



Presents...



Wednesday, April 20, 2016
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

***"Ligas Update By the Court Monitor
and Class Counsel"***



Court Monitor Ronnie Cohn, Barry Taylor, J.D., Laura Miller, J.D.

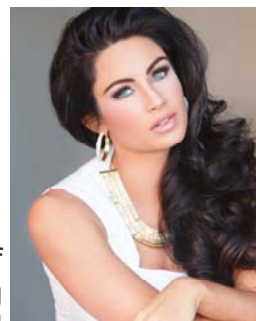
The Ligas Consent Decree provides community services for people living in ICF-DDs and those living at home. Court Monitor Ronnie Cohn and Class Counsel will update Ligas implementation and answer questions.

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

***"Through Weakness, Shines Hope:
Living with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome"***

Emily Travis

Through my eyes, and from my heart, I lead the audience through the day to day of what it means to live with a FASD. This, despite what may appear to be a looming prognosis, does not mean strategy does not exist. With an external brain, and because of divine intervention, through my weakness, shines hope.



Thursday, April 21, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

"From Possibility to Success"
Patrick Schwarz

With the goal of building lifelong skills, Patrick offers authentic processes and tools that helps educators, families, human service providers and other team members plan and embrace individual interests and passions, working toward dreams, promoting leadership, self-advocacy, self-determination, and membership in both school and the community. Patrick empowers constituents to combine the science and art of best practice. This motivating and empowering keynote gives everyone hope, direction, and inspiration to turn learning possibility into educational and community success!

Art
Exhibit

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016
REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Reception
5:30-7:00 p.m.

