights; NCIL Personal Assistance Services Subcommittee Chair; National ADAPT Organizer); Mike Oxford (Executive Director: Topeka Independent Living Resource Center)

This workshop will help prepare advocates to advocate and organize for passage of the Disability Integration Act. The workshop will provide a brief background on the issue of community integration and explain the strategy behind the crafting of the legislation. It will review the legislation in detail, including key definitions, requirements, and enforcement mechanisms in the bill. Finally, participants

will learn key talking points that will help in securing allies and addressing potential opposition.
Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.

IL Movement Across Borders - Everybody In the World In! - International Track

Presented by: Kozo Hirashita (President: Japan Council on Independent Living Centers and CIL Mutyu); Satoshi Sato (Executive Director: DPI-Japan)

This session will be dedicated to discuss, share, and learn about IL assistance overseas, US-Japan collaboration, as well as the Global IL Network. During the first half, U.S. youth leaders will present on their visit to Japan in 2016 and Japanese IL Leaders will share their experience in international assistance. And the second half will have group discussion where the participants engage in the discussion to explore how to establish and utilize Global IL Network. It is your opportunity to learn how to help IL Centers overseas and contribute in global SOLIDARITY of the IL Movement. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

#DisabilitySolidarity: The Time Is Now - Intersectionality Track

Presented by: Allie Cannington (Member: NCIL Youth Caucus; Youth Advisory Board Coordinator: Larkin Street Youth Services); Talila A. Lewis (Founder and Director: Helping Educate to Advance the Rights of the Deaf - HEARD)

"There is no Disability Justice, without #DisabilitySolidarity." - Ki'tay D. Davidson

We invite you to a workshop grounded in love and intersectionality. We seek to ask ourselves: how can the Disability Rights Movement advance intersectional justice by enacting and supporting racial justice? We will discuss the rise of #DisabilitySolidarity, honor and learn from the work that is already being done, and share tangible strategies to achieve accountable activism and #DisabilitySolidarity. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

EQUIPing Young Adults with Disability Pride and Self-Advocacy Skills - Youth Track

Presented by: Rachel Kaplan (Youth Transitions Coordinator: Able South Carolina)

Able South Carolina and the EQUIP Leadership Group will provide information on a working and thriving model of peer-to-peer self-advocacy, disability pride, communication, goal setting, professionalism skills, and transition-oriented skill building for young adults with disabilities ages 13-28 in South Carolina. EQUIP Leadership Group is funded through a grant with the SC Developmental Disabilities Council, and is in the 2nd year of a 3-year grant to build self-advocacy skills (knowing what you want, speaking up for yourself, and never giving up) for young adults with disabilities in South Carolina. To-date, EQUIP Leadership Group employs 12 active EQUIP Leaders across the state, facilitates a state-wide online peer support meeting, and three in-person peer support meetings in three Counties. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*



Wednesday, July 27, 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Advocating for National Housing Trust Fund Dollars in Your State - General Track

Presented by: Brian Peters (Community Access and Policy Specialist: Independence *First* of Milwaukee, Wisconsin); Joseph Lindstrom (Senior Organizer for Housing Advocacy: National Low Income Housing Coalition)

This year, there will be a new funding source for affordable housing through the National Housing Trust Fund, the first new federal program in forty years. The NHTF will fund the construction, rehabilitation, preservation, or operation of affordable housing for people, mostly targeting renters with extremely low incomes. States will have received their NHTF allocations, which should impact communities in 2017. How will your state distribute the money, and how can you advocate to ensure that people with disabilities will have access to those new housing units? A discussion will be held on related advocacy efforts. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

The Community Health Environment Checklist - General Track

Presented by: Glen White, Ph. D. (Director: Research and Training Center on Independent Living at the University of Kansas); Dr. Jessica Dashner (Project Manager: Research and Training Center on Community Living)

