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Wednesday, April 25, 2012
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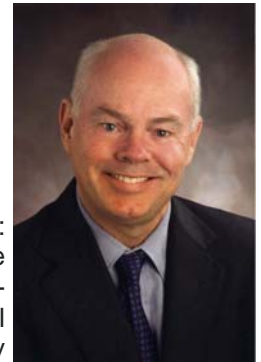
“On the Wrong Planet: Creating an Online Autism Community”
Alex Plank

Alex Plank was diagnosed at age 9 and didn't know anyone else on the spectrum. So he went online and found others to whom he could relate. This is his story.

Wednesday, April 25, 2012
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

“The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities in Illinois and the United States: 2012”
David Braddock, Ph.D.

Professor David Braddock will address three specific objectives in his presentation. They are: 1) to describe characteristics of the economic uncertainty we face in Illinois and across the United States in 2012; 2) to summarize historical and current trends in Illinois, the Upper Midwest, and nationally, the provision of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families; and 3) to articulate the promise of emerging technologies today such as smart homes, cloud computing and other technologies with the potential to enhance community residential services and supports for people with I/DD and their families. Much of the data-based component of this presentation stems from the analysis of data emanating from the State of the States in Developmental Disabilities Project.



Thursday, April 26, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

“The Ligas Consent Decree: What it Means to You!”
Tony Records

The Ligas Consent Decree was ordered by the U.S. Federal court on June 15, 2011. This Decree will provide choice and opportunities for thousands of adults with developmental disabilities. Tony Records, the Court Monitor, will review all of the requirements of the Decree and discuss its ramifications for people with disabilities, families and providers of services. He will also review the plans by the state to implement the Decree over the next nine years.



Art Exhibit

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012
REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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

<p>8:30 - 9:45</p>	<p>Sherri Luttrell ★ Illinois Center for Autism</p> <p><i>“Effective Social Skills Programming”</i></p> <p>The purpose of this presentation is to offer a simple framework from which parents and professionals can begin to plan and implement effective social skills programming.</p>	<p>Brian Rubin Rubin Law, A Professional Corporation</p> <p><i>“Planning for Today, for When the ‘Bus Stops Coming’ and for When We are Gone...”</i></p> <p>Attorney and parent Brian Rubin will discuss “Special Needs Trusts”, “Adult Guardianship & Alternatives”, “Letters of Intent”, “When Parents Divorce”, “Navigating the Illinois Maze”, the proposed “ABLE (529) Account”, and many related topics.</p>	<p>Joan Ingram, Ph.D. Teresa Sripada, M.D. IDHD, UIC</p> <p><i>“Living the Good Life”</i></p> <p>An integrative and strengths-based approach to improving life quality of dually diagnosed adults includes: community engagement for friendship, recreation and arts; evidence-based healthcare and nutrition; collaboration among families, staff and healthcare professionals and promotion of self-advocacy.</p>	<p>Mike Kaminsky Rose Slaght The Arc of Illinois</p> <p><i>“Transition Resources You Need to Know But Did Not Know to Ask!”</i></p> <p>This presentation introduces participants to the programs of The Arc of Illinois with a focus on www.IllinoisLifeSpan.org to find providers & advocacy resources. There will be many transition resources introduced, discussed & shared on a CD.</p>	<p>Shirley Perez Family Support Network</p> <p><i>“What is Family Support?”</i></p> <p>What is Family Support? Family Support means different things to different families. Quality family support programs should be family driven, easy to use and flexible.</p>	<p>JJ Hanley JJ’s List</p> <p><i>“Jump Start Your Internet World!”</i></p> <p>RU a Web Wiz ☺ or a Web Wannabe?</p> <p>Either way, learn why and how to be safe and productive on the Internet for communicating, socializing, self-advocating and working.</p>
<p>10:15 WELCOME: BRIAN RUBIN, Board President, The Arc of Illinois</p>						
<p>10:30 KEYNOTE: ALEX PLANK - “On the Wrong Planet: Creating an Online Autism Community”</p>						
<p>12:30 LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER: Kevin Casey, Director, Division Developmental Disabilities, DHS</p>						
<p>2:00 KEYNOTE: DAVID BRADDOCK, Ph. D. - “The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities in Illinois and the U.S.”</p>						
<p>4:00 - 5:15</p>	<p>April Leopold ★ Easter Seals Peoria</p> <p><i>“P.L.A.Y. Project”</i></p> <p>An introduction to the P.L.A.Y. Project as well as the DIR “Floortime” framework of Dr. Stanley Greenspan. Attendees will learn play strategies, methods and techniques for engaging young children with Autism.</p>	<p>Sherri Schneider Family Benefit Solutions</p> <p><i>“Government Benefits: What You Need to Know”</i></p> <p>This informative interactive workshop will focus on government benefit eligibility and how benefits change over someone’s lifetime. Critical information will be discussed to help sustain benefits—for now and for the future.</p>	<p>Kristin Krok NorthPointe Resources Beth Marks Jasmina Sisirak IDHD, UIC</p> <p><i>“Peer to Peer: Health Messages Program”</i></p> <p>This program provides tools for self-advocates to become confident and knowledgeable peer health coaches, as they help people change their behaviors through increasing physical activity and drinking more water. The Peer to Peer Health Messages Program offers Healthy Lifestyle Coaches the opportunity to expand their knowledge of health and wellness as they deliver health messages to their peers.</p>	<p>Lorraine McCormick Kathy Ruffulo Aspire</p> <p><i>“Parent to Parent: Sharing the Journey Together”</i></p> <p>Only another parent can understand the common emotions, joy and challenges of children with special needs. Join other parents in a lively discussion of stories, words of wisdom, and reflections on the future.</p>	<p>Director Kevin Casey Division of Developmental Disabilities, DHS Mark Doyle Office of the Governor</p> <p><i>“Rebalancing Initiative: A Safe Home in the Community”</i></p> <p>This session will address Governor Quinn’s Rebalancing Initiative. We will discuss key features of the SODC implementation outline, present updates and progress thus far at the identified centers. We will also discuss the challenges we still face and our plans for moving forward.</p>	<p>Jennifer Knapp Terah Green Megan Norlin Tara Wickey The Alliance</p> <p><i>“Let’s Get to Work: Self Advocates Role in Improving Employment in Illinois”</i></p> <p>This presentation will explore The Alliance’s work around employment. Topics will include policy changes and practical ideas for improving employment for people with disabilities.</p>
<p>5:30</p>	<p>HORS D’OEUVRES RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT- “Everyone Can Be A...Singer with the Band” <i>Chris Burke with Joe and John DeMasi</i></p> <p>When Chris Burke was born with Down Syndrome in August, 1965, the doctors advised his parents to put him in an institution. The Burkes not only ignored that advice but treated Chris the same as his three siblings, a decision that has led to a remarkable life and talent! This musical presentation features Chris Burke, the young actor who starred as Corky on the ABC-TV hit series <i>“Life Goes On”</i> and his reoccurring role as Taylor, the angel of faith on the hit CBS-TV show <i>“Touched By An Angel.”</i> It also features Joe and John DeMasi, award winning professional musicians, twins and life long friends of Chris. Inspirational, uplifting and full of warmth, laughter, love and fun, this program/concert is a wonderful example to everyone that if you follow what is in your heart, your dreams really can come true!</p>					
<p>★ Although these presentations will have a focus on autism, they will be applicable to all developmental disabilities.</p>						



