RE:GENERATION

Annual Conference on Independent Living 2013

Presented by the National Council on Independent Living

July 24-27

GRAND HYATT • WASHINGTON, DC

Conference Guide

+ Workshops + Events + Registration + Lodging

Welcome

Dear Advocates and Friends,

The Independent Living Movement belongs to each of us. Every person with a disability. Every generation. Every community. The diversity of our perspectives makes our Movement vibrant and powerful.

> In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress.
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> - Booker T. Washington

The Independent Living ideal, to be truly representative of all Americans with disabilities, is within our reach. That ideal unites us, and in unity there is strength.

The theme of NCIL's 2013 Annual Conference on Independent Living is regeneration. This July, we will gather in our nation's Capital in order to share our strengths, embrace new leadership, and renew our commitment to ensuring our freedom and independence as individuals and as a movement.

The 2013 Annual Conference on Independent Living is an opportunity for new leadership, new ideas, and fresh growth. This week-long experience will offer dozens of workshops and events designed to give us the opportunity to gain new perspective from young advocates and learn from the success of veteran leaders.

We will take time to learn about the issues affecting young people with disabilities, share effective ways to include and empower new advocates, and provide a forum to develop proactive systems advocacy action and solutions to barriers new and old.

We will use the tools that have become the hallmark of our Movement. Peer support will provide the framework of universal respect. Our advocacy and organizing skills will provide the means to take action. And our steadfast support for the contributions of every member of our communities will give us the strength we need to succeed.

I hope you'll 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 truly valued equally and participate fully.

Kelly Buckland, Executive Director

Agenda

July 23 Tuesday

Registration Open 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
10:30 am- 3:30 pm: Pre-Conference
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Orientation Session

July 24 Wednesday

Registration Open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
9:00 am - 10:00 am: Opening Plenary
10:15 am - 11:30 am: Legislative & Advocacy Update
11:30 am - 11:45 am: Preparing for the Day on the Hill
11:45 am - 1:00 pm: Lunch (on your own)
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Concurrent Workshops I
2:45 pm - 3:45 pm: Regional Caucuses (Regions I-V)
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm: Regional Caucuses (Regions VI - X)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Diversity Mixer

July 25 Thursday

9:30 am - 10:00 am: Organize for the March
10:00 am - 11:00 am: March to the US Capitol
11:00 am - 11:30 am: Distribute Bag Lunches
11:30 am - 12:30 pm: 2013 Rally at the US Capitol
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Hill Visits

July 26 Friday

Registration & Exhibits Open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
9:00 am - 10:15 am: Concurrent Workshops II
10:15 am - 12:00 pm: Exhibit Fair
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Awards Luncheon
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm: Annual Meeting
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm: President's Reception
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm: ADA Celebration

July 27 Saturday

Registration & Exhibits Open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
9:00 am - 10:15 am: Concurrent Workshops III
10:30 am - 11:45 am: Concurrent Workshops IV
11:45 am - 1:30 pm: Lunch (on your own)
1:30 pm - 2:45 pm: Concurrent Workshops V
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Legislative Debriefing
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm: Closing Plenary

Special Gatherings and Events

NCIL Board Meeting: Monday, July 22; 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

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

Pre-Conference: Tuesday, July 23; 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Join us at NCIL's Pre-Conference, *Youth Perspectives on Employment Policy and Practice: The Challenge for NCIL's Next Generation*. The Pre-Conference features youth with disabilities as the presenters, facilitators, responders, and reporters. The event consists of a detailed public policy presentation on the current state of unemployment, followed by dynamic presentations on the challenges and success factors in the transition and employment process. The Pre-Conference gives participants opportunity for timely dialog, and reactions to current Social Security disability policy reform options and directions, as well as an opportunity to learn about innovative "pockets of excellence" in the field of employment support services today.

NCIL Orientation Session: Tuesday, July 23; 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

NCIL offers this general session for new NCIL members and 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 Board of Directors will discuss preparations for the March and Rally and much more!