Presenters will describe the Community Health Environment Checklist (CHEC) and how consumers with mobility, vision or hearing disabilities can use this tool to make informed choices about how to participate in the community based on the usability of buildings. A description of how consumers helped develop the CHEC will be provided. The presenters will describe how consumers and advocates can receive CHEC training to use in their own communities and have their results posted on Google Maps. Sufficient time will be allotted for audience comments and questions. *Target Audience: Frontline Staff and Consumers. Knowledge Level: Newcomer.*

Sales Skills for Non-Profits - General Track

Presented by: Evie Curtis (Senior Vice President: Country Club Trust Company; Board Chair: Kansas SILC)

We all know this - fundraising is critical. As Federal and State funds dwindle, the need for our services is increasing. The gap has to be filled by your fundraising efforts. Fundraising encompasses your passion, your message, how you share that message, and your relationship with funding sources. You're selling your organization. This session will give you information you can put to use in your fundraising efforts. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

Deinstitutionalization Beyond Nursing Homes & Psychiatric Hospitals - Intersectionality Track

Presented by: Felicia Agrelius (NCIL Board Member; NCIL Youth Caucus Member); Jing Gu

How can IL work towards the liberation of all people with disabilities out of all institutions? This workshop will trace how the problems of psychiatric institutions and nursing homes also show up in other parts of our society, and why multiply-marginalized people with disabilities are experiencing ableism in spaces not explicitly for people with disabilities. We will focus on disabled and mentally ill people of color, queer people, undocumented people, and indigenous people in prisons, detention centers, schools, the military, and specific geographic locations. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

A Continuum of Youth Transition Services: One CIL's Answer to the 5th Core - Youth Track

Presented by: Jennifer Stitt (Youth Services Manager: RAMP CIL); Jeremy Munson (Boone County Manager / Employment Coordinator: RAMP); Julie Bosma (Executive Director: RAMP)

At RAMP we recognize the challenge many Centers face with the fifth core requirement and we want to help. We believe sharing our story will allow Centers to bypass the years it took us to develop our program, giving them options for immediate, effective, and cost efficient fifth core service. In sharing our story we will provide an overview of: What services we offer – school curriculums from Pre-Kindergarten through High School and transition into Employment and Postsecondary Education; How we maintain effective partnerships with businesses, school districts and community organizations; and How we have secured, maintain, and plan to grow funding for these services. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

Concurrent Workshops III

Thursday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.



Assisted Suicide Bills: How to Defeat Them - General Track

Presented by: Samantha Crane, J.D. (Director of Public Policy: Autistic Self Advocacy Network); Shira Wakschlag (Staff Attorney and Special Assistant to the CEO: The Arc of the U.S.); Lindsay Baran (NCIL Policy Analyst)

The movement for assisted suicide laws uses language familiar to the Independent Living Movement, such as “control” and “choice.” But its proposals are based on invidious discrimination involving disability and quality of life judgments. People with disabilities deserve equal suicide prevention, not suicide assistance for feelings of “being a burden” or “loss of dignity” as official Oregon and Washington state reports reveal. Learn how assisted suicide proposals across the U.S. are actually

dangerous for everyone, without significant benefit to people facing death. Take away useful materials and learn strategies for identifying and addressing the issues in your state. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

Independent Living, Great Social Change - International Track

Presented by: Bárbara Ventura (Founding President: Fighting Against All Odds – Lima, Peru)

The presentation begins with an explanation of the concept of Independent Living for people with disabilities as a new social model and the importance of its visibility for an inclusive society with equal opportunity. We will share the experience with an intern Training Course focused in the areas of Central and South America on Independent Living of persons with disabilities in Japan. We will share the activities of our association to promote Independent Living for people with disabilities in our country as part of our rebuttal. Finally, we will point out our projections and the challenges facing Peru and the world. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

CIL Leadership - The African American Experience - Intersectionality Track

Presented by: Reyma McCoy McDeid (Executive Director: Central Iowa CIL); Liz Sherwin (Executive Director: Illinois Iowa CIL)

Leadership is explored from the unique vantage point of two African American CIL executive directors, one of whom has been in her role for almost twenty years, the other for less than one year. Realities past, present, and future are explored, including the experience of CIL leadership as an African American with a disability. As the IL Movement continues to evolve, this lecture provides an opportunity to discuss the 'layers' of diversity that are developing at CILs across the USA at the leadership level. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

Implementing WIOA Regulations: An Intensive Workshop for SILCs Part I - SILC Track

Presented by: SILC-NET, a program of the IL-NET national training and technical assistance project for Statewide Independent Living Councils. IL-NET is operated by ILRU, Independent Living Research Utilization, in partnership with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) and the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL).