THURSDAY, April 26, 2012
REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.



<p>9:00 - 10:15</p>	<p>Amie Lulinski Norris IDHD, UIC ★</p> <p>“Advocacy Matters: Achieving the Combating Autism Reauthorization Act”</p> <p>During the summer of 2011, a number of national disability advocacy organizations worked to ensure the passage of the Combating Autism Reauthorization Act. This presentation will discuss how these groups cooperatively achieved this goal.</p>	<p>Sherri Schneider Family Benefit Solutions</p> <p>“Government Benefits: Advanced”</p> <p>If you ever wanted to delve into the world of DAC, Pickle, 1619, QMB, HBWD, Spend-down, how to read a Medicaid card, TPL coding and more, then this informative, interactive workshop is for you. This will be most beneficial if you already have a working understanding of government benefits.</p>	<p>Robert Mendonsa Aetna Better Health Rogelio Ramirez Laura Zeiger Illini Care Health Plan</p> <p>“Integrated Care Program”</p> <p>The Integrated Care Program is designed to link primary, specialty, and community services. Members select a health plan through Aetna Better Health or IlliniCare and care is coordinated with the focus on establishing a medical home with prevention, wellness and community-based supports. Join us for an overview of benefits and services provided to you.</p>	<p>Kathleen Gerhold Caren Musembi Ray Graham</p> <p>“Monarch Services-Leading the Revolution for Specialized Services”</p> <p>Learn about customized programs offered to young adults transitioning from high school / home life into the adult world. In today's world, innovation and creativity is key in bridging the service gap.</p>	<p>Brian Denton Judy Dorsey Sean Jefferson Leanne Jessie Melissa Regan Dan Strick Cindy Toll Stephanie Walton SouthSTAR Services</p> <p>“Self-Advocacy as Part of An Organizational Culture”</p> <p>This presentation shares easily implemented ideas and tools that have resulted in self advocates at SouthSTAR Services having real input in agency decisions.</p>	<p>JJ Hanley JJ's List Bryce Word Pace</p> <p>“Hop on the Bus to Independence!”</p> <p>Everyone benefits from knowing how to take the Pace bus—whether it's a person with a disability, a loved one or a client. Take our hands-on workshop to learn how to take Pace fixed-route buses safely and easily. You'll board a real Pace bus outside the Convention hall as well as log onto goroo.com for an interactive trip planning experience!</p>
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10:45 WELCOME: TONY PAULAUSKI, Executive Director, The Arc of Illinois

11:00 KEYNOTE: TONY RECORDS - “The Ligas Consent Decree: What it Means to You!”

