



# PLENARY SESSIONS AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**MONDAY, AUGUST 9 8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**



## **Samuel Bagenstos, U.S. Department of Justice**

We are thrilled to have Mr. Bagenstos, the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, join us to speak about the Civil Rights Division's Olmstead enforcement and human rights efforts. Since 1999, Bagenstos has been a law professor; he has taught at Harvard, Washington University in St. Louis, UCLA, and the University of Michigan. Bagenstos played a key role in defending the constitutionality of the Americans with Disabilities Act and its abrogation of state sovereign immunity. He represented individuals with disabilities in a number of cases in which defendants attacked the statute as unconstitutional. Over the past year new life has been breathed into the DOJ's Civil Rights Division — come hear about the Division's plans to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in the United States.

## THE MOVING MOUNTAINS AWARDS

The Moving Mountains Awards are presented to organizations and agencies that have demonstrated best practice in direct support workforce development. They are awarded by the Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University of Minnesota in partnership with the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP).

Don't miss this plenary session! Jerry Smith, award winning Director, will be premiering a new advocacy film about the importance of Direct Support Professionals in our communities and their vital involvement in promoting inclusive communities.

This year's Award recipients are:

**South Dakota Association of Community Based Services** for their project: *The Direct Support Workforce: Building a Collaborative Strategy for Recruitment, Retention, Training, and Utilization*.  
Accepting the award will be Christie Johnson and Eileen VanSoest.

**Community Living Program, Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona** for their *Starfish Program*.  
Accepting the award will be Sue Henning Mitchell.

**Adirondack Arc (New York)** for their *Direct Support Professional Master Worker and Career Path* program.  
Accepting the award will be Lester Parker and Arden Kleffmann.

**Arc of Delaware County (New York)** for their *Life and Career Model Program*.  
Accepting the award will be Barbara Rothenberg.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**



### **Barbara Coulter Edwards**

Barbara Coulter Edwards is the Director of the Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group in the Center for Medicaid and State Operations at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Barb has almost 30 years of public and private sector experience in health care financing. She is a nationally recognized expert in Medicaid policy, including managed care, cost containment, long-term care, and State and federal health care reform. Barb is a frequent national presenter on Medicaid trends and State health policy challenges. During her time as Ohio's Medicaid Director, Barb led significant program reforms, including implementation of Ohio's comprehensive strategy to promote access to home and community-based long-term services and supports. Ms. Edwards will speak about priorities for Medicaid and the Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group within the context of Medicaid reform.



### **Sharon Lewis**

Sharon Lewis is the Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Administration for Children and Families. Ms. Lewis has served as the Senior Disability Policy Advisor to U.S. House Committee on Education & Labor Chairman George Miller. In this capacity, she advised members of the Committee on legislative strategy and disability-related policy in education, employment and healthcare. Previously, she worked as a Kennedy Public Policy Fellow for U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Children & Families Chairman Chris Dodd. Prior to her work in Congress, Sharon served on the state level in various disability policy and program roles, and as a grassroots community organizer. Ms. Lewis will speak about new initiatives and directions at the Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

## **MAKING INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT THE FIRST OPTION: A STATE OF THE STATES REPORT**

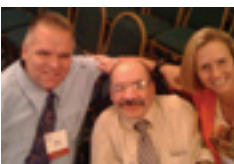


### **Pat Rogan**

Pat Rogan is the Executive Associate Dean, Indiana University School of Education, Indianapolis. Supported employment and other forms of integrated employment have been in place for 30 years. However, most adults with disabilities who require support to get and keep employment still spend their days in sheltered facilities. This presentation will focus on the following questions:

- What is the current 'state of the state' in employment?
- How are some states moving forward with an Employment First agenda?
- What 'best practices' are resulting in positive employment outcomes?
- Where do we go from here?

## **INCOME GENERATION FOR ALL!**



### **Annette Downey, Daniel Perry, Ray Schuhholz, and John Toppi**

Hear how people with developmental disabilities are earning income and making great things happen in their lives by self-directing their supports. Audience members will be encouraged to set high expectations and "think outside the box" when assisting people with disabilities in planning for their futures. Creative options for income generation will be explored, including the option of small business development. Come hear about how one group is focusing on helping people achieve active, rich, and respected lives as valued members of their community!

Annette Downey is the Executive Director of Community Living Services of Oakland County (Michigan). Daniel Perry, Ray Schuhholz, and John Toppi receive employment services through Community Living Services of Oakland County.