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Living (ACL) staff will also be on hand to answer questions from their perspective about both the regulations and proposed standards & indicators for SILCs. *Target Audience: Executive Directors and Board Members. Knowledge Level: All Audiences.*

Organizing for CareerACCESS: From Proposal to Reality - Youth Track

Presented by: Justin Harford (Systems Change Advocate: FREED CIL; Co-Chair: NCIL Employment and Social Security Subcommittee; Organizer: CareerACCESS initiative)

CareerACCESS will eliminate Medicaid / SSI systemic barriers separating youth with disabilities from successful careers while unifying the complex web of benefits counseling, career planning, and other supports into a no-wrong-door program. In short, it is an idea whose time has come, but we know that ideas don't get implemented because they are good, but because they have support. Join us for an invigorating and interactive workshop in which you will learn the key principles of legislative advocacy to organize the support that will push this great idea forward. Tell stories, mobilize community, engage legislators. The time has come. We need you! *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

Concurrent Workshops IV



Thursday, July 28, 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Growing Your Volunteer Team - General Track

Presented by: Ted Jackson (California Foundation for Independent Living Centers; Chair: NCIL Queer Caucus)

This workshop will explore the best practices and lessons learned to building and maintaining a sustainable volunteer team for Get Out The Vote (GOTV) and advocacy campaigns. We will cover volunteer recruitment and training; leadership identification, development and mentorship; and maintaining an ever-growing volunteer force. This workshop is good for the non-profit organization seeking to build its capacity through 2016 election action and future advocacy efforts. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

Making Independent Living Out of Nothing: Deinstitutionalization Experiences in Peru - International Track

Presented by: Renato Constantino (Lawyer and MA Student in Human Rights, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru)

How do Global South countries adapt to the Independent Living paradigm established by the CRPD?

This session will try to show the current achievements and struggles that public institutions are having in Peru. This will take in mind the deinstitutionalization public policy created in Peru in 2015 and the problems of public officers to enforce it, especially in indigenous peoples zones. *Target Audience: Advocates and Project Directors. Knowledge Level: All Audiences.*

At the Corner of Queer and Disabled - Intersectionality Track

Presented by: Anita Cameron (Community Activist); Bruce Darling (CEO: Center for Disability Rights of Rochester, NY)

This workshop will explore the intersection of the Disability and LGBTQ(IAAP) communities. The presenters will discuss the parallels between these communities, the differences – particularly as they relate to core values, and the impact on LGBTQ folks with disabilities. The presenters will discuss how other intersections – like race and gender – are important to this discussion and offer suggestions on how Centers can be more welcoming to LGBTQ folks. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

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Young Leaders Organizing ADAPT Activism Through CILs - Youth Track

Presented by: Stephanie Woodward (Director of Advocacy: Center for Disability Rights); Amy Tweedle (Independent Living Advocate: Spa Area Independent Living Services); Germán Parodi (Latino Outreach Coordinator: Liberty Resources)

Young leaders in ADAPT will discuss how ADAPT organizing through their Centers for Independent

Living provides them with the opportunity to develop leadership skills and impact the national movement to FREE OUR PEOPLE! The panel will review different models used for ADAPT organizing through CILs, including the relationship between their CILs and ADAPT Chapters, how they handle various legal issues, and how their involvement in ADAPT has benefited themselves, the CIL and the movement. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

Concurrent Workshops V



Thursday, July 28, 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Serving Individuals with Disabilities through Self-Direction: Key Implications of the New DOL Home Care Rule - General Track

Presented by: Merrill Friedman (Senior Director of Disability Policy Engagement: Anthem, Inc.); Mollie Murphy (Financial Management Services Lead: National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services; President: Applied Self Direction; CEO: Annkissam)

