Disability Policy Seminar Student/Young Professional Orientation

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April 15 – 17 in Washington D.C
Grand Hyatt
1000 H Street, NW
At Metro Center

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Purpose

- Learn about current federal disability policy issues directly from Hill staff and national experts

- Educate your Members of Congress and staff about what people with disabilities are

experiencing, barriers to full participation, and sharing new research, data, ideas for solutions

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Sponsored by The Arc of the U.S., American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD, National Association of Centers on DD (NACDD, Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)

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Key Disability Issues 113th Congress

Protect:

- Funding for network and other programs
- Health Care Reform & implementation
- Medicaid and Medicare
- Social Security

Reauthorize:

- ESEA reauthorization
- Workforce Investment Act/employment
- Combating Autism Act
- Developmental Disabilities Act and Family Support

New:

- ABLE, CRPD

Political Context

- Divided Government and Narrow Majorities
  - **Democratic President**
  - **Republican Majority House 234-201**
  - **Democratic Majority Senate 53-45**
- Focus on Debt and Deficit
- Ideologically divided

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Seminar Program Highlights

Sunday	April 14	
Registration Open	4-8	
Trainee Symposium	4-6	
Trainee Reception	6-7:30	

Highlights

Monday	April 15
Registration	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Networking Breakfast – Connect with Your State	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Welcome and Keynote address	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
First Timers Track – how to prepare for Hill meetings and Understanding Congress	Morning and afternoon
Concurrent Sessions – ACA, LTSS, ABLE, CRPD	Morning and afternoon
Plenary on Trends in Federal Disability Policy	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Networking Reception	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner on your own	

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Highlights

Tuesday	April 16
Continental breakfast and coffee!	
Sibling Meet & Greet	7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Self-Advocate Meet & Greet	7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Concurrent sessions: Medicaid and Social Security with first timer track	9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Plenary: Defending the Lifeline: Medicaid, Social Security, SSI, and Medicare	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m..
Luncheon with speaker – Sen. Rockefeller	12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Plenary: Education and Employment	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions Federal Funding and Opportunity for Questions	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
State Caucuses	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Hill Day!

Wednesday	April 17
Breakfast on the Hill	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Capitol Hill Visits	All Day

Have fun!

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Planning Ahead for Hill Visits

- Make appointments with delegation before you go

- Look at Committee assignments to determine priorities

- Senate HELP, Finance, Budget and Appropriations, Foreign Affairs

- House Education & Workforce, Energy & Commerce, Ways and Means, Budget, Appropriations

- May coordinate with others in your state

Tips for Planning Hill Visits

- Plan ahead – who will say what? Tie personal story with policy objective

- Be on time, polite, respectful, honest

- Use Talking points; leave Fact Sheets

- Take a camera

- Don't be offended if meeting with staffer

- Lobbying vs. educating

- Follow up with thank you letter & additional info, if needed

Resources

- AUCD: http://www.aucd.org
  - Public policy
  - Legislative News *In Brief*
  - Action Center: http://www.aucd.org/template/capwiz.cfm
  - Delegation: AUCD's Legislative Affairs Info. Center: http://capwiz.com/aucd/dbq/officials/
- Policy Seminar home page for program, fact sheets, state list: disabilitypolicyseminar.org

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How to Ask A Question

– Type it in the 'chat' or 'question' box on your Webinar console

– The moderators will read the questions

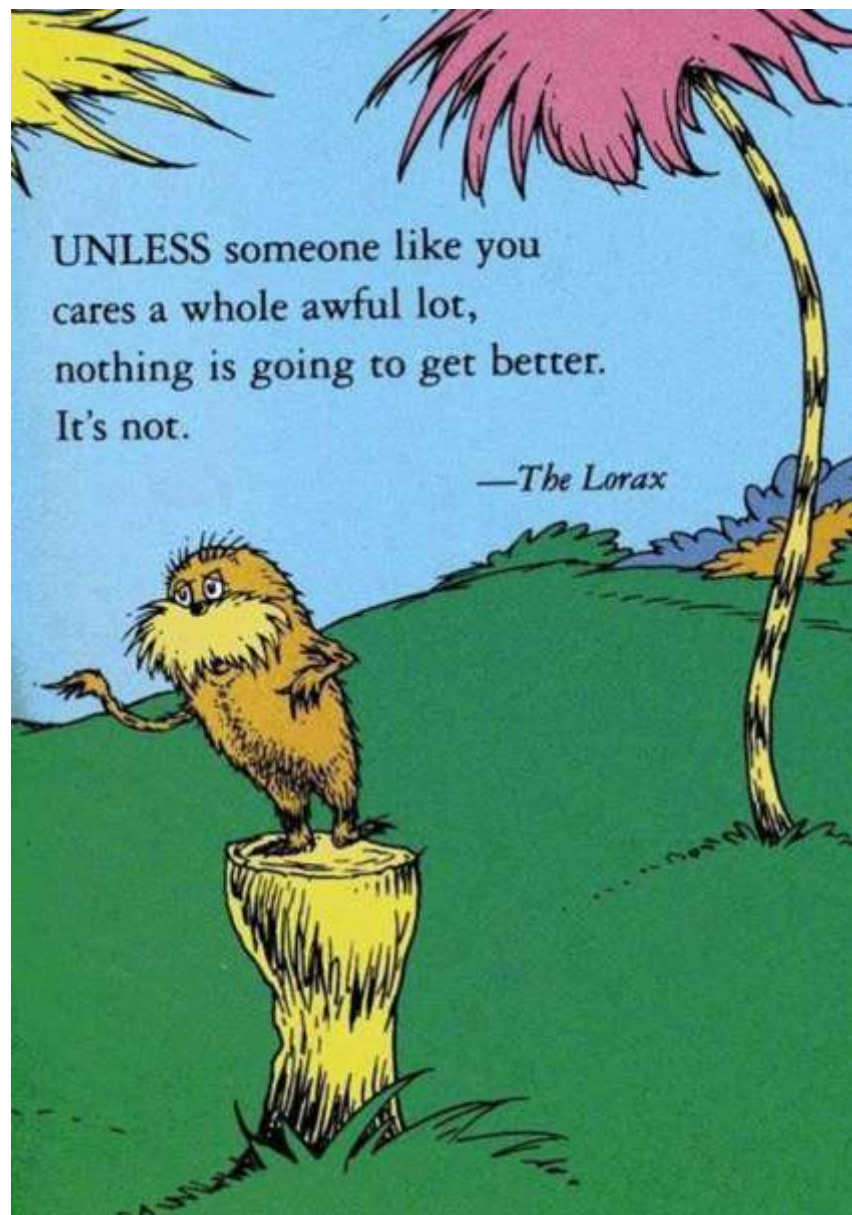Please note- we might not get to all of your questions

Thank you!

See you soon!

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