

Attend ODDC's Annual Conference

Health Reform for People with Disabilities

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Columbus OH 43215

Health care reform is the talk of the nation and people with disabilities have a big stake in the current debate to make quality, affordable health care available for all Americans.

Why is this issue so important? Health care reform is vital to people with disabilities in helping to eliminate disability-based discrimination and pre-existing condition exclusions.

People with disabilities are uniquely qualified to speak about chronic conditions, and the inefficiencies and exclusions of the current health care system. People with disabilities and advocates should bring solutions to the table that strengthen health care efforts for all.

ODDC with support from the other Ohio Disability Network Partners, Nisonger Center, The Ohio State University, Ohio Legal Rights Service and the University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, University of Cincinnati is hosting the conference.

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Health Reform for People with Disabilities Conference Program

9:00 Registration/coffee/displays

10:00 **Welcome**

Peter Keiser, Chair, ODDC, Cincinnati

Opening Remarks

Emcee: Tim Harrington, Executive Director, The Ability Center of Greater Toledo

National Perspective: What's in the health reform proposals?

U.S. Representative Mary Jo Kilroy, Ohio's 15th District, Columbus

Ohio Perspective: How will the budget affect health care?

Cathy Levine, Executive Director, UCHAN, Columbus

Mary Jo Hudson, Director, Ohio Department of Insurance, Columbus

How will the proposals be funded?

Col Owens, Senior Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, Cincinnati

12:00 **Lunch**

DD Council's Advocacy Award

Speaker: Tim Freeman, M.D., Cincinnati

1:00 **Panel Presentations: Individuals with disabilities discuss specific health reform issues & health professionals offer models and options**

Transitional health care

Kathy Bachmann, Parent, Columbus

Dr. Renee Rodrigues, Medical Director, TrYAD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Dental care

Deanna Hasty, Self-advocate, People First, Mt. Vernon

Carrie Massie, Dental Program Director, CAO Center for Dental Wellness, Portsmouth

Accessibility

Renee Wood, DD Council Member, Toledo

David Cameron, Columbus Advisory Council on Disability Issues

Prevention

Linda Kunick, Self-advocate, Cincinnati

Susan Havercamp, Associate Professor, Nisonger Center, Columbus

Medicaid coverage

John Conyers, Self-advocate, Columbus

Accommodations & disability awareness

Stephanie Bowman, Project Director, SARNCO, Columbus

Barbara Corner, Attorney, Ohio Legal Rights Service, Columbus

Coordination of care

Brenda Curtiss, Executive Director, SILC, Columbus

Disability Perspective: How does proposed reform affect people with disabilities?

Holly Pendell, Advocacy Coordinator, Buckeye Chapter MS Society

Betsy Johnson, Associate Executive Director, NAMI

Beverly Johnson, Executive Director, Cerebral Palsy Association of Ohio

What is our role? How can people with disabilities advocate for improved health reform?

Carolyn Knight, Executive Director, ODDC

Holly Pendell, Advocacy Coordinator, Buckeye Chapter MS Society

3:45 **Next steps/Close**

(Program is subject to change.)

Health Reform for People with Disabilities Conference Registration

NOTE: Complete one form for each person registering.

Registration fee: \$35 and includes lunch. Register early — a limited number of scholarships are available for people with disabilities and family members.

Complete the following:

- I am enclosing a check or purchase order for \$35 made payable to: AXIS Center
- I am requesting a scholarship to cover the registration fee. I understand that I will be notified within three days of AXIS receiving my request.
- To participate in the conference, I require an attendant to accompany me. I understand that my attendant can attend at no charge.

Name (please print) _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Daytime phone _____ Email _____

Attendant's name (if applicable) _____

I am:

- Person with a disability Family member Service provider
- Other, describe _____

Check the accommodations you need to participate in the conference.

- Sign language interpreter Assistive listening device Real time captioning
- Large print Computer disk Special diet, describe _____
- Other, describe _____

Financial assistance:

A limited amount of funding will be reimbursed on a first-come basis to assist people with disabilities to attend the event. Please estimate the amount you will need. You will be notified before the conference about approval of your request.

_____ miles at \$.45/mile \$_____

Attendant: _____ hours at \$11/hour \$_____

Mail completed Registration Form with payment or request for scholarship to:

AXIS Center
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