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Program Book

April 11-13, 2016

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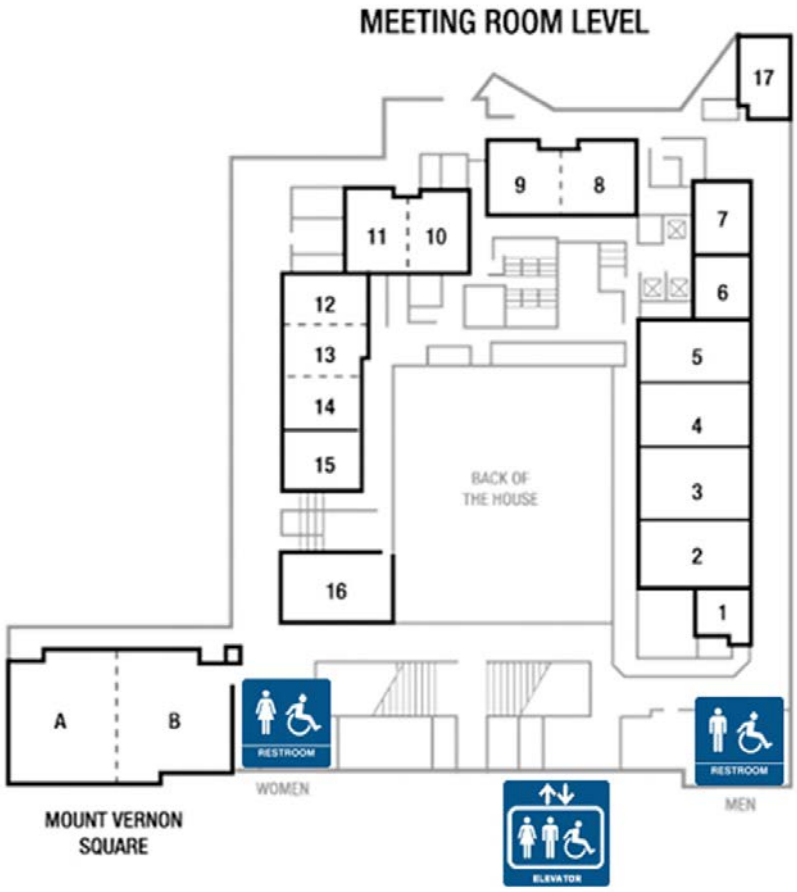