Opening Plenary: Wednesday, July 24; 9:00 am - 10:00 am

A representative of the President's Administration will offer a national plan of action to demand and win full implementation of our civil and human rights. Don't miss this exciting 2013 Annual Conference opener!

Legislative & Advocacy Update: Wednesday, July 24; 10:15 am - 11:30 am

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 Thursday.

Preparing for the Day on the Hill: Wednesday, July 24; 11:30 am - 11:45 am

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 Congressional visits.

Regional Caucuses: Wednesday, July 24

Regions I through V: 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm; Regions VI through X: 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

This is your opportunity to strategize for your Congressional visits. Each state should decide exactly who will attend which meeting to ensure that every Senator and Representative will be visited.

Diversity Mixer: Wednesday, July 24; 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join the Diversity Committee and its Caucuses for networking and light refreshments at the inaugural party of the 2013 Annual Conference!

March & Rally at the U.S. Capitol: Thursday, July 25; 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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 supporting disability rights! Then, marchers will converge in front of the Capitol for an empowering rally.

Capitol Hill Visits: Thursday, July 25; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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 25 (after 1:00pm). 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.

Exhibit Fair: Friday, July 26; 10:15 am - 12:00 pm

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: Friday, July 26; 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Join us to celebrate and honor this year's national award winners! Awards will be presented over lunch.

Annual Council Meeting: Friday, July 26; 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Attend the 2013 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: President, Treasurer, and three Members-At-Large. Elections for Representatives of Regions I, III, V, VII, and IX will be held prior to the conference and the winners will be announced at the Annual Council Meeting.

Special Gatherings and Events (continued)

ADA Celebration: Friday, July 26; 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the 23rd 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: Saturday, July 27; 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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: Saturday, July 27; 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

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

NCIL Board Meeting: Sunday, July 28; 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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 IL advocates.

Concurrent Workshops I: Wednesday, July 24, 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Legislative & Advocacy Workshop Session: Topic to be Determined

This workshop session has been reserved for discussion of a pressing advocacy issue. The topic will be announced beforehand and details will be in the conference program.

Workshop Sessions (continued)

The CIL / SILC Role in ADRCs: Best Practices and Next Steps

Presented by: Julia Sain and Mary Margaret Moore

Earlier this year, NCIL asked CIL and SILC members to respond to a survey about their relationships with ADRCs in their service areas. The results of that survey will be shared during this workshop, with an opportunity for a lively discussion about the future of ADRCs. Then, mini-grants that were awarded last year for rural ADRCs will be outlined and their best practices shared.

Mass Violence: How the IL Community Responds to Suggestions that People with Disabilities Pose a Public Threat

Presented by: Mike Bachhuber and Krista Erickson

Our nation experienced an increase in mass shootings last year. After these shootings, media and advocates for forced treatment and institutionalization have suggested that "mental illness" or autism of the shooter caused the violence and justify discrimination.

This session will present some basic facts, discuss what existing laws may provide, and engage the audience in a discussion on how we can protect our civil rights.

Ticket to Work: Support Services for People Who Have a Disability and Are Ready to Work

Presented by: Michael Greenberg and Melanie Porter

Social Security's Ticket to Work program experts will host a Work Incentives Seminar Event (WISE) live presentation to provide an in-depth look at the Ticket to Work program. They will answer questions about disability employment, Work Incentives, and provide information on where to find additional resources and support. Speakers include Michael Greenberg, and Melanie Porter, Beneficiary Access and Support Services (Booz Allen Hamilton).

Heath Disparities: Influence of Race and Ethnicity for people with Disabilities

Presented by: Stanley Holbrook and Dara Baldwin

Overall, people with disabilities have been reported to experience fair or poor health, approximately four times more than their non-disabled peers. In addition, there is a disproportionate percentage of people with disabilities that experience the social determinants of poor health.

The purpose of this presentation is to identify opportunities to break down barriers to good health for people with disabilities, particularly people of color with disabilities. This workshop will also examine health disparities among people of color in the disability community and current law that assists in breaking down the barriers that create disparate health care.

