

Good Evening,

The National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities requested that the following information be forwarded to you.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Colorado is honored to host the  
“NASDDDS Directors Forum and Mid-Year Conference”  
**“NEW PATHWAYS”**

We'd like to see you there! Details below.

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Please Join Us!  
NASDDDS Directors Forum and Mid-Year Conference

## **NEW PATHWAYS**

June 10-12, 2015

Westin Denver Downtown ~ Denver, Colorado

State I/DD systems are continually forging **New Pathways** to support people with I/DD and their families and this presents **New Pathways** underway at the service and systems levels.

Come learn and have discussions with state, national, and international experts about:

- Technology and social network tools giving people more direct control over their plans and team communications that support true person-centered practices.
- Commitment and creativity 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 disorders and their families.
- Integrated systems, inclusive of mental health treatment and I/DD support services, focused on children and through the transition years.

## **FEATURED SPEAKERS**

### **Dr. Barry Prizant**

Director of Childhood Communication Services & Adjunct Professor  
Center for the Study of Human Development at Brown University

Barry will discuss services for children into the adult years with social-communication disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their families. He will share his recent work on the SCERTS © curriculum; a systematic method for skill building that allows families and teams to draw from a wide range of effective practices.

### **Julia Bascom**

Director of Programs, Autistic Self-Advocacy Network

Julia is a person with autism and focuses her work assisting self-advocates to work on state-level policy efforts. She develops projects which look at standards for cognitive accessibility, the creation of independent living supports, the potential of natural supports, and ensuring meaningful, authentic, and respectful representation of the autistic and disability communities throughout society. Julia will provide an adult autistic perspective on services and supports.

### **Jeffrey J. Guenzel**

Chief Executive Officer, ICDL

Jeffery directs the Interdisciplinary Council on Development and Learning (ICDL), home of DIR®, (the Developmental, Individual-differences Relationship-based approach), a foundation for understanding child development and supporting intervention for children.

Jeffrey will describe and discuss DIRFloortime®, an intervention for children with autism, mental health, and developmental disabilities yielding positive results.

**Dr. Aubyn Stahmer**

Associate Professor Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
UC Mind Institute

Aubyn will be sharing autism research to community-based practice and community systems delivery. Aubyn is an expert in the Early Start Denver Model.

**Nancy Rosenau**

Executive Director, EveryChild

Nancy is a specialist in finding family homes for every child instead of institutions or other congregate care, irrespective of how complex co-occurring mental health/I/DD support needs may be.

**Sharon Lewis**

Principal Deputy, Federal Administrator Administration for Community Living (ACL)  
and HHS Senior Advisor on Disability Policy

Ms. Lewis will provide insights into the expectations of both federal officials and the overall aspirations of people with I/DD and their families regarding the current system of person-centered planning and the future of self-determination.

**Andy Minion**

Director of the Rix Centre for Innovation and Learning Disability  
University of East London, United Kingdom

Andy is a leader in the field of new media and social inclusion research, development & knowledge exchange. He founded the Rix Centre for Innovation and Learning Disability, to explore and develop ways for new web and social media to help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Andy will discuss the use of 'wikis' to foster person-centered planning and self-direction.

**David M. O'Hara, Ph.D.**

Chief Operating Officer  
Westchester Institute for Human Development

O'Hara's current research focuses on the potential of innovative information, communication, and social networking technologies to promote the participation of individuals and families in systems of care. He will join Andy Minion on the new Wiki.

To register and learn more, please go to [www.nasdds.org/conferences/](http://www.nasdds.org/conferences/).