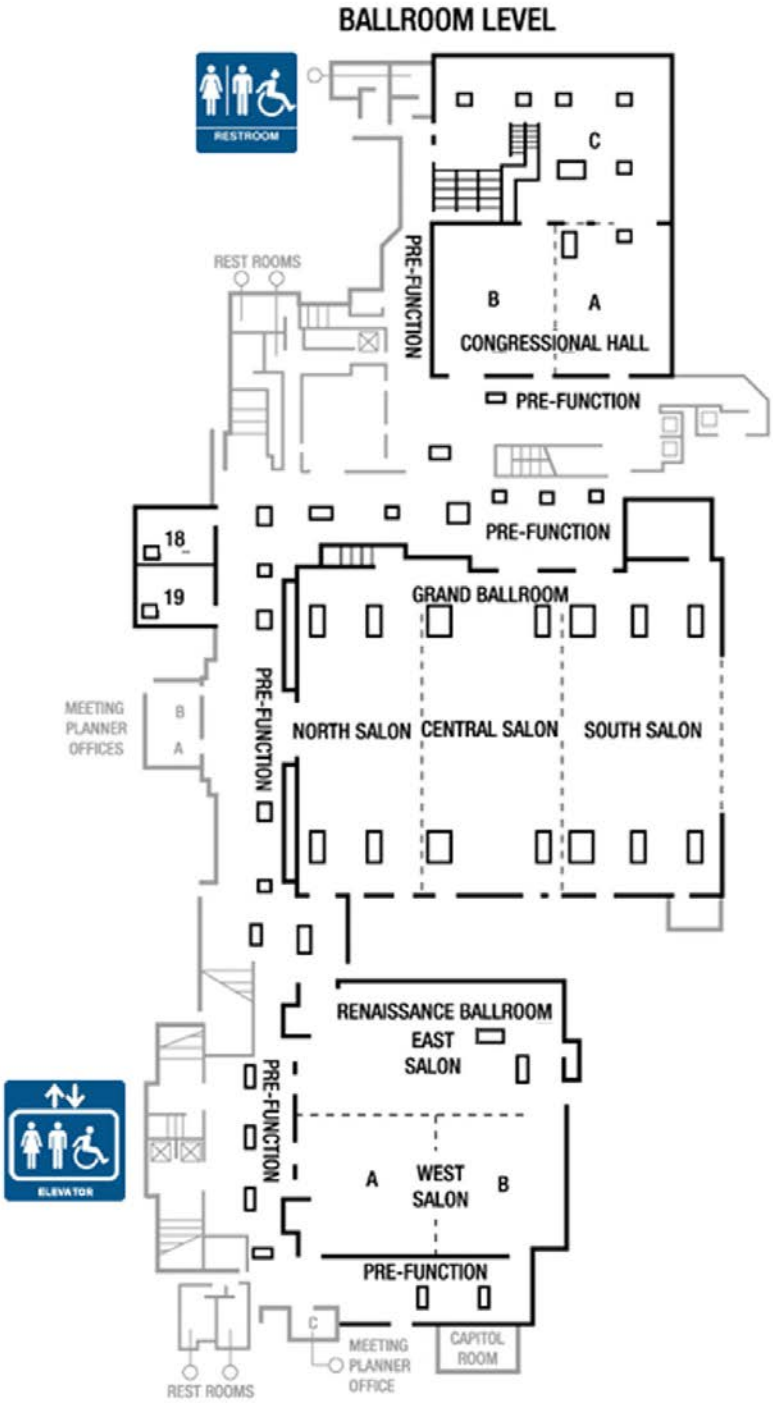

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Monday, April 11

8:30–9:15 a.m.
Networking Breakfast
Grand Ballroom

9:15–10:30 a.m
General Session
Making A Difference: How Advocates Advance Their Policy Agenda
Grand Ballroom

Nothing about us without us! Hear from self-advocates about their policy priorities, the importance of community living and integrated employment in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), and the priorities of the current Administration that impact the lives of people with disabilities.

Welcome: Ron Brown, *Board President*, The Arc
Moderator: Maria Town, *Associate Director*, White House Office of Public Engagement

Nicole LeBlanc, *Advocacy Director*, Green Mountain Self-Advocates

Scott Robertson, *Policy Advisor,* Office of Disability Employment Policy

Tia Nelis, *President,* Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)

10:30–11:00 a.m.
Break

11:00–12:15 p.m.
General Session
Advancing Community Integration and Supports, the Future of Medicaid
Grand Ballroom

Hear from key Congressional staff and Administration officials on the future of the Medicaid program and how regulatory and policy changes are influencing the landscape of supports and services. Learn about the positive impact that these changes are having on the lives of individuals with I/DD and their families.

Moderator: Molly Cole, *Board President,* National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)

Karen Summar, *Health Policy Director,* Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA)

Anne Dwyer, *Health Counsel*, *Minority,* Senate Finance Committee

James Toews, *Acting Principal Deputy Director,* Administration for Community Living

Cathy Ficker Terrill, *Senior Advisor,* The Council on Quality and Leadership

12:15–1:45 p.m.
Lunch on Your Own

1:45–3:00 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (3)

❶ How to Have Successful Hill Visits
Congressional Ballroom AB

Will this be your first time visiting Capitol Hill? Come to this session to learn what to expect when you meet with your Members of Congress and get ideas to maximize the impact of your meeting.

Erika Hagensen, *Policy Consultant,* North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities and The Arc of North Carolina

❷ What to Expect in Federal Education Policy
Grand Ballroom South

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was a significant accomplishment during the first term of this Congress. Congress is monitoring the implementation of this law and potentially may consider reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and the Perkins Technical Career and Education Act. Hear from key staff of the House and Senate committees with jurisdiction over these laws and other important issues such as legislation to address the use of restraint and seclusion in schools.

Moderator: Laura Kaloi, *Vice President,* Washington Partners

William Knudsen, *Professional Staff Member, Majority,* Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)

Jake Cornett, *Senior Advisor, Minority,* Senate HELP Committee

Brad Thomas, *Senior Education Policy Advisor, Majority,* House Education and Workforce Committee

Jacque Chevalier, *Senior Education Policy Advisor, Minority,* House Education and Workforce Committee

❸ How WIOA and the HCBS Settings Rule can Impact Integration and Wages in Federal Employment Policy
Grand Ballroom North & Central

Learn about the opportunities for integrated, competitive employment, provided through the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rule. You will learn about the activities of the Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities, and what is happening on implementation at the Federal and State levels.

Moderator: Nicole Jorwic, *Director of Rights Policy,* The Arc

David M. Mank, *Chair, Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities,* U.S. Department of Labor

Alison Barkoff, *Director of Advocacy,* Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

3:00–3:30 p.m.
Break

Monday, April 11

3:30–4:45 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (3)

❶ Understanding Policy: A New Political Climate
Congressional Ballroom AB

How does getting involved in policy make a difference? Why does your vote matter? Learn more about what Congress does, why advocacy matters, and how policy can work for you.

