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Join us for a day in which we can review the best of past traditions, discuss current trends in our field and share ideas on how current challenges can assist in transitioning to better supports and services for persons with intellectual disabilities.

At our luncheon we look forward to acknowledging Direct Support Professionals who have been nominated for recognition for their outstanding contributions.

About the Keynote Speakers



**Joanna
Pierson, Ph.D.**

**Executive Director,
The Arc of Frederick County**



**James
Thompson, Ph.D.**

**Professor, Special Education
Illinois State University**

In June **Joanna Pierson, Ph.D.** celebrates her 32nd anniversary as the Executive Director of The Arc of Frederick County. The Arc's services are based on the idea that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families want supports and services that are simple, flexible, available when needed, the least intrusive possible, and support people in living enviable lives. She co-led the creation and implementation of the self-determination systems change funded through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in the 1990's.

Dr. Pierson earned a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Maryland and holds an M.S.W. in community organizing from the University of Michigan. She has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work since 1994. Her doctoral dissertation was on leadership that creates innovative human services.

Currently serving as the immediate Past President of AAIDD, Dr. Pierson has served on the AAIDD Board of Directors since 1998. Past AAIDD leadership positions include Families SIG chair, SIGN and SIGN Implementation Committees, Assembly of Regions, Region IX chair, Maryland Chapter Chair and Treasurer, Social Work Division President and Local Arrangements Committee Chair.

Jim Thompson, Ph.D., has over 30 years of experience in the field of intellectual disabilities as a direct support professional, special education teacher, transition counselor, teacher educator, and researcher. He is the lead author of the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) for Adults, a scale published by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) in 2004 that has been published in 15 languages. He currently serves on the faculty of the Department of Special Education at Illinois State University.

Dr. Thompson earned a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Minnesota in 1994. He has authored or coauthored over 50 articles in professional journals, book chapters, and monographs, including AAIDD's 11th Ed. (2010) Definition and Classification Manual. Dr. Thompson has served as the PI or Co-PI on multiple federal and state research and development projects that have focused on Supports Needs Assessment and Planning, Autism, and Special Education Teacher Preparation. He was recently elected to the post of Vice President for AAIDD, and he start his 4-year presidential rotation in July of 2011.

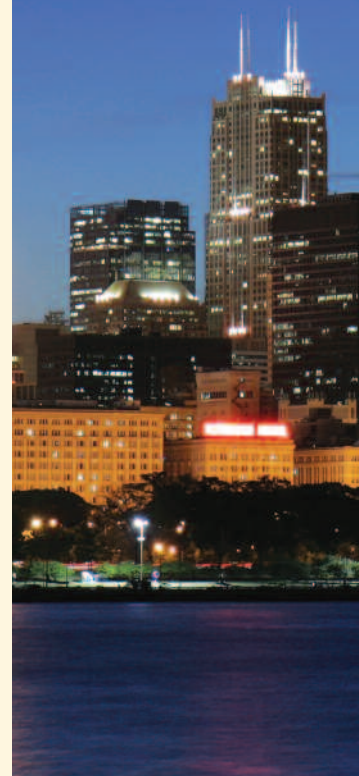
Panelists for:
"Interesting Times/
Innovative Approaches"
10:45 am - 12:00 pm

John Voit
President/CEO
Seguin Services, Inc.

Kim Zoeller
Executive Director
Ray Graham Association

Jim Lopresto
Executive Director
Southern Illinois Living
Centers

Michael Brave
*Vice President of
Operations*
Southern Illinois Living
Centers



Conference Highlights

8:00 - 9:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 10:30 am KEYNOTE: "Thriving, Not Just Surviving in Challenging Times"

Joanna Pierson, Ph.D.

10:45am - 12:00 pm " Interesting Times/Innovative Approaches"

Panel Presentation

12:00 - 1:30 pm DSP Professional Awards Luncheon

1:30 - 2:30 pm " We Are Here to Help You":

Introducing the Family to Family Health Information and Illinois Life Span Project."

Faye Manaster and Mike Kaminsky

" Increasing Independence Through Assistive Technology"

Dr. Amy Rosenstein, Dr. Karen Douglas, Dr. Toni Van Laarhoven

2:45 - 4:00 pm KEYNOTE: "What Are Supports?"

James R. Thompson, Ph.D.

4:00 - 5:00 pm AAIDD Illinois Chapter Annual Meeting

Student Chapter Kickoff

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Exhibitor Fair*

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Faye Manaster M.Ed.

Faye has extensive professional experience including developing curricula and implementing training programs for professional and parents. She has developed a wide-ranging network of productive relationships with parent groups and disability organizations on the local, state, national and international levels. These include Family Matters, the Illinois Medical Home Project, Illinois Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Board, the Illinois Local Interagency Council for Early Intervention, Deafblind International, Maternal Child Health Leadership Conference and the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of pediatrics, Committee on Children with Disabilities. Since 2006, she has served as the Project Director at the Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center.

Michael Kaminsky

Mike began working with people with developmental disabilities in a supported employment capacity as a Job Coach and Job Developer. These experiences led to crisis intervention work and counseling children in foster care with special needs. Mike has been working with the Arc of Illinois for eleven years as the Director of the Illinois Life Span Project. The Illinois Life Span project is the information and referral resource for advocacy services in the State of Illinois.

Dr. Amy Rosenstein

Dr. Rosenstein is an assistant professor in the Department of Special Education at Eastern Illinois University. She earned her PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her current research interests focus on Universal Design for Learning (UDL), increasing independence of individuals with disabilities, and special education teacher candidate preparation and assessment. Dr. Rosenstein has taught students with and without disabilities in residential and public schools in Illinois and holds Illinois certificates in general education grades K-9, special education (LBS-I) grades K-12, and special education administration.

Dr. Karen Douglas

Dr. Douglas is an assistant professor in the Department of Special Education at Illinois State University. She earned her PhD from the University of Georgia at Athens. Her research interests focus on furthering the literacy and functional living skills of students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities through the use of technology. Prior to obtaining her Ph.D., Dr. Douglas taught high school students with intellectual disabilities in community-based programs.

Dr. Toni Van Laarhoven

Toni Van Laarhoven is an associate professor in the Department of Teaching & Learning at Northern Illinois University. She teaches courses in the areas of developmental disabilities, assistive technology, transition, and applied behavior analysis. Currently, she is a Co-Director of a technology-based, self-advocacy grant funded by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (Project MY VOICE) and has been responsible for the preparation and development of the assistive technology lab in the College of Education. Her research interests include: video-based instruction, use of mobile devices (e.g., iPod Touch, handhelds) to promote independence, transition planning, assistive technology, functional assessment, and technology integration in teacher education.

Circle the price in the grid below representing your cost of attendance.

Please note: AAIDD members have an ID card and a member number. Direct Support Professionals spend over 50% of their work time working directly with individuals with developmental disabilities. Staff who work primarily in QMRP or Manager roles are not considered DSPs.

Thursday, May 19, 2011	AAIDD Member	Non-Member	Consumer, DSP or Student	Illinois Student Chapter Member
Registration Fee	\$110	\$140	\$100	\$30

Register 5 people and the 6th is FREE! Conference Registration Fee includes CEU/Certificate of Attendance, refreshments and lunch, as well as attendance at the annual meeting.

CEUs: Five (5) QMRP CEUs will be awarded on attendance certificates. Additionally, five (5) Social Worker CEUs will be available through the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation; these may also be submitted to other licensing boards for possible approval.

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Please indicate your request: _____

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From Southwest:

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