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Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD)

In fall 2017, the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) will host Deb Wisniewski who will present a workshop in Columbia, St. Louis, and St. Peters on the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) model.

Asset-Based Community Development is focused on the simple concept that communities are healthier, safer, and stronger when all people are offered an opportunity to discover and share their gifts. In a world where people with disabilities are often labeled in terms of what they cannot do, ABCD helps people see that communities benefit from their contributions.

While ABCD may result in the natural development of informal supports in communities, the real purpose of ABCD is to strengthen the relationships between people while building stronger communities where all people can have meaningful roles.

Needs-based community development emphasizes local deficits and looks to outside agencies for resources, whereas asset-based community development focuses on improving and leveraging existing strengths within the community.

Principles that guide ABCD include:

- Everyone has gifts: Each person in a community has something to contribute.
- Relationships build a community: People must be connected in order for sustainable community development to take place.
- Citizens are at the center: Citizens should be viewed as actors—not recipients—in development.
- Leaders involve others: Community development is strongest when it involves a broad base of community action.
- People care: Challenge notions of "apathy" by listening to people's interests.
- People listen: Decisions should come from conversations where people are heard.
- People ask: Asking for ideas is more sustainable than giving solutions.
- Organization is inside-out: Local community members are in control.
- Institutions serve the community: Institutional leaders should create opportunities for community-member involvement, then "step back."



Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) Awarded Grant

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE), the oldest national self-advocacy organization in the country, has been awarded a grant from the Administration for Community Living to establish the first-ever National Resource Center for Self-Advocacy (NRCSA). The resource center will be funded through a \$2 million, five-year cooperative agreement funded as a Project of National Significance by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities under the Administration on Disabilities.

SABE's mission since its formation in 1990 has been to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in speaking up for themselves on issues that impact their lives.

The National Resource Center for Self-Advocacy will:

- Share best practices in promoting self-advocacy;
- Form an advisory committee that represents the diversity of the self-advocacy community;
- Research the history of the self-advocacy movement and compare it to other civil rights movements;
- Provide training and technical assistance to local, statewide, and regional self-advocacy organizations;
- Create Leadership Policy Fellowship experiences for self advocates; and
- Develop a web-based resource clearinghouse.

The center's efforts will result in a stronger, more diverse self-advocacy community, leadership and employment opportunities for self-advocates, and a more powerful collective voice of self-advocates across the nation.

For more information about the project, please contact Tia Nelis at 630-808-8883 or Teresa Moore at 602-725-3117, or email sabenation@gmail.com. To view the full press release, click on: <http://www.sabeusa.org/>.

Evidence for Hope Conference Set for March 7, 2017

The University of Missouri – Kansas City, Institute for Human Development (UCEDD), will host the *Evidence for Hope* Conference on March 7, 2017, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia, Missouri.

The purpose of this conference is to reflect upon the past five years of the Partnership for Hope (PfH) Medicaid Waiver and to share the data collected and lessons learned through the PfH Evaluation Project. The PfH Five Year Report will be unveiled, and key findings will be highlighted. Individuals and families who have participated in the waiver as well as professionals and leaders who supported the development and implementation of the PfH Medicaid Waiver will speak.

Partnership for Hope participants and family members, provider organizations, and Targeted Case Management staff and administrators are encouraged to attend.

Space has been reserved for up to 200 people. Information about how to register will be available on UMKC's website in November. For more information about this event, click on: <http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/docs/evidenceforhope.pdf> or contact Rachel Hiles at hildesr@umkc.edu.





“Use your motivation to make yourself better. Use your mind; don’t let it go to waste. Help others advocate by advocating for yourself.”
-Daniel Burris

Partnerships for Person-Centered and Participant-Directed Long-Term Services and Supports Project

The National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPS) just completed a 3-year project with the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE), funded by the New York Community Trust (NYCT), to prepare future social workers with competencies to implement and evaluate person-centered and participant-directed long-term services and supports.

As part of the project, a document was created with almost 100 resources (readings, videos, class exercises, assignments) focusing on the person-centered and participant-directed approaches with older adults and individuals with disabilities. The document, [Teaching Resources to Support Person-Centered and Participant-Directed Social Work Competency Attainment](#), is available on the [Partnerships Project](#) webpage.



“It’s my goal to show the world that living with a disability doesn’t end your life – it just opens up different doors. If you choose the right path, you will have an awesome life. You have to advocate for yourself and network with the correct people.”
-Adonis Reddick 1970-2016

2016 PCPID Report

The President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) [2016 Report](#) is now available online.

The report examines four key areas to determine how a new path can be forged for people with intellectual disabilities to be included in all aspects of society:

- Early family engagement to support high expectations for students with disabilities;
- Federal education policies and enforcement strategies to end segregation in schools;
- Transition to adulthood as a critical timeframe for establishing paths to higher education and career development; and
- Self-determination and supported decision-making starting in early childhood and continuing throughout the individual’s lifespan.



“All you need is faith, trust, and a little pixie dust.”
-Peter Pan

Community Calendar

November 29, 2016 – Save the Date – Creative Abundance Model with Patty Mitchell and Susan Dlouhy
St. Louis Arc, 1177 N. Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132
Look for more information on the MOAAIDD website: <http://moaaidd.org/>

November 30 – December 2, 2016 – 2016 TASH Conference
St. Louis Union Station Hotel, 1820 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103
For more information and to register, visit: <https://2016tashconference.sched.org/info>

March 7, 2017 – Save the Date – Evidence for Hope Conference
Hilton Garden Inn, 3300 Vandiver Dr., Columbia, MO 65202
For more information, click on: <http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/docs/evidenceforhope.pdf>

March 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2017 – Save the Date – Citizen-Centered Leadership with Carol Blessing, St. Louis, Columbia, and Kansas City
For more information, click on: <http://moaaidd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Save-the-Date-Carol-Blessing.pdf>

April 21 - 23, 2017 – Save the Date – People First of Missouri Conference 2017, “Spring Into Action” – Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO
For more information, click on: www.missouripeoplefirst.org

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