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ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON INDEPENDENT LIVING 2016

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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NCIL
National Council on Independent Living
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 underrepresented 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 would especially like to thank our sponsors Centene; Google; Anthem; Verizon; United Healthcare; Walmart; IndependenceFirst; Ability360; AT&T; The LEAD Center / National Disability Institute; The HSC Foundation / Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation Conference Support Fund; The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability – Youth; Pride Mobility Products; SKIL Resource Center, Inc.; Tracfone Wireless; Regional Center for Independent Living; and The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation.

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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.

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.

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.

Wednesday, July 27:

- Registration & Exhibits Open: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Concurrent Workshops II: 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
- Concurrent Special Events:
  - Exhibit Fair: 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
  - Health Policy Forum: 10:30 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.

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.
NCIL Board Meeting: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. / Independence Level

The outgoing NCIL Board of Directors will meet 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 24. NCIL Board meetings are open to the public. If you plan to attend this event and require an accommodation, please contact tim@ncil.org.

Pre-Conference - #VoteDisability 2016 GOTV Campaign: 2:00 - 5:15 p.m. / Independence A

Registration for the Pre-Conference is included with full Conference registration. See page 9-10 for complete description.

NCIL Orientation Session: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. / Independence A

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: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. / Independence A

Attorney General of the United States Loretta E. Lynch (invited) will speak on DOJ’s efforts to stop disability discrimination and enforce the ADA. Don’t miss this exciting 2016 Annual Conference opener!

Legislative & Advocacy Update: 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. / Independence A

Get up-to-date information on the progress of NCIL’s advocacy efforts from the Chairs of NCIL’s Legislative & Advocacy Subcommittees. 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: 11:30 - 11:45 a.m. / Independence A

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.
Concurrent Workshops I: 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

See page 10-12 for descriptions, presenters, and locations.

Regional Caucuses:

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. A list of Regions by state is available on page 26. Please note the separate times listed for Regions I - V and VI - X.

Regions 1 & 6: Independence A      Regions 2 & 7: Independence FGHI
Regions 3 & 8: Independence BC     Regions 4 & 9: Independence DE
Regions 5 & 10: Lafayette / Farragut

Diversity Mixer: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. / Independence A

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.

Organize for the March: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. / 11th & G Streets NW

Participants should assemble at 9:30 a.m. at G and 11th Streets, NW. The March will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

March to the US Capitol: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

NCIL members march from the Grand Hyatt to Capitol Hill demonstrating support for the independence of people with disabilities! A map of the March route and Rally location is available in the Advocate’s Guide to the Hill, included with your Conference materials.

Lunch: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. / West Front Lawn of the US Capitol Building / Rally Site

Bag lunches will be provided to conference registrants.
2016 Rally at the US Capitol: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Marchers will converge in front of the Capitol Building for an empowering Rally featuring a number of speakers, including leaders in the Independent Living Movement and elected officials working on the issues we care about most.

Capitol Hill Visits: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to meet with their elected officials and their staffs to discuss issues important in their districts. Congressional contact information is available in the Advocate’s Guide to the Hill, or you can call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask for your Senators' and / or Representative's office. Participants must arrange their own services / accommodations for Hill Visits. Contact angela@ncil.org with any questions.

Concurrent Workshops II: 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

See page 13-15 for descriptions, presenters, and locations.

Exhibit Fair: 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / Independence Foyer

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.

Health Policy Forum: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / Lafayette & Farragut

This open policy forum will describe the planned research and knowledge translation activities of the Collaborative on Health Reform and Independent Living (CHRIL). The CHRIL is partnering with NCIL to identify the information, training, and technical assistance needs of CILs and other service providers as they help people with disabilities obtain health insurance and access health services. Please join us and help set the agenda for this new NIDILRR-sponsored research project.

Awards Luncheon: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. / Independence Ballroom

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

Annual Council Meeting: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. / Independence Ballroom
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. Please see the NCIL Rules of Conduct for Annual Meetings on page 24.

**ADA Celebration:** 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. / Independence Ballroom

Join us as we celebrate the ADA 26th Anniversary! 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.

**Concurrent Workshops III:** 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

See page 15-17 for descriptions, presenters, and locations.

**Concurrent Workshops IV:** 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

See page 18-20 for descriptions, presenters, and locations.