Concurrent Workshops II: Friday, July 25, 9:00 am - 10:15 am

From ADA Restoration to New Challenges: NCIL's Civil Rights Advocacy

Presented by: Mark Derry

It is time for the leaders who were there for the signing of the ADA to offer counsel; to coach, mentor, and be a resource to those who will take those first curb ramps and build them around the world. Co-Chair Mark Derry digs way back into his archives to give a short story version of some of the most interesting, history making advocacy moments for the NCIL ADA / Civil Rights Subcommittee over the last ten years, followed by a briefing on the challenges to the ADA in 2013, and a *call to action* for all ADA Advocates!

How to Create and Run a Disability Rights Campaign Against the Legalization of Assisted Suicide

Presented by: Sarah Wendell Launderville, John B. Kelly, and Diane Coleman

The movement for legalization of assisted suicide uses language familiar to the IL Movement, such as individual control and choice. But proposals for state-run suicide programs are based on invidious comparisons of people's quality of life. It proposes suicide as the dignified response to physical dependence, which the IL Movement proves every day is no barrier to dignity. Learn how campaigns in VT and MA drew on basic IL philosophy to defeat legalization proposals. Take away useful materials and learn strategies for identifying and addressing issues in your state.

When "No" Doesn't Mean "No": How to Appeal a Denial of Services

Presented by: Genevieve Cousminer

Don't take "No" for an answer. Learn how to appeal an unfavorable decision from the Social Security Administration, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, or the public school system by examining the appeals process in the context of three case studies. Learn how persistence in your advocacy efforts improves your chances of success.

ADRCs: The No Wrong Door Network

Presented by: Elizabeth Leef, Thea Ervin, Jamey George, Stephanie Hull , Mary Margaret Moore, and Valerie Parker-Callahan

The Administration on Community Living (ACL) has recently awarded eight Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Enhanced Option Counseling grants. ADRC grantees are working with the ACL, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to develop the No Wrong Door System, which serves all populations and payers. Representatives from the ACL and NCIL will describe current events and two states will describe their journeys to create meaningful partnerships in a No Wrong Door System.

Collaborating for Change: Increasing Community Housing Capacity for People with Disabilities

Presented by: Anna Lenhart, John Sorensen, and Kelly Buckland

This session will explore the HHS Community Living Initiative, the NED and Section 811 voucher development process, and the vision and progress of the CMS Housing Capacity Building Initiative for Community Living project to create sustainable, collaborative relationships among housing and human service agencies. Presenters will highlight the CBI's landmark collaboration between HHS and HUD as well as its partnership with NCIL to garner an understanding of the vital role of CILs in transition. Expert presenters will share resources, lessons learned, best practices, and strategies.

Concurrent Workshops III: Saturday, July 27, 9:00 am - 10:15 am

Fundraising 101: Beyond the Bake Sale

Presented by: James Moore

This workshop will lead participants through a variety of special event ideas and the process of working together as a group to create an event from concept to full plan. Special Events are a good resource for unrestricted funds and an avenue to attract new donors to your organization.

Effective Systems Advocacy - A Role for Everyone!

Presented by: Ann McDaniel

What is the best way to conduct systems advocacy? How can you involve everyone in the process in a valued role? Participants in this workshop will learn and practice a systems change model that has been proven to work - one that allows everyone who wants to make change to be involved. Learn what roles need to be filled, how those roles interact, and how every role is valuable - no, indispensable! Also learn how to coordinate efforts between roles and ensure efforts are maximized and the most effective efforts happen at the right time.

CILs Providing Mental Health Peer Support

Presented by: Rahnee Patrick and Krista Erickson

This session will provide an overview of some mental health peer support services being provided through CILs. As with other peer support services in CILs, mental health Peer Support services are services provided by individuals with lived experience of a mental health disability. In some cases, people providing these services have been certified through a combination of life experiences and the completion of a state-specific training program. Peer specialists work both in and outside of the traditional mental health system. In some states, CILs are providing services such as running drop-in centers and working with peer-run respite services.

