Announcing a Capacity Building Institute, in association with the Annual Meeting of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

Sunday, November 8, 2009, 9:00am – 3:00pm
The Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC

THINK COLLEGE: COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES — HOW TO FUND & DEVELOP POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS IN YOUR STATE

This Capacity Building Institute (CBI) will present the preliminary results of a national survey and presenters will offer an array of funding strategies that can be used to support the development and implementation of postsecondary education options for people with developmental/intellectual disabilities. The speakers have direct experience with postsecondary education options and represent different funding approaches, which they will share with CBI participants. Participants will be able to share challenges and strategies from their own experiences.

CBI participants who represent a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) are eligible to submit an application for a mini-grant (15K) to support statewide planning for a postsecondary initiative in their state through a competitive RFP process. Participants are invited to stay for an additional 30 minutes for a review of the RFP application.

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

1. Learn about the results of a national survey that details current practice in postsecondary education options for students with developmental/intellectual disabilities.

2. Learn how partnerships between UCEDDs and state Developmental Disability Councils are supporting state level implementation of postsecondary options.

3. Learn about other funding strategies being used to develop postsecondary options.

4. Receive information on how UCEDDs can apply for mini-grants that will support development of a PSE initiative in their state through the Consortium on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities at the Institute for Community Inclusion, at the University of Massachusetts Boston.
AGENDA & FEATURED SPEAKERS

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities Perspective
Jennifer Johnson, Ed.D., Senior Program Specialist, Administration on Developmental Disabilities

The Role of UCEDDs in PSE for Individuals with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities
George Jesien, Ph.D., Executive Director, Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

Current State of the Practice
Debra Hart, M.S., Director, Education & Transition, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Meg Grigal, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, TransCen, Inc.

Advocating for State Funded Support
Tom Sannacandro, JD, State Legislator from Massachusetts
Julia Landau, JD, Massachusetts Advocates for Children (tentative)

UCEDD/DD Council Partnership
Elise McMillan, JD, Co-Director, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
Joyce Elaine Sievers, Chair, Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities

Foundation and Collaborative Funding
Martha E. Mock, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Director, Institute for Innovative Transition at the Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities, University of Rochester (NY)

Other Funding Strategies & Strategic Planning
Cate Weir, M.Ed., Debra Hart, M.S.

Information on Mini Grants
Cate Weir, M.Ed. Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Boston

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