**Concurrent Workshops V:** 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

See page 20-23 for descriptions, presenters, and locations.

**Legislative Debriefing:** 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. / Independence A

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:** 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. / Independence A

Bob Williams, Deputy Commissioner of the Administration on Disabilities and Director of the Independent Living Administration, will address NCIL members and energize the crowd before we return home and prepare to make change. See page 30 for biographical information about Bob Williams.
**NCIL Board Meeting**: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / Constitution C, D & E

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.

- **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**

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.

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

**Increase Your Advocacy Outcomes! ADA Resources and Strategies**

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.

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

**Making Election Websites Accessible**

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.

- Poster 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)

**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.

**Pre-Conference**

**#VoteDisability: 2016 GOTV Campaign**

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. *Appropriate for all audiences and knowledge levels.*

- Ted Jackson has nearly 30 years of community organizing experience at the local, state and national levels. Mr. Jackson was a strong advocate for the recreation of California’s online voter registration and currently sits on the Secretary of State’s Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee. As a NCIL member, he serves on the Voting Rights Subcommittee and Chairs the Disability-Queer Caucus.

- Michelle Bishop is the Voting Rights Specialist at the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), the nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) systems for individuals with disabilities. In her role at NDRN, Michelle provides training and technical assistance to the nationwide network of P&A agencies regarding voting rights and access for voters with disabilities at the state level, coordinates NDRN’s Voting Work Group, and works collaboratively with other national organizations regarding elections administration and access to the electoral process.

Concurrent Workshops I

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

**Legislative and Advocacy Hot Topic: Don’t Roll back Our Rights - Say NO to Notification!**

*General Track / Independence A*

There are now three ADA Notification bills introduced in the 114th Congress. Members of both parties are actually signing on to both bills! NCIL Members should speak in solidarity with a clear message on Hill Visits: Do NOT roll back our rights! Say NO to ADA Notification!

As we approach the 26th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, few of the members of Congress that were there at that time of its signing remain. That makes it all that much more important for us to form a strong opposition to these attacks. We need to make this a priority as we head to the Hill this summer and meet with legislators when they are in their districts. NCIL Vice President Mark Derry will provide some background to this on-going battle and information on how to speak against the pending legislation and educate newer lawmakers on our civil rights laws. There will be time for Q&A, and the session is sure to get advocates wound up for their Hill Visits! Come prepared to make some noise! *Target Audience and Knowledge Level: Appropriate for all Audiences.*

- Mark Derry is NCIL Vice President and Chair of the Legislative & Advocacy Committee. Since 1996 Mark has been a NCIL Affiliate ADA Trainer, and he has served on the NCIL Board since 2000.
IL Movement Across Borders - Everybody In the World In!

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.

- Kozo Hirashita is President of the Japan Council on Independent Living Centers (since 2013) and CIL Mutyu.

- Satoshi Sato is the Executive Director DPI-Japan. He has had disability since age of 9 and lived in an institution for 4 years. In 2003, beginning in Pakistan, he started overseas assistance for CILs in Nepal, Cambodia, Taiwan, Mongolia, Costa Rica and Bolivia.

#DisabilitySolidarity: The Time Is Now

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.

- Allie Cannington is a Member of NCIL’s Youth Caucus and Youth Advisory Board Coordinator at Larkin Street Youth Services. Allie served as the 2014-2015 Youth Transitions Fellow for NCIL, supported by The HSC Foundation. At NCIL, Allie organized national and local efforts to empower and organize youth with disabilities, particularly through self-advocacy, community empowerment, and employment development initiatives.

- Talila A. Lewis is an activist-attorney whose advocacy primarily focuses on creating equal access to the legal system for people who are Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled & Hard of Hearing. Talila is the founder and director of Helping Educate to Advance the Rights of the Deaf (HEARD), an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that works to correct & prevent deaf wrongful convictions; end abuse of incarcerated people with disabilities; decrease recidivism rates for deaf returned citizens; and increase representation of the deaf in the justice, legal and corrections professions.
Disability Integration Act: The Unfinished Business of the ADA

General Track / Independence F, G, H & I

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.

- Bruce Darling is co-founder and CEO of the Center for Disability Rights (CDR). During his three decades in disability rights and Independent Living, he has worked vigorously to create community-based alternatives to institutionalization. Bruce is Chair of the NCIL PAS/Healthcare Subcommittee and worked closely with other advocates and Senator Schumer’s staff to craft the Disability Integration Act.

