Disability Policy Seminar
Student/Young Professional Orientation

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2015 Disability Policy Seminar

April 12-15 in Washington D.C.
Renaissance Hotel
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)
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

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<th>Sunday</th>
<th>April 12</th>
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<td>Registration Open</td>
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<td>Trainee Symposium</td>
<td>2-6</td>
<td>Meet Hill staff</td>
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<td>Trainee Reception</td>
<td>6-7:30</td>
<td>Network and socialize</td>
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## Highlights for Monday April 13

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<td>8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Networking Breakfast</td>
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<td>9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Opening Session – Families Making a Difference: How Advocacy Advanced Civil Rights</td>
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<td>10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Don’t Cut Our Lifeline: Advancing Community Living Through Medicaid</td>
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| 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

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

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<th>Wednesday</th>
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<td>Capitol Hill Visits</td>
<td>All Day</td>
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Have fun!
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](http://www.aucd.org)
  – Public policy
  – Action Center: [http://cqrcengage.com/aucd/home](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](http://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event_id=7739)

• Policy Seminar home page for program, fact sheets, state list: [disabilitypolicyseminar.org](http://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
Partners
Thank you!

See you soon!

UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

—The Lorax