1:00 LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER: Michelle Arnold - “Discovering New Lives: Opportunities in the Community”

<p>2:45 - 4:00</p>	<p>Pamela Bondy Jennifer Gorski, Ph.D. Irma Hernandez Linda Sandman IDHD, UIC ★</p> <p>“Transition to College for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders”</p> <p>This panel will explore the needs of individuals with autism transitioning to college and university settings and will review services developed at UIC's Developmental Disabilities Family Clinics to support these students.</p>	<p>Kristi Kirschner, M.D. Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital Marilyn Martin Judy Panko Reis Tom Wilson Access Living</p> <p>“Health Care Reform Update”</p> <p>Access Living Health Team will collaborate with Dr. Kristi Kirschner in presenting on how an alternative Medicaid model of health care can empower people with disabilities. There will be an overview of the current status on Healthcare Reform efforts and a discussion of the challenges of accessible Healthcare for people with disabilities.</p>	<p>Shirley Pacey Mary Suggs Susy Woods “Breaking the Silence Around Sexual Violence Against People with Disabilities!”</p> <p>This session will look at what a person with a developmental disability and their family and other professionals working with them need to know about the prevalence of sexual violence against people with disabilities; three important laws in Illinois that address this; and what actions we can take to reduce the risks and assure the best response when sexual assault occurs.</p>	<p>Sue Brown Charlotte Cronin Vicki Niswander Family</p> <p>“Three Moms Talk About the Home-Based Programs: Updates and Strategies.”</p> <p>Three moms will provide an overview of the Home-Based Services programs along with strategies and resources for using the programs to empower children and adults with disabilities to live meaningful, happy lives in their home communities.</p>	<p>Tony Records Court Monitor Barry Taylor, J.D. Equip for Equality</p> <p>“Ligas Decree Town Hall Meeting: Get Your Questions Answered”</p> <p>In 2011, the Consent Decree in Ligas v. Hamos was given Final Approval by the court. Under the Decree, all residents in ICF-DDs 9 or larger will be given the choice to move into the community, and 3,000 people with developmental disabilities living at home will be given community services. At this session, Tony Records, the Court Monitor, and Barry Taylor, lead counsel for the class, will answer any questions you have about the implementation of the Ligas Consent Decree.</p>	<p>Renee Jordan IDHD, UIC</p> <p>“Help! What's Out There: An Overview of iPad/iPod Apps for Communication”</p> <p>This session will include an overview of a range of applications for augmentative communication available on the iPad/iPods. Different features in each application and the population it might best benefit will be discussed. Participants will also be given strategies on how to identify appropriate apps to try with clients.</p>
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4:00 PICK UP AUCTION ITEMS

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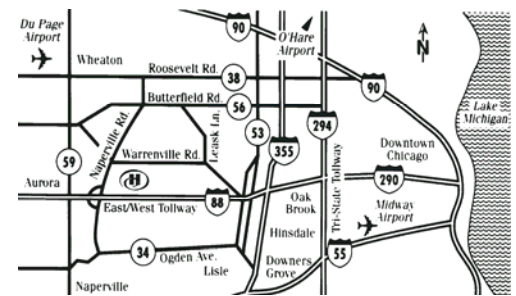
NOTE

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
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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 \$110/night single or double. The cut-off date for the special rate is April 3, 2012. **If you need to know what public transportation is available to the hotel, call the RTA at 236-7000.**



FULL REGISTRATION
(Per person - includes both days)

_____	PROFESSIONALS ARC MEMBER	\$210.00	\$ _____
_____	PROFESSIONALS NON-ARC MEMBER	\$250.00	\$ _____
_____	SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY ARC MEMBER	\$130.00	\$ _____
_____	SELF-ADVOCATES/FAMILY NON-ARC MEMBER	\$160.00	\$ _____

DAILY REGISTRATION

_____	PROFESSIONALS ARC MEMBER PER DAY	\$120.00	\$ _____
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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 \$ _____

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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.**

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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.

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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 and The Autism Program 2012 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 and Autism Program Annual Convention, April 25-26, 2012. 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 and The Autism Program, 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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Please fill out the back of the registration form if
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