- Mike Oxford has been an activist in the Independent Living Movement for over 32 years. Over this three decade span, Mike has been involved with all types and levels of advocacy ranging from hands-on institutional "move-outs", to drafting state and federal legislation and pushing state and federal regulatory and policy reform, to training and organizing local grassroots advocates to speak for themselves.

EQUIPping Young Adults with Disability Pride and Self-Advocacy Skills

Youth Track / Lafayette & Farragut

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.

- Rachel Kaplan is the Youth Transitions Coordinator with Able South Carolina. She has assisted in the success of the EQUIP Leadership Group; a statewide group run BY and for young adults with disabilities. As a 28 year old with a disability, Rachel knows first-hand the importance of promoting self-advocacy, disability pride, and goal setting / transition related services to other young adults to empower successful independence and integration within their community.
Advocating for National Housing Trust Fund Dollars in Your State

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.**

- Brian Peters Chairs NCIL’s Housing Subcommittee and is a member of National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) Policy Committee. He has worked on a wide range of housing issues for over a decade. He has advocated for Housing Trust Funds in the City of Milwaukee, on a regional basis, and nationally.

- Joseph Lindstrom joined the NLIHC staff in February 2013, but he first worked with NLIHC in 2000 while organizing Wisconsin advocates in support of the National Housing Trust Fund campaign. He led campaigns in Madison, WI, on issues such as the local minimum wage, funding for homelessness services, and eliminating housing discrimination against Housing Choice Voucher recipients.

Sales Skills for Non-Profits

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.**

- Evie Curtis is a member of the NCIL Violence & Abuse Subcommittee and a Senior Vice President with Country Club Trust Company with responsibilities in sales and business development. She is extremely active in the community, serving as Board Chair for Kingswood (Retirement Community) Foundation, Board Chair of the Kansas SILC, and board member of Kansas Advocates for Better Care.
Deinstitutionalization Beyond Nursing Homes & Psychiatric Hospitals

Intersectionality Track / Independence D & E

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 people with mental illness and other disabilities who are also 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.

- Felicia Agrelius is a Member-At-Large on the NCIL Board of Directors, an active member of the NCIL Youth Caucus, and a co-head for her college’s disability activist organization. She is deeply committed to alternatives to psychiatry, largely because of her experiences with violent psychiatric institutions as a disabled, queer, survivor of abuse. Thus, her work is primarily around transformative justice, community healing, and interpersonal violence.

- Jing Gu holds a B.A. dual degree in Philosophy and Feminist, Gender, Sexuality Studies specializing in epistemology and theories of the body. She identifies as a disabled, queer, woman of color and organizes around all of the above and the intersection thereof.

The Community Health Environment Checklist

General Track / Independence F, G, H & I

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.

- Glen White, Ph. D. currently directs the Research and Training Center on Independent Living at the University of Kansas and serves as Principal Investigator of the NIDRR-funded Research and Training Center on Community Living. Dr. White has conducted research and training activities in Perú, Korea, Japan and Vietnam.

- Dr. Jessica Dashner worked as a research associate in the Disability and Community Participation Research Laboratory with David B. Gray, PhD for the past 13 years. She currently manages several projects, including the Research and Training Center on Community Living (RTC-CL) to examine the influence of training providers and consumers of personal assistance.
A Continuum of Youth Transition Services: One CIL’s Answer to the 5th Core

Youth Track / Lafayette & Farragut

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.

- Jennifer Stitt brings over 20 years of educational experience to her role as Youth Services Manager. She is passionate about providing every student a quality education that prepares young adults for the realities and challenges of life after high school.

- Jeremy Munson has over 15 years of experience assisting individuals with disabilities to successfully find and maintain competitive employment in their communities. Getting employers to utilize this untapped market of talent is his team’s mission.

- Julie Bosma has served as RAMP’s Executive Director since 1992. Her passion is bringing new programs to fruition and ensuring the financial viability of the Center while meeting their mission with creativity and enthusiasm.

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

Assisted Suicide Bills: How to Defeat Them

General Track / Independence A

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.
• Samantha Crane is Director of Public Policy at the national office of Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN). She is an advocate for equal access to life-saving care for people with disabilities and has testified at numerous hearings on physician-assisted suicide bills. Her other work focuses on access to self-determination, effective communication, supported decision-making, and quality habilitation interventions.