8:30 - 10:00	<p>Lore Baker IDHS, DHS</p> <p><i>“Supportive Housing Options Pilot Project”</i></p> <p>The Supportive Housing Options Pilot Project was created in order to develop a service structure that will support people with I/DD moving from institutions into consumer controlled apartments, condos or houses.</p>	<p>Brian Rubin, J.D. Benjamin Rubin, J.D. Rubin Law, A Professional Corporation</p> <p><i>“Special Needs Legal & Future Planning: New Laws, New Rules, New Options”</i></p> <p>Brian and Benji Rubin, Father and Brother to Mitch, now 35, who has Autism, will present an “All You Should Know” about special needs trusts, guardianship and the alternatives, the new ABLE Account and many related topics. New laws, new rules, new options.</p>	<p>Robert Mendonsa DHFS, DHS</p> <p><i>“Overview of Medicaid Managed Care in Illinois”</i></p> <p>An overview of Medicaid Managed Care in Illinois will be discussed.</p>	<p>Dr. Ryan Dump Clinical Psychologist</p> <p><i>“When Timeouts Don’t Work for Children/Adult Children”</i></p> <p>Popular behavioral interventions often neglect the complexities that accompany children with special needs. This session acknowledges those limitations, introduces adaptive strategies and invites you to engage in practical application.</p>	<p>Richard Brown UCP Sequin of Greater Chicago</p> <p><i>“Rising Above the Challenge by Expanding Resources Through the Power of Collaboration”</i></p> <p>Are you broke, limited or simply out of resources to bring the mission home? Are you faced with shrinking budgets and higher expectations? Come and learn how to create new wealth for agencies through the power of collaboration.</p>	<p>Kathy Gould Andrea Damenti Easter Seals</p> <p><i>“Rising to the Challenge of Transition: Transition Tools for Life”</i></p> <p>This session discusses transition from one stage to another throughout life and especially from high school to adulthood. Attendees will receive a copy of the recently published Illinois Transition Workbook.</p>
10:30	WELCOME: Terri Devine, Board President, The Arc of Illinois					
10:45-	KEYNOTE: Ronnie Cohn, Barry Taylor, & Laura Miller - “Ligas Update by the Court Monitor and Class Counsel”					
12:00	LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER: Director Greg Fenton, Division of Developmental Disabilities, DHS					
2:00-	KEYNOTE: Emily Travis - “Through Weakness, Shines Hope: Living with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome”					
4:00 - 5:30	<p>John Fallon Stephanie Sideman CSH</p> <p><i>“Why Couldn’t I Have my Own Apartment? Creating Supportive Housing”</i></p> <p>Permanent Supportive Housing is affordable housing linked with services. CSH is funded by ICDD. In this session find out about Supportive Housing and how Illinois could create a new option for people wanting their own apartment with their own lease and how they would be able to choose the services they feel help them.</p>	<p>Sherri Schneider Family Benefit Solutions</p> <p><i>“The ABC’s & 123’s of Government Benefits, Including Redetermination Letters!”</i></p> <p>This informative interactive session will cover the who, what, where, and when of SSDI, SSI, Medicare, Traditional Medicaid & ACA. Critical information will be discussed to help sustain benefits, how they change over a lifetime and how to deal with those pesky redetermination letters.</p>	<p>Tony Paulauski The Arc of Illinois Lex Owen IDHD, UIC</p> <p><i>“New CMS Rules”</i></p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the 2014 Center for Medicaid Services Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Setting Final Rule and discuss how the State of Illinois plans to implement the rule.</p>	<p>Christine Becker Tara Conley Nora Fox Handler Amy Halm Benji Rubin S.I.B.S.</p> <p><i>“Supporting Our Siblings and Ourselves”</i></p> <p>A panel of siblings at varying stages from transition to stepping in for parents. They will discuss supporting their siblings and themselves and how sibling support groups have helped.</p>	<p>Sheila Lullo Emily Fencil Clearbrook Lori Opiela UCP Sequin Frank Portada Park Lawn</p> <p><i>“Discovering CHOICE: A Model for Developing Alternative Day Services”</i></p> <p>The panel of presenters will share experiences in collaboratively developing and implementing a model to move from traditional day services to alternative, community-based day services driven by consumer choice.</p>	<p>Jennifer Hansen, J.D. Whitted, Takiff & Hansen, LLC</p> <p><i>“The Right to Remain Silent: Navigating Aspects of the Criminal Justice System”</i></p> <p>Learn about the complex and daunting criminal justice system including: being questioned by police, how to obtain or defend a restraining order, and what to do if charged with a crime.</p>
5:30-7:30	<p>HORS D’OEUVRES RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT- “My Abilities” presented by Emmanuel Bishop</p> <p>Emmanuel’s self-advocate presentation is targeted to parents and professionals to raise hope and awareness of the abilities in persons with Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities. This presentation shows the life of a teenager with Down Syndrome: his interests and accomplishments in sports, music and academics. (Golf, biking, violin, swimming, etc.) Video clips will be shown as well as an in person musical performance!</p>					

**THURSDAY, April 21, 2016 REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
THE ARC OF ILLINOIS ANNUAL MEETING 7:30 - 8:30 A.M.**

