

Disability Policy Seminar Student/Young Professional Orientation

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2015 Disability Policy Seminar

April 12-15 in
Washington D.C
Renaissance Hotel



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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



History and Seminar Sponsors

- The Arc of the U.S
- American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)
- Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
- National Association of Councils on DD (NACDD)
- Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)
- United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)
- Sibling Leadership Network (promotional sponsor)



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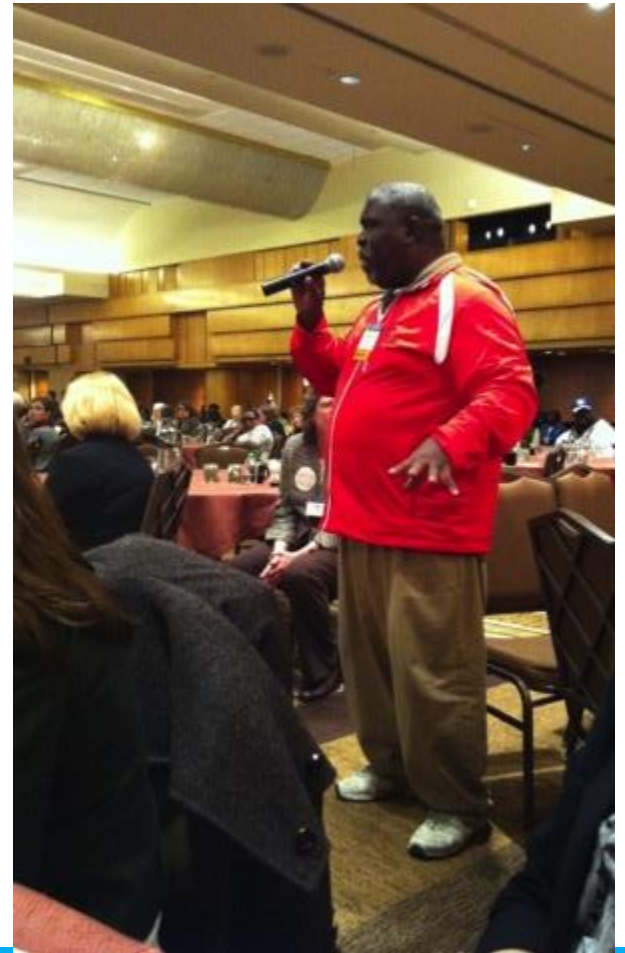
Key Disability Issues 114th Congress

- Funding for key disability programs
- Health care reform & implementation
- Medicaid and Medicare
- Social Security
- Education: ESEA and HEA
- Housing
- HCBS Rule implementation
- Workforce Investment Act/Rehab Act



Political Context

- Divided Government and Narrow Majorities
- Focus on Debt and Deficit
- Ideologically divided



Seminar Program Highlights

Sunday	April 12	
Registration Open	4-8	
Trainee Symposium	2-6	Meet Hill staff
Trainee Reception	6-7:30	Network and socialize



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Highlights for Monday April 13

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Networking Breakfast
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Opening Session – Families Making a Difference: How Advocacy Advanced Civil Rights
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Don't Cut Our Lifeline: Advancing Community Living Through Medicaid
1:30 p.m.– 2:45 p.m.	Concurrent sessions: (1) Making Your Hill Visits the Best They Can Be (2) What to Expect in Federal Education and Employment Policy (3) Home and Community Based Settings Rule: Navigating Implementation
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions: (1) Policy is Easy As Pie, If You Know the Recipe (2) New Opportunities in Affordable Housing Policy (3) Strengthening Our Disability Movement
4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	State Caucuses



Highlights for Tuesday, April 14

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Meet and Greet Breakfast for Self-Advocates Meet and Greet Breakfast for Siblings
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Social Security: Action Needed In the 114th Congress
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions (1) Your Story Is A Policy Story: Sharing Your Experiences To Help Each Other (2) The Budget Crisis: What It Means For Disability Programs (3) Lifeline 101: Learn the Basics of Medicaid and Social Security
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Networking Luncheon and Film Screening
2:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.	Learn From the Past and Engage With The Future
4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Closing Reception



Hill Day!

Wednesday

April 15

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, Appropriations, 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



Elaine Eisenbaum, MSW

Trainee Representative, AUCD Board, and Former AUCD Virtual Trainee (2013-2014)

- Experience preparing for and attending the Disability Policy Seminar
- Trainee Policy Summit
- Trainee Homework Assignment



Resources

- AUCD: <http://www.aucd.org>
 - Public policy
 - Action Center: <http://cqrcengage.com/aucd/home>
 - Respond to Action Alerts
 - Sign up for Legislative News *In Brief*
 - Find your Members of Congress
 - DPS trainee homework assignment:
http://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event_id=7739
- Policy Seminar home page for program, fact sheets, state list: disabilitypolicyseminar.org



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



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Thank you!

See you soon!