• Shira Wakschlag is a Staff Attorney and Special Assistant to the CEO with The Arc of the United States. Her work involves directing The Arc’s legal advocacy program and national and state disability rights policy development and advocacy. Prior to joining The Arc, Shira worked on civil and disability rights impact litigation in California as a Skadden Public Interest Attorney Fellow at Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund and as an Associate Attorney at a plaintiffs’ side employment firm. Shira is the Chair of the Disability Rights Committee within the American Bar Association’s Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice and on the board of the Disability Rights Bar Association.

• Lindsay Baran is the Policy Analyst at NCIL, where she helps to implement NCIL’s legislative and advocacy activities. In this role, Lindsay has actively worked to oppose assisted suicide legislation in DC and around the country, including testifying against proposed legislation, meeting with legislators, and writing testimony, articles, and position statements.

CIL Leadership - The African American Experience

Intersectionality Track / Independence B & C

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.

• Reyma McCoy McDeid is the new Executive Director of Central Iowa CIL. She has carved out a unique career in employment services, executive coaching, nonprofit consulting, and education. Previously, she oversaw the day-to-day operations for the largest community-based supported employment provider in Iowa. She holds a Master’s degree in Nonprofit Administration and is working towards an MA in Education. Her vocation is supporting fellow individuals on the Autism spectrum to lead independent, fulfilling lives.

• Liz Sherwin, Executive Director, Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living: Liz Sherwin has been the Executive Director of the Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living (IICIL) for the past 18 years, and has been active in IL for 28 years. Liz is an APRIL CIL Peer-to-Peer Mentor, and is past President of APRIL. She has been a national trainer and facilitator for both NCIL and APRIL. Her
CIL is very active in civil rights and advocacy for people with disabilities.

Formulating the First SPIL Under WIOA: Key Lessons Learned

Panelists Kelly Buckland, Ann McDaniel, Larry Wanger, and Brad Williams will share effective and promising practices learned during formulation of the first State Plans for Independent Living to be submitted under changes introduced by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Whatever the status of final regulations might be at the time of the NCIL Conference, the impact of WIOA changes will have been tested by every state and territory’s SILC and CILs by this time. SPILs will have been submitted and all of the IL Networks will have had to make some far-reaching decisions. Administration for Community Living (ACL) staff Vicki Gottlich and Jennifer Klocinski will be on hand to answer questions from their perspective. Target Audience: Executive Directors and Board Members. Knowledge Level: All Audiences.

Organizing for CareerACCESS: From Proposal to Reality

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.

• Justin Harford is the Systems Change Advocate with FREED Center for Independent Living in Grass Valley California, former Co-Chair of the NCIL Employment and Social Security Subcommittee, and one of the organizers of the CareerACCESS initiative for youth. He was instrumental in the passing of a 2014 NCIL Resolution in which the membership agreed to advocate for a change in the definition of disability in the Social Security Act. Justin became passionate about creating employment opportunities for youth like himself after realizing that he was not the only one trying to gain traction in a broken system.
Growing Your Volunteer Team

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.

- Ted Jackson has nearly 30 years of community organizing experience at the local, state and national levels. Mr. Jackson was a strong advocate for the recreation of California’s online voter registration and currently sits on the Secretary of State’s Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee. As a NCIL member, he serves on the Voting Rights Subcommittee and Chairs the Disability-Queer Caucus.

At the Corner of Queer and Disabled

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.

- Bruce Darling is co-founder and CEO of the Center for Disability Rights (CDR). During his three decades in disability rights and Independent Living, he has worked vigorously to create community-based alternatives to institutionalization. As a gay man in the disability community, Bruce has recognized the parallels between these two communities, but experienced, first-hand, the conflicts in their core values. Ultimately, he hopes that he can leverage his intersectional perspective to advance both communities.

- As a Black, Disabled Lesbian, the only privilege Anita Cameron has is that she is cis-gendered. Throughout her life, Anita has dealt with racism, sexism, ableism, and homophobia - sometimes combinations of these. She has used her experience of discrimination and her unique intersectional perspective to promote understanding among different groups of disenfranchised
people and increase social justice among those fighting for social justice. An ADAPT leader and activist, Anita believes in the power of nonviolent civil disobedience and has been arrested more than 120 times in 32 years.