9:00 - 10:15	Leanne Roth Alliance Board Members Illinois Self Advocacy Alliance <i>"Operation: Community Access"</i> Learn how self advocates in Illinois want to spend their days and the exciting campaign the board/steering committee of the Illinois Self Advocacy Alliance is spearheading to make what people want a reality.	Charlotte Cronin Bob Okazaki Brian Rubin, J.D. Benji Rubin, J.D. Arc Board Members Anna Cronin Sibling Missy Mrkvicka DayOne PACT <i>"A Hands On Workshop on Letters of Intent"</i> An interactive "Hands-On" workshop on Letters of Intent (Guidance for the "Future Team", that is Guardians, Trustees, Siblings, Agency Staff, Care Providers, Agents, Representative Payees, etc.) including "insight" and assistance from parents, siblings and staff.	Mark Doyle Bennbrook, Inc. Michael Gelder Tamar Heller IDHD, UIC <i>"The Research, Politics, and Planning for Closing State Operated Developmental Centers"</i> Learn the complexity and challenges of closing SODCs despite convincing evidence that small group homes are better for people with I/DD and, in general, cost less.	Joe Higgins Comcast NBCUniversal Sami Gutzmer Clearbrook <i>"Technology and How It has Changed the World"</i> Joe will present on discovering the accessible products, services, and partnerships a company is making to create opportunities for people who love film and television but who might not have the opportunity to experience it to the fullest. Sami will present on accessibility for iPads as well as apps for adults.	Carl Indovina, Psy.D. Dr. of Psychology <i>"Promoting Community Inclusion Through the Teaching of Social Skills"</i> Methods and procedures for facilitating greater community inclusion through the development of objectives and training programs that address key social skills will be discussed during this session.	Barry C. Taylor, J.D. Cheryl Jansen, J.D. Equip for Equality <i>"Blueprint to Make Employment First a Reality in Illinois"</i> Based upon comprehensive research of promising employment practices nationwide, this session will provide a blueprint of recommendations and concrete action steps for Illinois to take to successfully implement Employment First.
10:45	WELCOME: TONY PAULAUSKI, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois					
11:00-12:15	KEYNOTE: Patrick Schwarz - "From Possibility to Success"					
12:30	LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER: David DeSanctis - "Up, Up and Away!"					
2:15 - 3:30	Melinda Sterbenc SouthSTAR Services <i>"Objectively Speaking: Goal Writing from Birth to 90"</i> The purpose of this session is to educate parents, guardians, teachers, QIDP's and other interested parties in effective goal writing. Participants will acquire the knowledge and skills to analyze and generate appropriate, person-centered goals.	Sherri Schneider Family Benefit Solutions <i>"Cases That Make You go Huh?"</i> This "jeopardy" formatted session will ask all participants to help solve family issues regarding government benefits. A knowledge of benefits is a MUST for this to be valuable.	Juan Aponte Community Alternatives Unlimited <i>"Case Management, PUNS and Access to Adult Services"</i> This presentation will cover definition, function and types of case management, PUNS enrollment, pre-admission screening assessment, IDHS-DDD Crisis Criteria and application for Medicaid Waiver Services.	Kathy Gould Andrea Damenti Easter Seals <i>"I Can, IF You Believe in Me: The Least Dangerous Assumption"</i> Does your dream for your child align with your perception of their capabilities? This session discusses key strategies to consider that embrace believing "they can" or The Least Dangerous Assumption.	Jennifer Knapp Wendy Partridge Community Choices <i>"The Possibility: Developing Connections in the Community Through Valued Social Roles"</i> Learn how two organizations in Rockford and Champaign use common sense approaches in supporting people with disabilities to develop valued social roles and become more connected in regular ordinary ways.	Cheryl Chen Britany Reed Jason Reis Mary Tallon Easter Seals Autism School <i>"Building Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Autism & Significant Disabilities"</i> This presentation highlights a multi-disciplinary educational team's development of a micro-enterprise in direct response to the lack of competitive employment options for their students with autism and significant disabilities.
4:00	PICK UP AUCTION ITEMS					

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NOTE

If you have any special needs, please contact The Arc of Illinois (815-464-1832). Notice of any special accommodations is required TWO WEEKS prior to the event.

If financial restrictions prevent you from paying full registration, you may contact the Consumer Involvement Program at The Arc of Illinois (815-464-1832) for an application for a consumer stipend. The stipends are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so you need to get your application in as soon as possible.

Hilton Hotel
3003 Corporate West Dr.
Lisle, IL 60532
630/505-0900

The Hilton Hotel is located just North of I 88. Exit I 88 at Naperville Rd. exit and go right at the stop light. Then proceed to Warrenville Rd and turn right. The Hilton is on the right. The Arc of Illinois has reserved a block of rooms at the convention rate of \$112/night single or double. The cut-off date for the special rate is April 5, 2016. If you need to know what public transportation is available to the hotel, call the RTA at 836-7000.



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Rising Above the Challenge

April 20-21, 2016
Hilton Hotel
Lisle, IL

If financial restrictions prevent you from paying full registration, consumer stipends for self-advocates and families are available through funding from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities by contacting The Arc of Illinois at 815-464-1832.