Moderators: Christine Grosso, *Policy Analyst* and **Siddarth Nagaraj,** *Policy Fellow,* Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

Cathy Enfield, *Vice President*, SABE

Jennifer McCue, *Director of Advocacy,* United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)

Liz Weintraub, *Advocacy Specialist,* AUCD

❷ Improving the ABLE Act
Grand Ballroom North & Central

The ABLE Act became law over a year ago and soon it will be possible to open ABLE accounts in some states. However, there are some areas of the law that need amendment. Learn about three bills introduced to make changes to the law, what the prospects are on Capitol Hill, and what you can do.

Moderator: Mark Lezotte, *Public Policy Chair,* UCP

Natasha Hickman, *Legislative Director,* Senator Richard Burr (R-NC)

Livia Shmavonian, *Legislative Assistant,* Senator Bob Casey (D-PA)

Dara Baldwin, *Senior Public Policy Analyst,* National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)

Samantha Crane, *Legal Director & Director of Public Policy,* Autistic Self Advocacy Network

❸ How Nonprofits Can Engage Voters in an Election Year
Grand Ballroom South

Our participation as a nonprofit community in the upcoming 2016 elections is paramount to ensuring our interests are represented. Learn about the basics of nonprofit voter engagement programs, including best practices for success and how to avoid pitfalls. Also learn about the rules and regulations of nonpartisan engagement, and gain tips for maintaining nonpartisanship.

Moderator: Annie Acosta, *Director of Fiscal and Family Support Policy,* The Arc

Lindsey Hodel, *National Field Director,* Nonprofit VOTE

4:45–6:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception
Grand Ballroom Foyer

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Tuesday, April 12

8:00–9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast
Grand Ballroom North & Central

Meet & Greet Breakfast for Siblings
Congressional Ballroom C

Meet & Greet Breakfast for Self-Advocates
Congressional Ballroom AB

The Arc State Presidents and State Executives Breakfast
Meeting Room 2

Roundtable Breakfast on States Constitutional Convention Resolutions
Grand Ballroom South

A national effort is underway to pass state resolutions that could sharply limit the federal government's powers and spending. This session is a must for anyone from the thirteen target states—AZ, DE, ID, KY, MD, ME, MT, OK, SC, VA, WA, WI, WY—to learn about the threat to disability-related programs posed by a Constitutional Convention and about specific actions that disability advocates need to take.

Moderator: Annie Acosta, *Director of Fiscal and Family Support Policy,* The Arc

Alex Rugoff, *State Project Coordinator,* Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

9:30–10:45 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (3)

❶ Lifeline 101: Learn the Basics of Medicaid and Social Security
Congressional Ballroom AB

Do you want to better understand how our basic lifeline programs work? This session will cover the basic facts about eligibility and services in Social Security and Medicaid.

Julie Ward, *Director of Health Policy,* The Arc

TJ Sutcliffe, *Director of Income and Housing Policy,* The Arc

❷ What to Expect in Federal Funding of Disability Programs
Grand Ballroom North and Central

Congress continues to be focused on federal spending and revenue and the gap between them. Come to this session to understand how much we spend on different programs, how we pay for them, and what this means for disability programs.

Moderator: Mark Lezotte, *Public Policy Chair,* UCP

Kelly Brown, *Professional Staff Member, Minority,* Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee

Jennifer Dexter, *Assistant Vice President, Government Relations,* Easter Seals

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Tuesday, April 12

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (3) CONTINUED

❸ What You Need to Know About Accessing the Right to Vote
Grand Ballroom South

Being able to exercise the right to vote is critical to being able to change public policy for persons with disabilities. Learn about how you can exercise this right. What is required for polls to be accessible? What can you do if you encounter an inaccessible poll or if you are denied the right to vote in a federal, state, or local election? Listen and learn from experts in voting access.

Moderator: Cindy Smith, *Director of Public Policy,* NACDD

Michelle Bishop, *Disability Advocacy Specialist for Voting Rights,* NDRN

Nancy Ward, *Co-Director,* National Technical Assistance Center for Voting and Cognitive Access

10:00–2:00 p.m.
Filming, "Our American Story"
The Center for American Progress manages "Our American Story" a storyteller action network and will film people with disabilities and/or community providers about the importance of Medicaid and other critical programs that provide supports to low income families and their communities. To participate you must sign up at the registration desk. Space is limited.