From Peer Support to Structured Mentoring: Building CIL Capacity to Help Youth Access Jobs and Careers

Presented by: Lynnae Ruttledge, Yomi Wrong, Sarah Triano, and Alex Freeman

One of the most significant challenges facing young people with disabilities is employment. Mentoring is an important strategy in facing these challenges and achieving success. This session will bring together mentoring organization representatives with CILs interested and active in employment and / or youth issues to discuss mentoring as an integral tool for career development. Beginning with a discussion of the connections between peer support and structured mentoring, the panel will examine how the peer support programs existing in many CILs can be developed into structured mentoring relationships that support career connections.

Mapping Usable Community Sites for the Internet

Presented by: Dave Gray and Glen White

Would you like to have a map that illustrates the usability of pharmacies, banks, shopping centers and medical offices in your community? The Community Health Environment Checklist (CHEC) is a new tool for measuring usability information that can then be shared online by accessing Google maps. You can build usability maps for key locations in your own community to share information on sites where you can go and get in, do your thing and leave without encountering major barriers. This information can be shared with businesses to help them improve the usability of their sites.

Concurrent Workshops IV: Saturday, July 27, 10:30 am - 11:45 am

LGBTQI (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Trans/Queer/Intersex) and Independent Living

Presented by: Bryon MacDonald, Lillith Ponticelli, and Mary Margaret Moore

This workshop will feature a panel of people with experience successfully including people with disabilities from the LGBTQI community in Independent Living. Panelists will share experiences and best practices. This workshop will provide the context to confront the homophobia and transphobia within the IL Movement and examples that demonstrate the importance of doing so. Panelists will cover strategies for achieving employment outcomes for LGBT people within the IL world and the perspective of a CIL Director who has made her Center and ADRC truly inclusive.

Strengthen Your Team Using the Power of Generational Differences

Presented by: Ondra Berry

All individuals have unintended misperceptions or assumptions about people who are different

from them they may not be aware of. These attitudes are found throughout society and have the potential to disable others. An inclusive environment starts with the actions and attitudes of individuals within our society. Through activities that promote self-awareness and open dialogue, participants learn to embrace their weaknesses, assert their differences, leverage their strengths, and pursue their passions. They will leave with a better understanding of their attitudes toward diversity in thinking, problem-solving, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, and culture.

Systems Advocacy at Work

Presented by: Terence N. Santos de la Rosa Simms

This workshop will provide key innovative problem-solving strategies and techniques that can be utilized in an effort to change policies, rules, or laws that determine how services are provided. This workshop will also provide interactive exercises that will afford the opportunity to learn experientially about systems advocacy strategies and techniques that can be effectively utilized in changing and working with a system by speaking, acting, and writing with minimal conflict of interest on behalf of the interests of a disadvantaged person or group to promote, protect, and defend their welfare and justice. This form of advocacy is primarily concerned with influencing and changing the system in ways that will benefit people with a disability as a group within society.

Surviving and Thriving in a Managed Care Environment

Presented by: Elizabeth Leef, James Toews, Merrill Friedman, Bruce Darling, Martha Roherty

The health care infrastructure is evolving across the country. This panel presentation will discuss opportunities and best practices for CILs to thrive in a managed care environment. We will also identify strategies and tactics for Centers so they can continue to advocate and provide services to their consumers as well as sustain and grow their core business. Hear from leaders who can inspire insight on not only how to transform long-term services and supports (LTSS), but how to influence it. These topics and others will be addressed to ensure the Centers influence the incorporation of Independent Living in Managed Care Models and the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

A CIL Demonstration: LEAD Center Collaboration Focused on Employment of Job Seekers with Disabilities, Five CILs, and American Job Centers

Presented by: Karen McCulloh, Alex Kielty, CIL Demonstration Leads

NCIL has partnered with the new LEAD Center–a collaborative of disability, workforce, and economic empowerment organizations led by the National Disability Institute with funding from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP). The CIL Demonstration is an exciting project of five CIL pilot sites selected based on their expertise in providing employment related services to job seekers with disabilities and working with American Job Centers. Selected pilot sites will provide groundbreaking information to be replicated and shared across the independent living community and to inform national policy.

