



**2008 ADD TA Institute
Youth Information Centers
"Achieving Tomorrow's Reality Today"**

Agenda

Time	Session Description	Location
Wednesday, July 9		
4:00-7:00 pm	Check-in and Registration	Salon Foyer
Thursday, July 10		
8:00-9:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Salon Foyer
9:00-9:30 am	Welcome and Day's Overview Ophelia McLain , Program Specialist, Administration on Developmental Disabilities Patricia Morrissey , Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities	Salon III
9:30-10:30 am	General Session I <i>Emergency Preparedness for Youth and Emerging Leaders</i> Facilitated by Glenda Harden , Management Analyst, Administration on Developmental Disabilities Carl Cameron , President, Center for Disability and Special Needs Preparedness, Inclusion Research Institute This workshop will focus on providing practical information on how to include youth and emerging leaders in emergency preparedness planning so that effective emergency plans are developed for a range of disaster situations. Each participant will have the opportunity to use the <i>Individual and Family Planning Template</i> (Center for Disability and Special Needs Preparedness, 2008) and will be guided through the planning activities. This should result in a completed or partially completed individual plan at the end of the session.	Salon III
10:30-10:45 am	Break	Salon III

<p>Noon-1:45 pm</p>	<p>Working Luncheon — Keynote Address</p> <p><i>We Believe! Tapping into the Power of People with Disabilities</i></p> <p>Debra Ruh, President and CEO, TecAccess</p> <p>Sara Ruh, Speaker, TecAccess</p> <p>A few years ago, Debra Ruh had a dream. She was to create a company that primarily hires persons with disabilities. Debra’s inspiration- a beautiful daughter named Sara, who has Down syndrome. TecAccess places this growing workforce in a role to combine first hand experience with technology to help clients understand how to make technology accessible to all users. In this presentation, the mother-daughter duo will discuss the challenges faced by people with disabilities in a daunting job market, and how employees and customers with disabilities are now emerging as a powerful force in the market place due to accessible technology. Debra and Sara will share their dreams, and most importantly, what is possible when you believe.</p>	<p>Salon III</p>
<p>1:45-2:00 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>	<p>Salon III</p>
<p>2:00-3:00 pm</p>	<p>General Session II</p> <p><i>The Importance & Future of Accessible Technology</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Sara Newell, Program Specialist, Administration on Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>Debra Ruh, President and CEO, TecAccess</p> <p>The impact of total technology immersion in our everyday life is clear. Debra Ruh will explore the importance of technology, specifically accessible technology, as well as Section 508 and other accessibility legislation. She will detail accessibility trends and best practices, and where technology is headed. She will also explore accessible eLearning and how to find and procure the right assistive technology.</p>	<p>Salon III</p>

4:30-5:30 pm	Prepare for Networking/Poster Session	Salon III
5:30-7:30 pm	Networking/Poster Session The Networking/Poster Session will provide time for participants to share ideas and grantee activities. Also during this time, ADD staff will present the 2008 Logo Design Contest Award to this year's winner, Megan Chytraus.	Salon III
Friday, July 11		
8:00-9:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Salon Foyer
9:00-9:30 am	Announcements/Day's Overview	Salon III
9:30-10:30 am	General Session III <i>Nothing About Youth With Disabilities Without Youth With Disabilities</i> Facilitated by Carla Thomas , Management Analyst, Administration on Developmental Disabilities Rebecca Hare , Project Coordinator, National Consortium On Leadership and Disability/Youth Ari Ne'eman , Policy Workgroup Leader, National Council on Disability Youth Advisory Council This session will focus on the many issues of Legislative Advocacy – what it is and why it is important; how to engage youth in it; how to determine and refine a strategy for legislative change; how to utilize phone campaigns, letter writing, and face-to-face meetings; how to build relationships with legislators; and how to effectively debrief and process information being learned throughout the process.	Salon III
10:30-10:45 am	Break	Salon III
10:45 am-Noon	Breakout Session III <i>Youth Advisory Councils – Roundtable Discussion on Youth Center Activities</i> Facilitated by Julie Kenney , Project Director, IPSII Inc., Pathways Center	Plaza I