**Review of Latest Draft of Standards & Indicators for SILCs**

Panelists Vicki Gottlich, Jennifer Klocinski, Molly Burgdorf, and Corinna Stiles from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will share an updated draft of Standards and Indicators for SILCs and solicit comments from audience participants. Draft SILC Standards and Indicators were first adopted by SILC Congress in 2004, but never had support from the previous oversight agency, the Department of Education. Unlike statutory language for centers for independent living, the law does not reflect common definitions of a standard or an indicator for SILCs. WIOA only talks about “indicators of minimum compliance for statewide independent living councils.” The law also does not call for compliance reviews of SILCs. Working within this framework, ACL offered their own preliminary draft of Standards and Indicators at SILC Congress 2016 and has been accepting comments from the IL field on that draft. ACL will unveil its updated draft during this session which incorporates recommendations received from the IL field. Kelly Buckland, Ann McDaniel, Larry Wanger, and Brad Williams will be on hand to assist with Q & A and to share insights from their perspectives. **Target Audience: Executive Directors and Board Members. Knowledge Level: All Audiences.**

- 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).

**Making Independent Living Out of Nothing: Deinstitutionalization Experiences in 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.**

- Renato Constantino is a lawyer and a researcher at the Democracy and Human Rights Institute at Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Perú (PUCP). Renato is also a Professor of the legal clinic on disability at PUCP and a member of the Iberoamerican Network of Experts on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
• Renata Bregaglio is a lawyer and PhD candidate at PUCP. Renata is also a senior researcher at the Democracy and Human Rights Institute and Professor of the legal clinic on disability at PUCP, and a member of the Iberoamerican Network of Experts on the CRPD.

Young Leaders Organizing ADAPT Activism Through CILs

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.*

• Stephanie Woodward is the Director of Advocacy at the Center for Disability Rights. Her work is focused on disability rights issues including deinstitutionalization, employment of people with disabilities, access to healthcare, physician assisted suicide, disability voting, housing, transportation, and physical accessibility of public accommodations.

• Amy Tweedle is a 29 year old Independent Living Advocate based out of Hot Springs, Arkansas. She has been devoting her time and energy in fighting for the rights of the disability community for over 10 years. She’s a proud activist and supporter of the disability rights movement.

• Germán Parodi, the Latino Outreach Coordinator for Liberty Resources, is an organizer and a Philly ADAPT leader. He is also a member of numerous National ADAPT workgroups including the Emerging Groups Workgroup where he, along with other members, help groups across the country grow into active ADAPT Chapters, and the Youth Summit, where he helps organize and train young disabled people on ADAPT's strategies and tactics on non-violent direct action.

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

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.

- Merrill Friedman works closely with stakeholders, advocates and consumers to ensure that diverse needs and preferences are recognized and addressed in health benefit programs, as well as promoting the vision of independent living for seniors and people with disabilities. She is a current board member of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) and TASH, and former Chair of the Michigan SILC. She is the Chair of the NCIL Corporate Development Council.

- Mollie Murphy specializes in policy, operations, and work flow for Financial Management Services (FMS) in self direction programs. Ms. Murphy serves the FMS Lead at the National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services, the President of Applied Self Direction, and the CEO of Annkissam, a company specializing in developing software solutions for health & human services providers. She has served as the Administration for Community Living’s lead on issues related to Home Care Rule implementation and has provided intensive technical assistance to providers and payers on the Home Care Rule since 2013.

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

International Track / Independence B & C

The global disability rights movement is growing exponentially and centers have an opportunity and responsibility to be part of this transformational development. 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. The presenters will share their experiences with disability-related international work through exchanges and consultation, long term international placements, and short-term visits from professionals and consultants 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.

- Marca Bristo is President & CEO of Access Living, one of the nation’s leading disability rights organizations.

- Judith Heumann is an internationally recognized leader in the disability community and a lifelong civil rights advocate for disadvantaged people.
• Susan Sygall is an internationally recognized expert in the area of international development, international exchange and leadership programs for persons with disabilities.

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

Intersectionality Track / Independence D & E

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.

• Shain M. Neumeier is a queer autistic person with other disabilities including ectodermal dysplasia and a cleft lip and palate. Shain is also a survivor of coercive treatment. This background has led Shain to be involved in disability justice advocacy for the past 6 years. During that time, Shain has worked with a number of disability rights and other social justice organizations as a self-advocate and an attorney, with a focus on addressing and preventing abuse and neglect in institutional settings.

