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April 4, 2013

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Mail or Fax to: Equal Justice Conference
The Arc of New Jersey
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North Brunswick, NJ 08902
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*Please note that space is limited, and in an effort to
accommodate a variety of agencies and representatives from
both the criminal justice and human service fields, we will limit
the number of registrants from each agency and/or department.*

**A Confirmation Letter will be mailed to all
applicants accepted for registration.**

WHO THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR

This conference is for those who have an interest in ensuring access to equal justice for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including administrative and direct care staff at agencies providing services to this population, psychologists, social workers, family members, community providers, advocates, legal and law enforcement professionals, victim advocates and employees of the Department of Human Services.

WHO WE ARE

The Arc of New Jersey is committed to enhancing the quality of life of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, empowerment, education and prevention. Founded in 1949 by parents seeking a better life for their children with developmental disabilities, The Arc of New Jersey is a private, nonprofit organization with local chapters serving all 21 New Jersey counties, and is affiliated with The Arc of the United States. To learn more or to become involved in our advocacy efforts, visit The Arc of New Jersey on the web at www.arcnj.org.

The Criminal Justice Advocacy Program (CJAP) is a program of The Arc of New Jersey, funded by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, that provides alternatives to incarceration for individuals with developmental disabilities who are defendants in the criminal justice system. The CJAP is a deinstitution for information regarding crime victims and offenders with developmental disabilities, and also provides training to self advocates and criminal justice and human service professionals. As the only program of its kind, the CJAP has received national and international recognition as a leader in the field, and is often cited as a model program. Visit the CJAP on the web at www.cjapnj.org.



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EQUAL JUSTICE
A Statewide Conference
April 18, 2013
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*Re-entry Strategies: Building
Community Capacity for People with
Developmental Disabilities Involved in
the Criminal Justice System*

Thursday, April 18, 2013

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 9:00

Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibits

9:00 10:00

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Walter Bender, *President, The Arc of New Jersey*
Thomas Baffuto, *Executive Director, The Arc of New Jersey*

Jennifer Velez, Esq., *Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Human Services*

Jessica Oppenheim, Esq., *Director, Criminal Justice Advocacy Program*

10:00 10:15

Break

10:15 12:30

Morning Keynote Panel

Building Community Capacity for Successful Reintegration of Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities Involved in the Criminal Justice System

Michael Kontura, *Forensic Liaison, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities*

M. Lee Balsler, MEd, *Clinical Director, Disability Resource Network*

Vincent D. Holland, *Chief Probation Officer, Cuyahoga County Adult Probation*

Janet Keeler, PhD, *Psychologist; Supervisor, Forensic and Behavioral Supports, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities*

Barbara J. Thomas, MEd, CSE, JSOC, *Director of Education, The TALL Institute*

12:30 1:15

Buffet Luncheon in the Strong Room

1:15 3:15

Afternoon Workshops

3:15 3:30

Main Lecture Hall:

Attendance Certificates, Evaluation Forms

MORNING KEYNOTE PANEL

Building Community Capacity for Successful Reintegration of Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities Involved in the Criminal Justice System

There are many obstacles to be addressed for individuals re entering their communities following a period of incarceration. For those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), the obstacles to be overcome are even greater. The goal is to provide a supportive environment that fosters a successful lifestyle. In this way, we can support individuals in the community while keeping clients and the community safe.

Members of the Cuyahoga County, Ohio Partners In Justice have been working collaboratively to support people with I/DD and criminal histories to integrate successfully into the community. They will share their experiences with us, focusing on the identification and assessment of specialized needs of individuals with I/DD who are justice involved, and how to best support healthy and safe integration into community, vocation, recreation, sexuality, and residential environments.

The panel will demonstrate how best to work in a multi disciplinary manner, drawing on and representing different areas of support, including the Forensic Liaison, and clinical, therapeutic, residential, and probation experts. Each member of the team brings with them particularized expertise and experience and each is necessary to meet the complex needs of these individuals.

The panel discussion is designed to be an overview of a service provision model for supporting individuals with I/DD involved in the criminal justice system. Particular attention will be given to the identification and assessment of specialized needs, including examples and recommendations for supporting healthy, safe integration. Additional information related to thinking logically, analytically and creatively about professional services to this population will also be shared.

Questions and thoughts from the audience are encouraged and welcome.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

[1] Housing and Supporting Offenders in the Community

Speaker:

Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW, *Chief Operating Officer, Volunteers of America Delaware Valley*

[2] Moving from Prison to Hospital to Community: Understanding and Negotiating the System

Speakers:

Maureen O Brien, Esq., *Crisis Intervention Team Training*

Patrick D. Reilly, *Director, Mental Health Advocacy Unit of the New Jersey Public Defender's Office*

[3] Overview of the Atlantic County Transitional Services Program, The Arc CARES (a pilot program to assist and support offenders with I/DD)

Speakers:

Jessica S. Oppenheim, Esq., *Director, The Arc of New Jersey's Criminal Justice Advocacy Program*

Chelsea Gallagher, *Transition Specialist, The Arc CARES, Atlantic County*

[4] Continuation of Morning Panel Discussion

Speakers:

Morning Keynote Panelists

When completing the Registration Application, please be sure to indicate one first choice and one second choice workshop.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- 1) To recognize that all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities face disadvantages in the criminal justice system.
- 2) To demonstrate that advocates can successfully intervene on behalf of people with developmental disabilities when they are victims, witnesses, suspects or defendants in the criminal justice system.
- 3) To underscore the fine line between victims and defendants with developmental disabilities, and the impact that environmental factors have on these situations.
- 4) To increase awareness about treatment methodologies and services available to crime victims and defendants with developmental disabilities.
- 5) To facilitate and encourage discussion about improving the administration of justice, and obtaining *equal justice* for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

To receive further information about this conference or about The Arc of New Jersey's Criminal Justice Advocacy Program, please contact:

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