FULL REGISTRATION

(Per person - includes both days)

_____ PROFESSIONALS ARC MEMBER	\$240.00	\$ _____
_____ PROFESSIONALS NON-ARC MEMBER	\$280.00	\$ _____
_____ SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY ARC MEMBER	\$190.00	\$ _____
_____ SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY NON-ARC MEMBER	\$230.00	\$ _____

DAILY REGISTRATION

_____ PROFESSIONALS ARC MEMBER PER DAY	\$150.00	\$ _____
_____ PROFESSIONALS NON-ARC MEMBER PER DAY	\$180.00	\$ _____
_____ SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY ARC MEMBER	\$130.00	\$ _____
_____ SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY NON-ARC MEMBER	\$160.00	\$ _____

INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU WILL ATTEND: ____WEDNESDAY ____THURSDAY

INTRODUCTORY YEARLY MEMBERSHIP- **NEW MEMBERS ONLY** (available only for the convention)

____ YES, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE ARC OF ILLINOIS FOR \$20.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Please print or type all information. Mail completed form to: The Arc of Illinois, 20901 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 209, Frankfort, IL 60423. Make checks payable to The Arc of Illinois. You may fax this form to 815-464-5292 and send the fee with the hard copy of this form in the mail. On-site registration will be available at the convention. YOUR NAME AND CHAPTER/AGENCY WILL APPEAR ON YOUR NAME BADGE EXACTLY AS YOU INDICATE ON THIS FORM.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

FULL NAME: _____

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- _____ Fax form and send check to The Arc of Illinois
_____ Check enclosed payable to The Arc of Illinois
_____ State Voucher or P.O. # _____
_____ Charge to my Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express

NOTE: If you have a disability and require individualized services, please attach a written description of your needs to this registration form. We must know of any special needs at least two weeks prior to the convention.

Name as it appears on card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Card holder's signature: _____

Participants canceling their registration at least 72 hours before the convention may be given a refund, less \$50 administrative cost. No refund will be given for cancellation less than 72 hours before the convention.

The Arc of Illinois 2016 Annual Convention Children's Program

***Respite is available for children and adult children of convention attendees.
This service is provided by The Arc of Illinois at no extra cost.***

Parent's Name: _____

Participant's Name & Age: _____

Nickname, if used: _____

Tell us about your child: _____

Medication (if any): _____

Special Diet Needs (if any): _____

Best way to communicate with your child: _____

Special needs or comments: _____

Does your child have seizures? YES _____ NO _____

Does your child require assistance with eating, walking, toileting or dressing? Please explain:

May your child go in the pool with 1 to 1 staff? YES _____ NO _____

May your child be transported to an outing outside the hotel? YES _____ NO _____

What day and time do you need the Respite Care?

Please sign the following waiver for The Arc of Illinois sponsored outings:

I hereby waive and release all claims for injuries my child might sustain arising out of the Children's Respite Program during The Arc of Illinois Annual Convention, April 20-21, 2016. I understand that every precaution is taken to protect the safety of each participant in this program. I agree to assume the full risk and to waive, relinquish and release all claims I and/or the participant may have against and indemnify and hold harmless The Arc of Illinois, their officers and staff and volunteers from any such claims. I agree to emergency treatment by a physician or hospital in the event I cannot be reached.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



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Annual Convention
April 20-21, 2016



Featuring the 15th
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Call The Arc if you would like to participate!



SILENT AUCTION AND EXHIBITS
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

LUNCH
and coffee breaks included with
Convention registration.

CEU's/CPDU's/Training Hours

12 CEU's available for Nursing
Home Administrators and Social
Workers. 12 Training Hours
available for QIDPs. CPDUs are
available for Teachers.



Special Guest
Emmanuel Bishop!
Wednesday Reception!

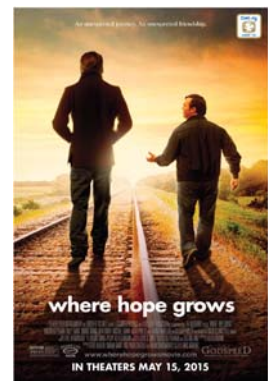
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Special Guest
David DeSanctis
Thursday Luncheon!