<p>Breakout Session III (continued)</p>	<p>Panel Members:</p> <p>Emily Bresler, Youth Ambassador, Center for Emerging Leadership</p> <p>Nathan Say, Project Coordinator, My Voice, My Choice</p> <p>Erin Thompson, Board Member, Arc of Northern Virginia</p> <p>Betsy Valnes, Executive Director, National Youth Leadership Network</p> <p>Julie Kenney will facilitate a roundtable discussion on the topic of Youth Advisory Councils (YACs). A panel consisting of a YITRC grantee administrator and youth/emerging leaders from YITRCs will address questions on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The challenges of establishing, recruiting and retaining YAC members • Parent Involvement in YACs • Facilitating and holding YAC meetings • What made you decide to join a YAC, and what kept you involved? <p>Participants will have an opportunity to address the panel in a brief question and answer period following the roundtable discussion.</p> <p><i>Methods for Sharing Youth and Emerging Leader Voices</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Shadetra Robinson, Program Specialist, Administration on Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>Megan Chytraus, Youth Advisory Committee Member, Becoming Leaders for Tomorrow</p> <p>Alfred Romeo, Project Coordinator, Becoming Leaders for Tomorrow</p> <p>This discussion session will allow participants to network with each other to learn about and propose methods for sharing their voices and ideas about leadership and transition with communities. Participants will also explore current and new methods in assisting youth and emerging leaders to share their ideas with communities, helping them in <i>Achieving Tomorrow's Reality Today</i>. Information and</p>	<p>Plaza II</p>
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	<p>methods from several YITRCs will be shared with participants.</p>	
<p>Noon-2:00 pm</p>	<p>Working Luncheon – Roundtable Discussions</p> <p>Roundtable discussions will provide a chance for experienced grantees to partner with newer grantees to answer their questions in select topic areas. Topic areas were selected from a pool of grantees questions and suggestions. Each table will receive a unique question in the following topic areas:</p> <p><u>Best Practices in Mentoring Programs</u></p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Rebecca Hare, Project Coordinator, National Consortium On Leadership and Disability/Youth</p> <p>Julie Kenney, Project Director, IPSII Inc., Pathways Center Health</p> <p>Nathan Say, Project Coordinator, My Voice, My Choice</p> <p><u>Creating Inclusive Communities</u></p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Jeanette Doty, Project Coordinator, Oklahoma Alliance for Youth</p> <p>Amber Smock, Youth Leadership Coordinator, Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago</p> <p>Laura White, Project Manager, Youth Empowerment and Advocacy Resource Center</p> <p><u>Health</u></p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Laura Hoffman, Development Specialist, National Youth Leadership Network</p> <p>Jean Johnson, Project Director, My Voice, My Choice</p> <p>Alfred Romeo, Project Coordinator, Becoming Leaders for Tomorrow</p>	<p>Salon III</p>

	<p><u>Recreation</u></p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Jerry Alliston, Project Coordinator, TRIAD</p> <p>George Garcia, Youth Coordinator, Set</p> <p>Yourself Free</p> <p>Deborah Zuver, Director, Youths 4 Advocacy</p>	
2:00-2:15 pm	Break	Salon III
2:15-3:30 pm	<p>Breakout Session IV</p> <p>Administrators Track: <i>It's More Than Just Language: Cultural Competence in Today's Global Environment</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Larissa Crossen, Program Specialist, Administration on Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>Jean Johnson, Project Director, My Voice, My Choice</p> <p>Nathan Say, Project Coordinator, My Voice, My Choice</p> <p>This presentation will discuss the importance of developing culturally competent skills when serving a diverse disability population. How culture impacts perceptions of disability and values such as independence and self-determination will be explored. The challenges imposed by Hawai`i's unique ethnic and cultural environment and their impact on student learning and achievement will be discussed. Participants will have an opportunity to take a self-inventory on cultural competence with opportunities for an interactive discussion.</p> <p>Youth/Emerging Leaders Track: <i>Employment – Rights vs. Responsibilities</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Sharon Delaney, Management Analyst, Administration on Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>Emily Bresler, Youth Ambassador, Center for Emerging Leadership</p> <p>Janice Goforth, Project Coordinator, Center for Emerging Leadership</p>	<p>Plaza I</p> <p>Plaza II</p>

<p>Breakout Session IV (continued)</p>	<p>This workshop will examine the “Rights versus Responsibilities” issues of young people with developmental disabilities as employees. The Center for Emerging Leadership (CEL) has found that, although the young people who have come to CEL to work over the past 3.5 years are acutely aware of their rights as citizens and employees, they often have a vague idea of their responsibilities to their employer and the people they serve. Role Plays to exhibit these issues will be the starting point for an interactive discussion and problem solving session designed to clarify individuals’ rights and responsibilities as employees.</p>	
<p>3:30-4:00 pm</p>	<p>Closing Remarks Larissa Crossen, Program Specialist, Administration on Developmental Disabilities Patricia Morrissey, Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities</p>	<p>Salon III</p>