



BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

2010 State Convention Friday, May 21, 2010

9:00am

Registration & Exhibits Open

9:30am – 11am

Plenary Session

11:30am – 1pm

Awards Luncheon

1:15 – 2:45

Breakout Sessions

1:15-5:00

Next Chapter Book Club Training

2:45 – 3:15

Break with snacks and drinks

3:15 – 4:45

Breakout Sessions

5:00 – 6:00

Board and Annual Meeting

6:00-7:30

President's Reception

PLENARY SESSION

From Rosewood to Community

Tony Records, TRA, will moderate our plenary session dedicated to the one-year anniversary closing of Rosewood Center. The plenary begins with a showing of clips from the recently produced Rosewood Documentary, a film created by VideoPress of University of Maryland's School of Medicine funded by the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council. Special features include Rick Rowland's Rosewood photographic exhibit accompanied by fictional stories and Rosewood success stories as told by people with disabilities selected by Local Arc Chapters who've moved from the Rosewood Center to the community and made the transition successfully with a newfound independence.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Appreciative Inquiry – Denice Hinden, PhD, ACC, President Managance Consulting and Coaching. In this engaging participatory workshop you will discover and celebrate examples of effective, positive communication in The Arc chapters across Maryland, and explore opportunities for using these positive experiences to strengthen future communication in your organizations.

Eliminating Restraints in Maryland – Diane Dressler, statewide Training Coordinator and Housing Specialist, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). The DDA will provide an update on where implementation efforts stand and will discuss their perspectives on restraint elimination efforts.

Communication it is as Close as your Pocket – Susan Garber and Janice Caro, Maryland Technology Co-op. With recent advances in technology and communication strategies, individuals with disabilities have increased opportunities to find their voice and become more active and assertive in their relationship with their outside world. Come learn about these latest advances and you may find your voice is as close as your pocket.

Maryland Budget Outlook – State budget expert Neil Bergsman, MANO, explains the challenges facing the state budget, how the current state budget was financed, what are the prospects for the future, and how all this affects services for Marylanders with disabilities.

The Way to Work: Connecting People to Employers and Jobs – Richard Luecking, Ed.D., TransCen, Inc. A key principle of any sincere employment initiative is the presumption of employability for all people with disabilities. This presentation will review some of what we know about contemporary effective employment strategies so that optimism and confidence guides employment initiatives, regardless of the economy.

Universal Design for Learning – Michael McLaughlin, University Design for Learning (UDL). Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a framework for designing curricula that enable all individuals to gain knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm for learning. You will learn the principles of UDL, advocacy strategies and what you can do now.

New Chapter Book Club – Unlike other book clubs, the Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) provides adolescents and adults with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to read and learn to read, talk about books, and make friends in a fun, community setting. In this half day training, NCBC staff from The Ohio State University Nisonger Center will conduct the workshop, which includes an extensive overview of the NCBC model and a demonstration book club so you can see a Next Chapter Book Club in action.

Please Complete the Registration Information Below:

Registration deadline April 20, 2010.

Name: _____ Organization _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Do you require a special diet? Please specify: _____

Do you need a sign language interpreter? (Please circle one) Yes No

- Friday \$125 includes lunch and sessions all day
 - I will attend the Next Chapter Book Club Session
- Next Chapter Book Club Session Only \$15
- President's Reception \$30

Mail your check and this form to:

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