Concurrent Workshops V: Saturday, July 27 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Serving the Victim and Perpetrator: Considerations for Centers for Independent Living

Presented by: Robbi Barrutia and Jan Derry

People with disabilities are at an increased risk of victimization to crime, abuse, and violence. The U.S. Department of Justice has found that in 2010, persons with disabilities experienced an estimated 567,000 nonfatal violent crimes. They determined that the rate of violent victimization for persons with disabilities was almost twice the rate among persons without disabilities. These numbers demonstrate the need for CILs to be aware that they are likely serving individuals who are or who have been victimized in the past or who may be victimized in the future.

Developing Community Leaders

Presented by: Robert Hand

Persons with disabilities have relied on other community leaders to make the right decisions for too long. It is time that those of us in the IL Movement start actively taking leadership roles in all aspects of our communities. This session will help participants learn the skills and knowledge needed to train people with disabilities to obtain and perform in community leadership positions.

Recruiting and Organizing Immigrant Youth with Disabilities

Presented by: Fulani Thrasher

This round-table discussion will provide advocates the tools to engage and recruit young immigrants with disabilities to create change in their communities. Attendees will develop a working knowledge about the additional barriers that come along with being a young immigrant with a disability. This forum will allow the attendees to interact on different levels to develop skills that can be implemented in all Centers for Independent Living. The session will address and give due attention to this underserved community of immigrant youth with disabilities.