Following a 2015 court decision, the U.S. Department of Labor is implementing the Home Care Rule, which will have significant implications for states, Medicaid programs, health plans, and – most especially – individuals with disabilities receiving long-term services and supports and their families, as well as the home care workers that support them. This session will address key changes (including the Rule’s joint employment and overtime requirements) that impact home care workers under Medicaid-funded self-directed programs. It also will discuss important considerations for states, their programs, the role of managed care, and the individuals and families services related to implementation of and compliance with the new requirements. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

No Place Like Home: When Wishes and Ruby Slippers Need Replacement with Access and Supports - General Track

Presented by: Andrea Costello (Chief Administrative Officer: Tri-County Patriots for Independent Living); Brenda Dare (TRIPIL Independent Living Supervisor); Jennifer Nestor (TRIPIL Participant Services Manager); Denise Stewart (TRIPIL Nursing Home Transition Specialist)

Four people with diverse backgrounds will demonstrate how a rural Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living has used their diverse skills and a multi-tiered approach to transition more than 200 people with various disabilities from nursing facilities into the community. Participants will learn strategies for home modification, overcoming family resistance, and maximizing consumer satisfaction. Specific examples will be cited followed by detailed answers to attendee questions. *Target Audience: Frontline Staff and Consumers. Knowledge Level: All Audiences.*

How Local Centers for Independent Living Can Impact the International IL Movement - International Track

Presented by: Marca Bristo (President and CEO: Access Living)

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has provided new and increased opportunities for Centers for Independent Living to support international development of the Independent Living Movement. Access Living will share its experiences with disability-related international work through exchanges, long term international placements at our Center, and short-term visits from professionals interested in disability from all over the world. You will learn what opportunities exist to connect to and support international development at your CIL as well as some of the challenges and lessons we have learned from doing this work. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

"For Your Own Good": Coercive Care in the Lives of Disabled, Young, Fat and Queer People - Intersectionality Track

Presented by: Shain Neumeier (Disability Justice Advocate; Self-Advocate; Attorney)

Bodily autonomy is a basic human right. However, it is routinely denied to many people with the best of intentions based on the assumption that people like them aren't capable of making their own decisions, or because other people are or may be uncomfortable with their bodies and minds. Marginalized people frequently experience this kind of paternalism in treatment settings by being subjected to involuntary treatment or being denied treatment they want or need. I will discuss how young, fat, disabled and queer people experience coercive care, the common rationales for and narratives surrounding it, and how it affects them. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

Disabled Youth Get Out the Vote: How to Organize Youth GOTV Efforts in Your Community - Youth Track

Presented by: Maddy Ruvolo (NCIL Youth Caucus Chair)

The NCIL Youth Caucus presents an interactive workshop on organizing disabled youth to Get Out The Vote (GOTV). Millennials make up the largest group of eligible voters, but voter turnout rates have been low. Learn how to develop youth-led efforts to increase voter participation among young people in your community. We will discuss what motivates young disabled folks to vote, the barriers that exist, and strategies for engaging young people. This workshop is aimed both at youth who are interested in organizing in their communities and other Center for Independent Living staff who wish to begin youth GOTV organizing at their Centers. *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

- **Poster Sessions**

A poster session is the presentation of research information with an academic or professional focus. Posters are displayed throughout the NCIL Conference space at the discretion of the presenter.

Grassroots Assistive Technology – DIY Found and Made

Presented by: John Flaherty (Assistive Technology Specialist: Tri-County Patriots for Independent Living); Brenda Dare (Independent Living Supervisor: Tri-County Patriots for Independent Living)

No matter the goal in life, assistive technology can help you succeed. However, it is often expensive and complicated. There has been a push among communities to find lower-cost homemade solutions that can either test a theory without costing as much, or augment professional equipment with designs that are customized for specific needs. Solutions can be either repurposed supplies or created from materials that are widely available. We also want to make sure that people know they don't have to start from scratch, as there are many resources available to help you learn more.

