

Register Today! It is less than a month away until we meet in Denver, Colorado for the 2015 NASDDDS Directors Forum & Mid-Year Conference, **NEW PATHWAYS**, June 10-12, 2015, at [The Westin Denver Downtown](#), 1672 Lawrence Street.

Hotel space is filling up — a list of additional hotels is provided in this flyer.

This conference presents **NEW PATHWAYS** to support people with I/DD at the service and systems levels. Join state I/DD leaders, providers, local leaders, and advocates to learn about:

- Technology and social network tools that are giving people more direct control over their plans and team communications that support true person-centered practices, both in the U.S. and internationally.
- Examples of commitment and creativity in action — advancing the ability of children with significant medical care needs to live with families.
- Evolving training and learning approaches integrated into the daily routines and activities of children with autism spectrum disorder and their families.
- How state I/DD and behavior health agencies are creating integrated systems inclusive of both mental health treatment and I/DD support services.

Featured Speakers

- **Julia Bascom** serves as the Deputy Executive Director at ASAN, the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. Julia will provide an adult autistic perspective on services and supports provided to children with ASD and their families.
- **Dr. Barry Prizant** is the Adjunct Professor, Artists and Scientists as Partners Group, Brown University. Barry will speak about services for children with social-communication disabilities and autism spectrum disorders and their families. He will discuss his most recent work on the SCERTS © curriculum.
- **Dr. Nancy Rosenau** is the Executive Director for EveryChild, Inc., a Texas nonprofit. With her deep interest in public policy that supports family life for all children, irrespective of how significant their support needs might be, Nancy will discuss strategies to avoid congregate care for any child.
- **Jeffrey J. Guenzel** is the Chief Executive Officer of the Interdisciplinary Council on Development and Learning (ICDL), the home of DIR®, and Floortime, a foundation for understanding child development and providing support and intervention for children.
- **Andy Minnion** will join with **Dr. David O'Hara** to share their work in both London and the U.S. in exploring ways in which new web and social media can be used to help improve the quality of life and increase the self-direction of people with disabilities.
- **Sharon Lewis**, Principal Deputy Administrator at the Administration for Community Living (ACL), as well as the HHS Senior Advisor on Disability Policy, will present on innovations in person-centered planning and self-direction.

For more information and to register, go to www.nasddds.org/conferences/2015-directors-forum-mid-year-conference/.

We have been notified that the Westin Hotel has reached capacity!

However; NASDDDS has secured room blocks at the following nearby hotels. Please mention the "NASDDDS Conference" when booking to get the special rates designated below. There are a limited number of rooms blocked at each of the four locations so act fast!

Hotel Monaco

1717 Champa Street ([.2 mile from the Westin Hotel / links to Google Maps](#))

(303) 296-1717

\$229/night

www.monaco-denver.com

Courtyard Marriot Denver Downtown

934 16th Street ([.2 mile from the Westin Hotel / links to Google Maps](#))

(303) 571-1114

\$229/night

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The Oxford Hotel

1600 17th Street ([.3 mile from the Westin Hotel / links to Google Maps](#))

(855) 364-5234

\$229/night

www.theoxfordhotel.com

The Crawford Hotel

1701 Wynkoop Street ([.4 mile from the Westin Hotel / links to Google Maps](#))

(855) 362-5098

\$289/night

thecrawfordhotel.com

Other hotels in the area and their rates:

Renaissance Denver Downtown City Center

918 17th Street ([.2 mile from the Westin Hotel / links to Google Maps](#))

(303) 867-8101

\$356/first night, second night \$163 (state government rate)

AAA rate \$356/first night, second night \$163/night

Residence Inn by Marriott City Center

2777 Zuni Street ([1.8 mile from the Westin Hotel / links to Google Maps](#))

(303) 296-3444

State government rate \$163/night

AAA rate \$246.05/night

Denver is a popular summer destination, so please make your hotel reservation soon!