

**NATIONAL SUMMIT ON FAMILY SUPPORT FOR ENHANCING FAMILIES'  
QUALITY OF LIFE**

**JANUARY 9-10, 2006**

**BEACH CENTER ON DISABILITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

Monday a.m. – Fly into Kansas City International Airport

11:00-1:00 – Shuttle service by Kansas Transportation Services from Kansas City airport to Springhill Suites, Lawrence, Kansas

- Transportation from pick up to delivery is about 50 minutes
- We will have box lunches for you to eat in the shuttle on the way to Lawrence

2:00-2:30 – *Welcome, Agenda Overview, and Introductions – Ann Turnbull*

2:30-3:00 – *Sharing Visions from Policy and our Past (Title II of the DD Act, Part I of IDEA, National Goals Conference)*

*Moderators – Sue Swenson and Rud Turnbull*

- The factors that were “in play” that persuaded Congress to enact the particular law or that caused the National Goals Conference to occur
- The core concepts and overarching principles of the law or Conference
- The agencies that Congress authorized to act and the means that Congress required them to use
- The outcomes that Congress or the Conference aspired to achieve

Sue and Rud will review the policy (see handout) for about 15 minutes. Then we'll have a 15 minute discussion about what we have learned from our past and how that history might guide us now as we try to use policy and practice to enhance the quality of life of families who have members with disabilities and to assure that the families are the core unit of society.

3:00-3:30 – *Terminology and Definitions – John Agosta, Kerri Melda*

John and Kerri will focus our attention on the definition of family support. They will

- Review the definitions in relevant federal laws and selected state laws
- Distinguish what services are considered family support and which family services are not considered family support “support” from “services” (based on the laws, practice, and research literature)
- Propose a definition that we all can adopt

Their presentation will last for approximately 15 minutes and then we all will have approximately 15 minutes to discuss terminology and definitions.

3:30-3:45 – Break

3:45-4:30 – ***Putting Content into “Whatever it Takes” to Support Families*** – *Ann Turnbull*  
This is a large-group activity in which each of us will, in writing, identify the supports and services that convert “whatever it takes” from an aspiration to a reality. Each of us will place our post-its on posters that describe various categories of services, including but not limited to cash benefits, professional services, informal support, and other means for enhancing families’ quality of life.

4:30-5:30 – ***Medicaid: Current Status and Future Directions***  
***Moderator*** – *Jean Tuller*; ***Presenters*** – *Charlie Lakin, Bob Day*  
This presentation will focus on what we can reasonably expect from Medicaid in the next five years and the implications for family support. Each presenter will have approximately 15 minutes. This will be followed by a large group discussion for approximately 15 minutes. Jean Tuller then will synthesize the discussion and share some of her own thoughts in the last 15 minutes.

5:30-6:30 – ***State MR/DD Funding: Current Status and Future Directions***  
***Moderator*** – *Margaret Zillinger*; ***Presenters*** – *Cathy Ficker-Terrill, Chas Moseley*  
Each presenter will take approximately 15 minutes. We will have 15 minutes for discussion. Margaret Zillinger will synthesize the discussion and share some of her own thoughts in the last 15 minutes.

7:00-9:00 – ***Reception and dinner at Turnbulls’ home***

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

7:00-8:00 – Continental breakfast in hotel lobby

8:00-8:15 – ***Recap Previous Day, Review Agenda, and Make Necessary Changes***

8:15-9:15 – ***What Stands in the Way of Realizing Our Visions?***  
***Moderator*** – *Cathy Ficker-Terrill*  
Each participant will identify at least 3 barriers. Then, we will come to consensus about which of the barriers we should address.

9:15-9:30 – ***What Are the Solutions?***  
***Moderator*** – *Ann Turnbull*  
Ann will provide guidance and scope for our small group work for identifying solutions to our priority issues. Then we will break into small groups to identify solutions.

9:30-12:00 – ***Small Groups: Finding Solutions and Action Planning***  
***Small Group Facilitators*** – *Volunteers*

10:15-10:30 – Break

\*12:00-1:00 – ***Report from Each Group***  
*Moderator – Ann Turnbull*

1:00-2:00 – ***Synthesis and Next Steps*** – *Sue Swenson, John Agosta, Ann Turnbull,*  
*Rud Turnbull*

2:00-3:00 – Shuttle service to airport

3:45 and after – Catch departing flights

\*Serve boxed lunches to maintain work flow.