Increase Your Advocacy Outcomes! ADA Resources and Strategies

Presented by: Marian Vessels (Director: Mid-Atlantic ADA Center); Janet Parke (Director of Advocacy and Training: Bay Area CIL - Salisbury MD)

The 25th Anniversary of the ADA and the changes to CIL core services brought about by the WIOA have increased the focus on consumers with disabilities. The ADA National Network (ADANN) (your regional ADA Center) and CILs are now housed under the Administration for Community Living and have an increased need to share information and resources. This poster will illustrate the vast array of ADA resources and ADANN services that can be used in the community to support a CIL's core services and achieve positive outcomes from advocacy and educational efforts.

Making Election Websites Accessible

Presented by: Kathy Hoell (Co-Chair: NCIL Voting Rights Subcommittee); Michelle Bishop (Voting Rights Specialist: National Disability Rights Network); Susan Mizner (Disability Counsel: ACLU); Keith Gurgui (System Advocate - New York Statewide Systems Advocacy Network at Resource Center for Accessible Living)

More and more election activities are happening online - from voter registration, voter education, and even casting a vote. People need to know how to make all of these functions accessible; technically and politically. Learn and to prepare to communicate with your communities and election offices about accessible online education processes.

- Access, Accommodations, & Resources

Environmental / Chemical Sensitivities

Fragrance and chemicals can be access barriers. To help make this Conference accessible to participants for whom chemicals or fragrances are an access barrier, NCIL requests that you come fragrance free. Please refrain from wearing any scented products or washing with them. This includes clothing that has been laundered with fragranced detergent or fabric softening products. Additionally, please completely air out any dry-cleaned clothing before wearing it to the Conference.



Smoke can also be an access barrier. It is essential that we maintain a smoke-free environment. If you smoke, please use the designated smoking area located outside the Hyatt. Please refrain from smoking near any other doorways or paths of travel. The hotel entrance at 11st Street should be the least polluted with cigarette smoke and vehicle exhaust, although it unfortunately has steps.

Van Parking

The maximum vehicle height for the garage at the Grand Hyatt is 6' 5". Grand Hyatt valet staff will park taller vehicles at the Renaissance Washington as space allows. This arrangement will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis and billed at the Grand Hyatt regular self-parking rate of \$32 / night.

Auxiliary Aids & Services

CART (Communications Access in Real Time), sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, personal assistants*, accessible materials, and other services will be provided upon request for all NCIL Conference activities. However, participants must arrange their own services for Hill Visits on Tuesday.

Local Service Providers: Wheelchair and Scooter Rental and Repair

- The route of the NCIL March from the Grand Hyatt to the US Capitol is slightly less than one mile. Many Conference attendees rent power chairs or scooters and have them delivered to their hotel to ensure they can participate.

ZASK Medical Supply - Alexandria, VA

Phone: 703-354-1266

Email: zaskoo@erols.com

Area Access - Falls Church, VA
Phone: 703-573-2111

Roberts Home Medical - Germantown, MD
Phone: 301-353-0300

Scooterplus / Lenox Medical Supply - Rentals only; delivery available
Web: www.lenoxmedicalsupply.com
Phone: 1-866 474-4356 or 202-387-1960

ScootAround - Rentals only; delivery available
Web: www.scootaround.com
Phone: 1-888-441-7575

Local Service Providers: Personal Assistant Services

- *NCIL's Personal Assistants will be available during Conference hours only.* Use the information below to arrange your own personal assistant service during non-conference hours.

ENDependence Center of Northern VA (CIL) - Arlington, VA
Contact: Ruchika Lalwani, PAS Coordinator
Phone: 703-525-3268; TTY: 703-525-3553
Email: ruchikal@ecnv.org

- **Hotels & Lodging**

Grand Hyatt Washington

We will return to the Grand Hyatt Washington, located at 1000 H St. NW, one block from the Metro Center subway station in downtown Washington, DC. The Grand Hyatt is the official Conference hotel and virtually all events will be held here.