10:45–11:15 a.m.
Break

11:15–12:15 p.m.
General Session
What Do the Polls Tell Us About Our Policy Priorities
Grand Ballroom

Hear about data on voter issues such as, employment, economic empowerment, community services, Medicaid, and health care as they relate to disability issues. Learn about what messages resonate with voters and why voting matters.

Moderator: Susan B. Palmer, *Board President,* American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)

Celinda Lake, *President,* Lake Research Partners

12:15–2:00 p.m.
State Caucus Luncheon

2:15-3:15 p.m.
General Session
Advancing Full Inclusion
Grand Ballroom

Learn about the Administration's implementation of major education laws to ensure inclusion, equity, and opportunity for students with disabilities.

Moderator: Celia Feinstein, *Public Policy Committee Chair,* AUCD

Sue Swenson, *Deputy Assistant Secretary,* Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

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Tuesday, April 12

3:15–3:45 p.m.
Refreshment Break
Grand Ballroom Foyer

3:45-5:30 p.m.
Forum on State Implementation of HCBS
Grand Ballroom

The Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) rule was released in March of 2014. Two years into the five year transition process, the rate of plan approval is zero. Hear from a representative from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other advocates who are working with states on their implementation. Bring your questions and learn more about what your state should be doing.

Moderator: Cathy Enfield, *Vice President,* SABE

Ralph Lollar, *Director, Division of Long Term Services and Supports,* Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Alison Barkoff, *Director of Advocacy,* Bazelon Center on Mental Health Law

Dan Berland, *Director of Federal Policy,* National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services

David Machledt, *Policy Analyst,* National Health Law Program

Elizabeth Priaulx, *Senior Disability Legal Specialist,* NDRN

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Wednesday, April 13

ALL DAY
Making a Difference on Capitol Hill
The day is set aside for attending meetings with your Member of Congress. Disability Policy Seminar staff will be available on both the House and Senate sides from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm if you have questions during your Hill visits.

The locations are:

On the House side:
Longworth Cafeteria, Longworth House Office Building (basement level)

On the Senate side:
American Grille, Hart Senate Office Building (on the ground floor between the Hart and Dirksen Senate Office Buildings)

Legislative Contact Forms
Your feedback is needed about the meetings with your Members of Congress. This information is critical to our advocacy efforts. Please complete the online legislative report forms found on the Disability Policy Seminar website (***www.disabilitypolicysemnar.org***).

Evaluation Form
Share your thoughts about the Disability Policy Seminar program by completing an evaluation form found on the website (***www.disabilitypolicyseminar.org***).

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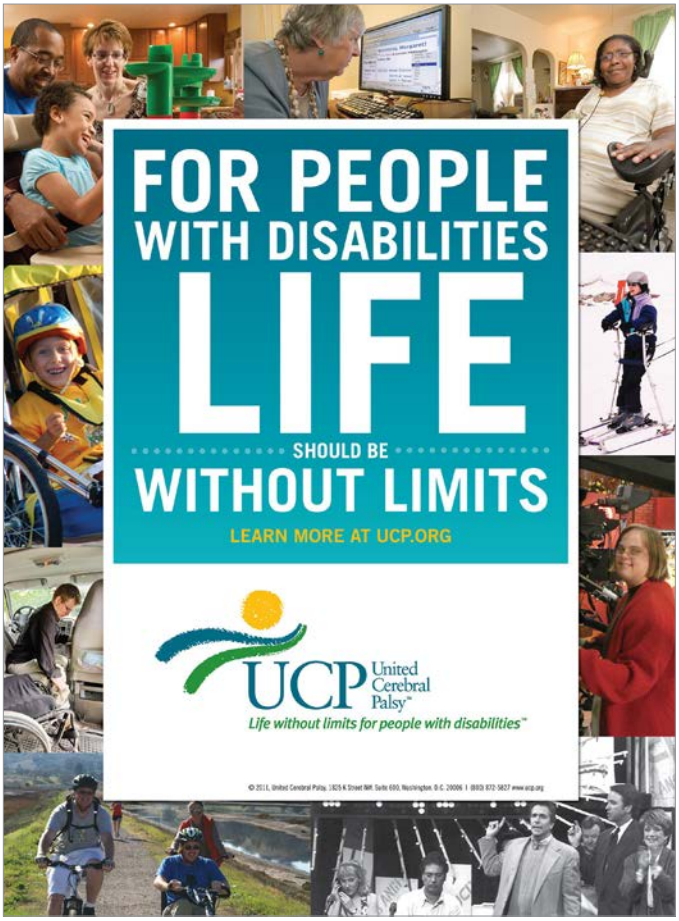

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