Disability Disclosure & Inquiries: Can't Ask, Afraid to Tell

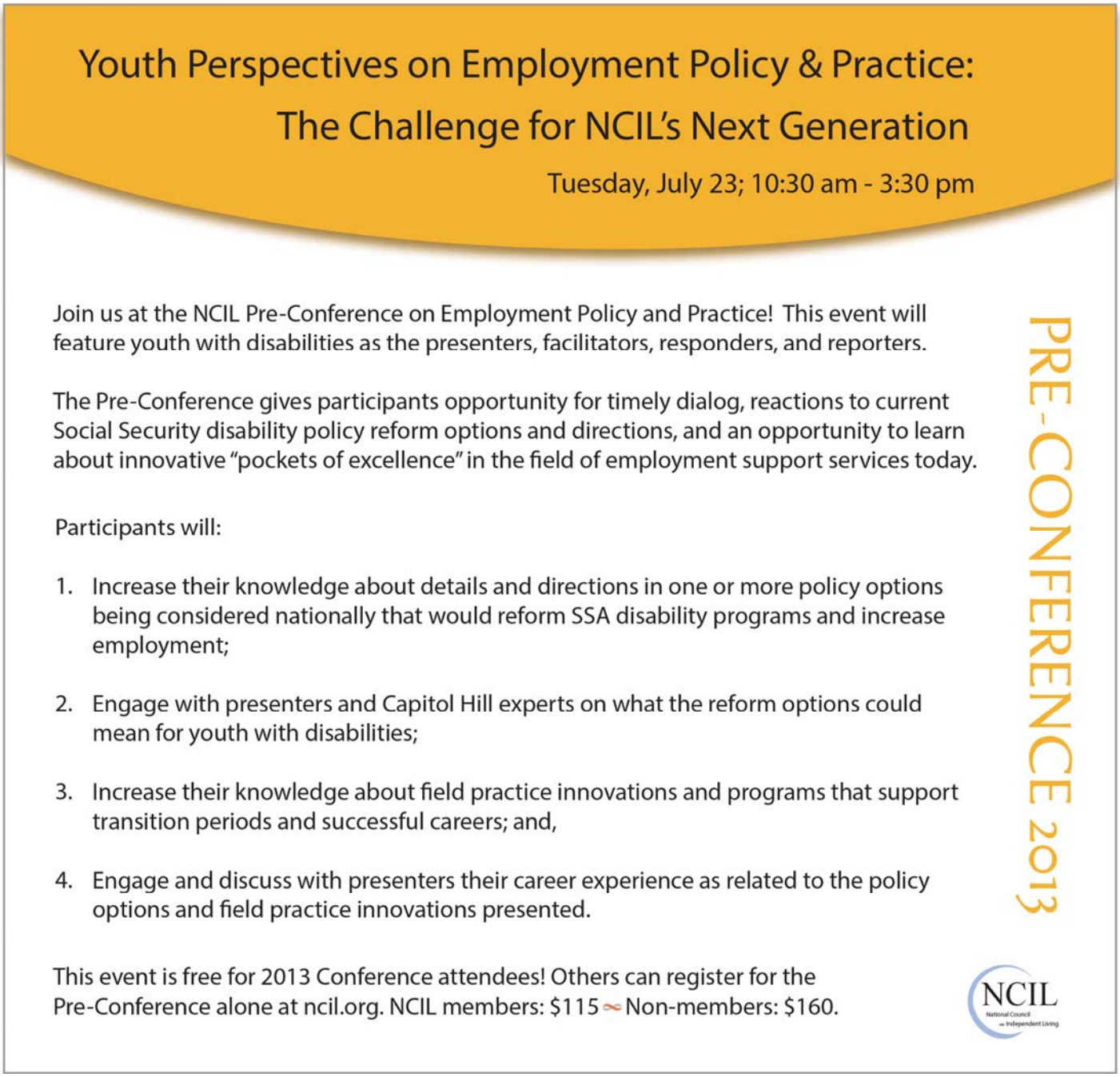
Presented by: Curtis Richards

As youth leave school, where they are “entitled” to accommodations, and enter work or other post-secondary settings where they are “eligible” for accommodations, they must make important decisions about if, when, and how to disclose their disability. The “411 Guide on Disability Disclosure” is a hands-on workbook for youth to make informed decisions about disclosure. Participants will learn best practices for helping youth to understand their disability and how to talk about it. Each participant will receive practical strategies, a free copy of the workbook for youth, companion guide to disclosure for adults, and the new “cyber-disclosure” addendum.

The Taxing Issue of Housing Accessibility & Affordability

Presented by: Brian Peters

This workshop will educate participants on the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, the State Housing Finance Authorities, and the Qualified Allocation Plans. Examples from around the nation will be used to illustrate some of the improvements that advocates can ask for from their own state. Participants will also have the opportunity to brainstorm on strategies that can be used to improve how tax credits are used with people with disabilities.



Access, Accommodations, and Resources

Local Service Providers: Wheelchair and Scooter Rental and Repair

- Roberts Home Medical

  20465 Goldenrod Lane
  Germantown, MD
  Phone: 301-353-0300

- ZASK Medical Supply

  4600-C Pinecrest Office Dr.
  Alexandria, VA
  Phone: 703-354-1266
  Email: zaskoo@erols.com

- Area Access

  8117 Ransell Road
  Falls Church, VA
  Phone: 703-573-2111

- ScootAround (rentals only; hotel delivery and pick-up in DC)

  Website: www.scootaround.com
  Phone: 1-888-441-7575

- Scooterplus / Lenox Medical Supply (rentals only; hotel delivery and pick-up in DC):

  Website: www.lenoxmedicalsupply.com
  Phone: 1-866 474-4356 or 202-387-1960

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.

Local Service Providers: Personal Assistant Services

- Maxim Healthcare

  Phone: 202-545-6980 (711 for Relay)
  Email: clduvall@maxhealth.com

- ENDependence Center of Northern VA (CIL)

  Attn: Ruchika Lalwani, PAS Coordinator
  2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 305
  Courthouse Plaza II
  Arlington, VA
  Phone: 703-525-3268; TTY: 703-525-3553
  Email: ruchikal@ecnv.org;

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 Thursday, July 25*.

> ** Personal Assistants will be available during conference hours only. Please see the "Local Service Providers" section on page 14 for information on arranging your own personal assistant service.*

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.

At the Grand Hyatt, all guest rooms are being renovated including new furniture, bedding, carpet and paint. The lobby and conference rooms are not being renovated. Remodeling started on the 11th floor, working downward.