A block of rooms has been reserved for NCIL Conference attendees from July 23-29, 2016 at a special rate of \$244 single / double occupancy (plus tax of 14.5%). Triple and quadruple occupancy is available at \$269 and \$294,

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respectively (plus tax). Regency Club rooms are available at a variable rate, based on availability.

You must be registered for the Conference to qualify for the NCIL room block and the discounted room rate. To make your reservations online, use NCIL's custom link at ncil.org/hotels or call the hotel at 800.233.1234 (voice / TTY). Be sure to identify yourself as a NCIL Conference attendee to receive the discounted rate. Reservations received after July 5, 2016 will be accepted on a space availability basis.

Marriott Metro Center

Overflow accessible rooms are available at the Marriott Metro Center, 775 12th Street NW, just one block from the Grand Hyatt. The rate is \$209 per night (plus tax of 14.5%). Reservations must be made by June 27, 2016. To make your reservations online, use NCIL's custom link at ncil.org/hotels or call the hotel at 202.737.2200. Be sure to identify yourself as a NCIL Conference attendee to receive the discounted rate.



- What to Bring

Conference participants often brave blistering heat, massive thunderstorms, and even chilly workshop rooms, all to bring our message to Capitol Hill! Remember to bring along the following items to ensure your comfort and safety:

- ✓ large plastic bags to cover any batteries or electric devices that might be exposed to rain during the March and Rally, and duct tape to secure them;
- ✓ an umbrella to shield sun and rain;
- ✓ attire appropriate for both very hot and chilly temperatures; and
- ✓ any medications or assistive devices you may need during strenuous activity.

- Airports & Transportation

Visit www.wmata.com to plan your trip using public transportation. All public buses, stations, and trains are accessible (when in operation).

- Super Shuttle: 800-BLUE-VAN

- Battles Transportation: 202-462-8658
- Red Top Cab: 202-328-3333

Reagan National Airport (DCA)

- Metrorail: The Metro stops adjacent to Terminals B and C. Take the Blue Line to the Metro Center station or the Yellow Line to the Gallery Place / Chinatown station. Both stations are 1-2 blocks from the Grand Hyatt. Fare: \$1.35.
- Red Top Cab: Call to reserve an accessible van 2-3 days in advance.
- Super Shuttle: standard vans are available outside the Main Terminal. Contact them to reserve an accessible van.

Baltimore / Washington International (BWI)

- Public Transportation: Metrobus B30 departs BWI once every 40 minutes and travels to the Greenbelt Metrorail station. From Greenbelt, take the Green Line towards Branch Avenue. Depart at Chinatown / Gallery Place, 2 blocks from the Grand Hyatt. Fare: \$5.35; allow 1+ hour for travel.
- Taxicabs: Approximate fare to DC is \$75. Call 410-859-1100 for details.
- Van Service: Contact BWI Shuttle at 410-859-1100. Reservations recommended 4 days in advance.

Dulles Airport (IAD)

- Public Transportation: Metrobus 5A departs Dulles once an hour, between 6:30 am and 11:30 pm, and travels to the L'Enfant Plaza station. From L'Enfant Plaza, take the Blue or Orange Line to the Metro Center station. Fare: \$4.35. Please allow 1+ hour for travel.
- Red Top Cab: Call to reserve an accessible van 2-3 days in advance.
- Super Shuttle: standard vans are available outside the Main Terminal. Contact them to reserve an accessible van.

● **#ADAYouthpledge**

#GenerationADA is the cohort of youth age 26 and under who grew up after the ADA was passed. The 2016 NCIL Conference is committed to engaging and supporting #GenerationADA. However, due to a variety of barriers, most especially cost, youth with disabilities have been unable to fully participate in the national disability community. In order for the Independent Living Movement to be

more inclusive of young people we need the support of CILs, SILCs, and other organizations. We are asking that your organization takes the #ADAYouthpledge through one of three ways:

- Pledge to financially sponsor 2 young people in your local area to attend the NCIL conference.
- Pledge to financially sponsor 2 young professionals on your staff to attend the NCIL conference.
- Contribute towards the Youth Scholarship Fund that will bring young people from across the country to the NCIL conference. Your donation will support plane tickets, hotel accommodations, personal assistance services, and registration costs for attendees.

