

CIL-NET Presents... A National Onsite Training:

Community Integration: A Holistic Approach to the New Core Services for Transition & Diversion

August 22-24, 2017; Atlanta, GA

Agenda

Tuesday, August 22

- 8:30 a.m. - Registration Opens
- 9:00 a.m. - Welcome & Introductions
- 10:00 a.m. - Break
- 10:15 a.m. - Background on the new core services
- 11:00 a.m. - The elements of transition and diversion that meet the definition of the new core services
- 11:30 a.m. - Group discussion: The law and definitions of the transition and “at-risk” core services
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch (provided)
- 1:30 p.m. - Target populations and types of institutions
- 3:00 p.m. - Break
- 3:15 p.m. - Group Discussion: Determining who is at-risk
- 4:15 p.m. - Day 1 Wrap-Up

Wednesday, August 23

- 9:00 a.m. - Review of Day 1
- 9:15 a.m. - Differences and similarities between transition and diversion and achieving them both through existing services
- 10:30 a.m. - Break
- 10:45 a.m. - Approaches for identifying and assisting at-risk individuals
- 11:30 a.m. - Group Discussion: Approaches for identifying and assisting at-risk individuals
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch (provided)
- 1:30 p.m. - Implementation strategies for diversion and transition
- 2:45 p.m. - Break
- 3:00 p.m. - Implementation strategies for diversion and transition (Continued)
- 4:00 p.m. - Group Discussion: Implementation strategies for diversion and transition
- 4:15 p.m. - Day 2 Wrap-Up

Thursday, August 24

- 9:00 a.m. - Post-it feedback
- 9:15 a.m. - Introduction to the CIL Action Plan
- 9:30 a.m. - Your CIL's Action Plan
- 10:30 a.m. - Break
- 10:45 a.m. - Next Steps and Funding & Expansion
- 11:30 a.m. - Final Questions and Evaluation
- 12:00 p.m. - Training Ends

Meet Your Presenters

Darrel Christenson has been the Vice President of Community Integration for Ability360, formerly Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL), for the last 19 years. Mr. Christenson has run a number of Ability360 programs, including Information & Referral, Independent Living Skills Training, Empowering Youth with Disabilities into Adulthood, Early Intervention, Reintegration of Young Adults from Nursing Homes to Community, Community Living Options, and Home Modification.

Mr. Christenson was elected to the National Council on Independent Living's (NCIL) Board of Directors three years ago and has served on their Housing Sub-Committee for the past nine years, addressing issues of increasing and promoting accessibility in all housing nationally. He is an active member of the Arizona Fair Housing Partnership, working to educate members of the housing industry on the benefits and requirements of accessible, affordable housing throughout Arizona.

Michelle Crain has been the Executive Director of LIFE, Inc. for the past 17 years. Within the last 8 years, she has established new Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in both Abilene and San Angelo, Texas. Under Ms. Crain's direction, LIFE, Inc. has enhanced its IL program through various innovative projects, most notably, nursing home to community transition, housing, Social Security advocacy, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, and health and fitness.

In response to the New Core Services, mandated under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act of 2014 (WIOA), Ms. Crain has developed a Questionnaire to assist consumers in developing a comprehensive Independent Living Plan (ILP) that addresses "at risk" factors; thereby, diverting consumers from institutional placement. She also served on the Leadership Team for the Common Outcomes and Return on Investment Project, a statewide initiative to develop a framework for consistently counting, collecting, and reporting CIL services.

Bruce Darling is co-founder and CEO of the Center for Disability Rights (CDR), a Rochester-based disability rights organization and Independent Living Center. He also serves as CEO of the Regional Center for Independent Living and All About You Home Care, a disability-led home care organization in upstate New York. During his career in disability rights and Independent Living that has spanned nearly three decades he has dealt with a wide range of disability issues: fighting for access to public transportation, promoting accessible housing, creating community-based alternatives to institutionalization, and opposing physician-assisted suicide.

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