By July, all guestrooms will have been renovated; most recently, the lower floors and the 12th floor. Guest rooms have windows that open into the central atrium that might permit volatile remodeling chemicals to enter the hallways and conference area. Off-gassing typical of new synthetic materials and furnishings like these can trigger or exacerbate chemical and other environmental sensitivities. If such exposures concern you, consider reserving a room in a different hotel.

Airports and Transportation

Reagan National Airport (DCA)

- Taxicabs: Available at the exits of each terminal. Approximate fare to DC is $20.00.
- Van Service: Contact Super Shuttle or Battles Transportation for large lift-equipped vans. Red Top Cab has accessible mini-vans.
- 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.

Dulles Airport (IAD)

- 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.
- 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.

- 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

Baltimore / Washington International (BWI)

- 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.
- 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.

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;
- attire appropriate for both very hot and chilly temperatures; and
- any medications or assistive devices you may need during strenuous activity.

Hotels and Lodging

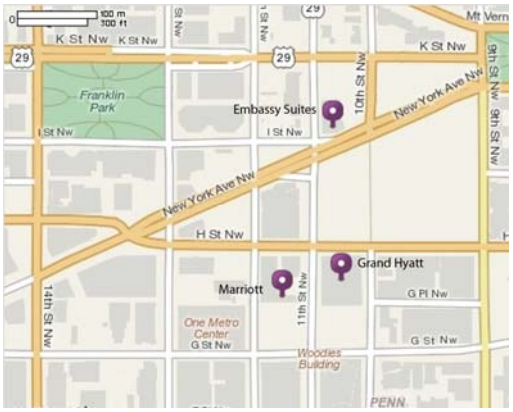
Grand Hyatt Washington

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 23-27, 2013 at a special rate of $259 single / double occupancy (plus tax of 14.5%). Triple and quadruple occupancy is available at $284 and $309, respectively (plus tax). Regency Club rooms are available at a variable rate, based on availability.

To make your reservations online, use NCIL's custom link, 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 June 24, 2013 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 $249 per night (plus tax of 14.5%). Reservations must be made by June 25, 2013. Please call the hotel at 202.737.2200 for reservations. Be sure to identify yourself as a NCIL Conference attendee to receive the discounted rate.

Embassy Suites

Overflow accessible rooms are available at the Embassy Suites Convention Center, 900 10th St NW, just one block from the Grand Hyatt. The rate is $229 per night (plus tax of 14.5%). Reservations must be made by June 24, 2013. Please call the hotel at 202.739.2001 for reservations. Be sure to identify yourself as a NCIL Conference attendee to receive the discounted rate.

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!
- The Grand Hyatt will sell out – register for the conference and reserve your rooms today!

Registration

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.

Register Online

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

Register by Mail or Fax

If you refer to register by mail or fax, please use a separate form for each registrant. Send completed hard copy forms by fax to (202) 207-0341 or by mail to:

National Council on Independent Living / 1710 Rhode Island Ave NW / Fifth Floor / Washington, D.C. 20036

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

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 5, 2013. No refunds will be issued after that date.

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 July 5, 2013 are refundable less a $50 processing fee.

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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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: Full Conference registration fees include all events and activities, including the Pre-Conference

Early Bird Rate (must be postmarked by April 26, 2013):

- ☐ NCIL Member: $190
- ☐ Youth Member: $110 (26 & Under)
- ☐ Non-member: $310

Standard Registration (postmarked after April 26, 2013):

- ☐ NCIL Member: $265
- ☐ Youth Member: $110 (25 & Under)
- ☐ Non-member: $385

Subtotal: $ _____

☐ I plan to attend the Pre-Conference on Tuesday, July 23 (free with full conference registration)

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

☐ Tuesday (Pre-Conference) ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday
☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

☐ NCIL Member: $115 / day ☐ Non-member: $160 / day

Subtotal: $ _____

Payment

Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard
☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ I'm sending a check

Total amount: $ _____

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 CD ☐ Text-Only

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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