Visit ncil.org/youthpledge to take action! With your help, we can bring youth with disabilities to the 2016 NCIL Conference and ensure that youth leadership will grow and flourish in the Disability Rights Movement. Together we can ensure that #GenerationADA is empowered, engaged, and ready to lead. We ask that you tweet us with your pledges @youth_fellow. Thank you for your support!



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• Registration

You may register single or multiple people in one transaction by using our online store. Online registrants do not need to complete a hard copy registration form. Visit ncil.org for:

- online registration
- printable registration forms
- personal assistant registration

Register by Mail or Fax: If you prefer to register by mail or fax, please use a separate form for each registrant.

Onsite Registration: Please note that onsite registration fees differ from standard registration fees and plan accordingly.

- Full Conference NCIL Member Registration: \$305
- Full Conference Non-Member Registration : \$430
- Daily Rate: \$210 / day

Registration Policies: Full Conference Registration Fees are per person and include registration for all events and activities, including the Pre-Conference, Awards Luncheon, materials and workshops. If you have any questions, please contact NCIL at 877.525.3400 (voice), 202.207.0340 (TTY), or by email at conference@ncil.org.

- Confirmations will be sent to each participant at the email address listed on the registration form.
- *Individuals must register for the Conference and pay in full before reserving a discounted room at the Grand Hyatt.*

Registrant Replacement: If it becomes necessary for you to send someone in your place, please contact us as soon as possible.

Cancellation: Cancellation requests received by Friday, July 8, 2016 are refundable less a \$50 processing fee.

Replacement and cancellation requests must be made in writing and sent to NCIL by fax (202.207.0341) or email (conference@ncil.org) by Friday, July 8, 2016. No refunds will be issued after that date.

Personal Assistant Registration: Personal Assistants are not required to pay the registration fee but should fill out a form to receive a badge. Personal Assistants are welcome to attend all Conference events, including scheduled meals and receptions. Personal Assistants may also register online at www.ncil.org. Look for the link to Register a Personal Assistant.

Youth Registration Rate: NCIL offers a reduced youth registration fee of \$110 to all NCIL members that are 26-years-old or younger. We hope this special rate will allow young people to afford the Conference and organizations to sponsor young people to attend.



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Registration Form

Send completed hard copy forms by fax to (202) 207-0341 or by mail to: NCIL / 2013 H Street NW / Sixth Floor / Washington, D.C. 20006

Prefix and Name: Title:

Organization:

Address: City, State, Zip:

Email: Phone: Fax:

Check this box if you are a personal assistant to a registered attendee and are therefore not required to pay registration fees.
 I certify that I am providing personal assistance to:

Full Conference Registration

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| Early Bird Rate (must be postmarked by April 29, 2016): | Standard Registration (postmarked after April 29, 2016): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NCIL Member: \$190 | <input type="checkbox"/> NCIL Member: \$265 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Member: \$110 (26 & Under) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Member: \$110 (26 & Under) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member: \$310 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member: \$385 | Subtotal: \$ <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I plan to attend the Pre-Conference on Sunday, July 24 (free with full conference registration) | | |

Daily Registration: Skip this section if you are registering for the full Conference

Sunday (Pre-Conference) Monday Wednesday Thursday

NCIL Member: \$115 / day Non-member: \$160 / day Subtotal: \$

Payment

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard Total amount: \$

American Express Discover I'm sending a check

Name on Card: Card #: Expiration: CID / CIV:

If paying by credit card, consider mailing or faxing this form; email does not provide encrypted delivery of your personal information.
Please make checks payable to National Council on Independent Living (Federal Tax ID: 74-2291620).

Auxiliary Aids

Materials: Standard Print Large Print Braille Audio on USB Plain Text
 Braille Program + Other Materials in Plain Text

Diet: Standard Fare Vegetarian Salt-Free Low Cholesterol Other:

Accommodations: American Sign Language Transcripts Contact Sign Personal Assistant
 CART Assistive Listening Device Other:



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