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

General Track / Independence F, G, H & I

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.

• Andrea Costello has a passion for person-driven services and has worked to strengthen the Nursing Home Transition Team that she currently has ultimate responsibility for. She has a strong commitment to connecting recently transitioned consumers to each other and to those who are still on their journey from facility to community life. She is currently the Chief Administrative Officer of TRIPLIC Services.

• Brenda Dare has worked in the Independent Living movement for 20 years. She is a person with multiple disabilities who is dedicated to helping others with disabilities to empower one another. She has worked doing all five core services through the years and currently serves as Independent
Living Supervisor for TRIPIL.

- Jennifer Nestor is known for being an integral part of the TRIPIL Services team, where she is currently the Participant Services Manager. She has a decades-long history of working with several different non-profit organizations to create justice in her community.

- Denise Stewart has worked as a Nursing Home Transition Specialist at TRIPIL Services for two years. Denise's favorite saying is "Free Our People". She will share the creative approaches she uses in nursing home transition that do indeed, Free Our People.

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

Youth Track / Lafayette / Farragut

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.

- Maddy Ruvolo is a disability activist based in the San Francisco Bay Area. She is the Systems Change Advocate at the Marin Center for Independent Living and the Youth Caucus Chair of the National Council on Independent Living. She also serves as the Class of 2014 Recent Graduate Trustee on the Scripps College Board of Trustees. She graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Scripps College, where she majored in American Studies.

NCIL Rules of Conduct for Annual Meetings

To ensure fair and orderly meetings that allow all council members to participate, NCIL uses Robert’s Rules of Order for the conduct of annual meetings to the greatest extent possible. However, NCIL feels that under no circumstances should "undue strictness" be allowed to intimidate members or limit full participation. The conduct of ALL business is controlled by the general will of the whole membership, with the right of the majority to decide.

The following is a quick reference to the rules of order:

Anyone may obtain the floor (the right to speak) by being the first to stand or raise your hand or
indicate in some way that you wish to speak, and wait to be recognized by the Board President before speaking.

A member may make a motion at any time after they have been recognized to speak. All motions must be seconded. Debate cannot begin until the President has restated the motion and asked if there is discussion on the motion.

**Rules of order that members can invoke at any time during the meeting, including during discussion of a motion:**

- **Point of Privilege:** Pertains to noise, personal comfort, etc. - may interrupt only if necessary, does not require a second or a vote

- **Point of Information:** Generally applies to information desired from the speaker: "I should like to ask (the speaker) a question." - does not require a second or a vote

- **Point of Order:** Infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking. Must be raised immediately after the error is made, does not require a second or a vote

Any questions regarding correctness of procedure will be referred to the independent parliamentarian secured by NCIL for that purpose.

**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.

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- 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.

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- *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

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- What to Bring

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- 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

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- Non-Member: $430
- Daily Rate: $210
- Luncheon Ticket: $150

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**Youth Registration Rate**: NCIL is offering a reduced youth registration fee of $110 to all NCIL members 26-years-old or younger in order that young people with disabilities be exposed to the benefits of active involvement in NCIL and self-advocacy.

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- Luncheon tickets will be included in your registration materials and collected at the event. Unregistered guests may purchase Luncheon tickets for $150.

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- 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.

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Phone Numbers

- Super Shuttle: 800-BLUE-VAN
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Keynote Speaker: Bob Williams

Bob Williams joined the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in January 2016 to serve in the dual roles of Deputy Commissioner of the Administration on Disabilities and Director of the Independent Living Administration.

Active in disability rights since high school, Williams came to Washington, DC to go college and has lived and worked here for over three decades. Formerly, he was the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy at the Social Security Administration and a key leader of several interagency initiatives to create greater opportunities in career paths, employment, and economic mobility for people with significant disabilities.

In earlier roles, Williams headed SSA’s Office of Employment Support Programs and has advised the Kaiser Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, and other organizations on policy issues affecting the health, independence and economic well-being of people of all ages with disabilities. He also served as the Commissioner on Developmental Disabilities and then as the deputy assistant secretary for disability, aging and long-term care policy at HHS. He also helped gain the passage of the ADA and to create community living services and supports to children and adults once consigned to Forest Haven, DC’s institution for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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