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DISABILITY POLICY SEMINAR

Washington, DC

AUCD

- Association of University Centers on Disabilities
 - “A network of interdisciplinary centers advancing policy and practice for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families, and communities”

OVERALL GOAL

Learn more about the critical issues facing people with disabilities and their family members



“Nothing about us, without us”



“Making A Difference: Advancing Civil Rights”

Rud Turnbull, Co-Founder, The Beach Center on Disability, University of Kansas, UCED

- Jay Turnbull
- *“The failure is not to get rights, but to realize them on the streets of American communities”*
- Emphasis on increasing workers in sheltered work and group homes
- *“Less able is not less worthy”*
- Data are not lived lives



“Don’t Cut Our Lifeline: Advancing Community Living Through Medicaid”

Amy Hewitt, Board President, American Association on
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)

Leonardo Cuello, Director, Health Reform, National Health Law
Program

Judith Solomon, Vice President for Health Policy, Center on
Budget and Policy Priorities

Shannon Atanasio, Director, Government Affairs, Families USA

“Don’t Cut Our Lifeline: Advancing Community Living Through Medicaid”

- Medicaid Progress for Persons With Disabilities
 - 29 states expanded Medicaid (22 have not)
 - Expansion sets income limit to 138% FPL, has no savings limit and no disability requirement
 - Increased funding and integration standards for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
- Introduction to Federal Budget, Timelines, House and Senate Budget and What is Next for Medicaid and CHIP
 - Federal Spending: 58% on entitlement programs, 30% on discretionary programs
 - 69% of cuts in GOP plans come from low income programs (Medicaid, SNAP...)
 - Potential for placement of per capita cap on federal funding
 - Shifts costs to states, beneficiaries, and providers
- Building Congressional Champions for Medicaid

“Policy is Easy as Pie”

Cathy Enfield, Vice-President, Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)

Liz Weintraub, Advocacy Specialist, Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

Taylor Woodard, Paul Marchand Intern, The Arc

Amie Lulinski, Director of Rights Policy, The Arc

“Policy is Easy as Pie”

- “Policy is like a slice of pie, and we need to know the ingredients”
 - Know the issue
 - ID the problem
 - Come up with possible solutions
 - Talk with legislators
- Key House Committees for PWD
 - Appropriations (Labor, Health, & Education Subcommittee); Budget; Education & Workforce; Energy & Commerce; Ways & Means
- Key Senate Committees for PWD
 - Appropriations (LHE); Budget; Finance; Health, Education, Labor & Pension; Foreign Relations
- Allies Supporting Advocates

“Social Security: Action Needed in the 114th Congress”

Molly Cole, Board President, NACDD

Tom Bethell, Senior Fellow, National Academy of Social Insurance

Nancy J. Altman, Founding Co-Director, Social Security Works; Co-Chair, Strengthen Social Security Coalition

Rebecca Vallas, Director of Policy, Poverty to Prosperity Program, Center for American Progress

“Social Security: Action Needed in the 114th Congress”

- Americans overwhelmingly in support of social security
- Last revision to income limit: 1989
- Income limit set to: \$2,000
- Income adjusted for inflation: \$10,000

“The Budget Crisis: What it Means for Disability Programs”

Annie Acosta, Director of Fiscal and Family Support Policy
The Arc

Kim Musheno, Director of Public Policy, AUCD

Richelle Friedman, Director of Public Policy, Coalition on Human Needs (CHN)

“The Budget Crisis: What it Means for Disability Programs”

- Since 2010, 50 disability-related programs have been cut by 15%
 - 39 cut by 33%
 - Sec.811 Housing for PWD funding cut by 60%
- Persons aged 65+ expected to double by 2060
- FY 2016 House Budget
 - 10 year plan
 - 69% of non-defense cuts come from low- and moderate-income programs
 - Cuts \$5.3 Billion over 10 years
 - Converts Medicaid and CHIP to block grants
- Disparities and Revenue
 - CEOs of major corps make ~296x more than their typical worker
- Against the repeal of the estate tax and of the medical device tax



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