The 8th Annual Family Café Conference

Featuring the 8th Annual Governor’s Summit on Disabilities

Caribe Royale Resort and Convention Center
Orlando, Florida
June 2-4, 2006
June 2, 2006

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome all attending the Eighth Annual Family Café Conference at the Caribe Royale Resort and Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

Thanks to the collaboration among families, self-advocates, state agencies and private organizations, the Family Café Annual Conference continues to grow. I encourage you to take full advantage of all the conference has to offer by attending the educational workshops, visiting the exhibition hall and participating in the family-friendly activities available throughout the weekend.

I am especially pleased to once again host the Annual Governor’s Summit on Disabilities on Friday, June 2, 2006. I look forward to hearing your thoughts, questions and suggestions, and continuing our conversation about how the state of Florida can best meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

Our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with disabilities in Florida is unwavering. We are fully invested in making government an effective partner in helping Florida’s citizens with disabilities live full and productive lives.

Best wishes for an educational and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

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Jeb Bush

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The Family Café
Dear Family Café Conference Participants,

Welcome to Orlando and The Eighth Annual Family Café Conference!

The Family Café Annual Conference is a statewide event designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities and/or special health care needs and their families from all regions of Florida. The Family Café Planning Committee, which is comprised of self-advocates, family members and agency partners, plays a central role in planning the Conference. It is our mission to provide you with an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship and empowerment in a family-centered environment.

In order to realize that mission, we have put together the largest and most comprehensive Annual Conference yet. This year we are presenting three different keynote addresses, an expanded and improved exhibition hall, with an expansive array of service providers, both public and private. The conference will also feature 150 sessions on an extraordinarily wide variety of topics. Finally, we’ve scheduled a number of entertaining family-friendly activities throughout the weekend, including Pyramid Players, Special Kids Dance, Art Without Limits with Dwayne Szot, FRIENDS Chorus, and The Dueling Pianos, the world’s #1 dueling piano show, for Saturday night’s Family Entertainment.

We are especially pleased to play host to Governor Bush at the final Annual Governor’s Summit on Disabilities during his tenure as Florida Governor, which will take place on the evening of Friday, June 2nd. This event provides you with a unique opportunity to engage Governor Bush and state agency leaders directly, and have your questions answered and concerns addressed by the state’s highest authorities.

We are very excited to see those of you who have participated in the Annual Conference in previous years returning to learn more, and we hope that you will continue to find the event to be informative and rewarding. We would also like to extend a special welcome to those of you that are new to The Family Café Annual Conference. We hope the event exceeds your highest expectations.

We sincerely hope that your participation in The 8th Annual Family Café Conference leaves you feeling informed, educated and empowered. And as always, please let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better.

Sincerely,
The Family Café Planning Committee
June 2, 2006

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 8th Annual Family Café Conference and Governor’s Summit on Disabilities. It is an honor to work in partnership with Governor Bush to make this conference a reality. Family Café offers a unique opportunity for people with disabilities and their families to share with each other while becoming more knowledgeable of supports and services available within our communities.

Since Governor Bush took office, funding for individuals with developmental disabilities has increased by over 145 percent. We are serving over 300 percent more individuals than we were prior to his leadership. With his support, many new programs and initiatives have been launched, including the 5-year employment initiative, Florida’s Business Leadership Network, Medicaid infrastructure grants, and outcome-based quality assurance and quality improvement.

Persons with disabilities are the most important partners in setting policies, developing initiatives, and defining the direction for the future. As the Agency for Persons with Disabilities strives to support persons with developmental disabilities in living, learning, and working in all aspects of community life, we do so with the individual in mind. Through programs like Consumer Directed Care Plus and the Florida Freedom Initiative, we are enhancing opportunities for persons with disabilities to seize control of their supports and services—and their lives.

Supporting persons with disabilities continues to be a top priority for our state and we look forward to enhancing these efforts through the support and input of you. With that in mind, I urge you to participate in the various educational opportunities hosted this weekend and please offer your input on how we can better serve you and your family.

Again, we welcome you to Family Café and hope you find this year’s conference to be both enjoyable and rich in resources.

With warm regards,

Shelley Brantley
Director

The 8th Annual Family Café Conference

Dear Family Café Participants:

Welcome to the 8th Annual Family Café Conference and Governor’s Summit on Disabilities. The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration is proud to be contributing to this event. The Governor and I are looking forward to participating in this conference featuring such a unique opportunity for consumers and families to experience a wide array of educational activities and programs.

The Agency offers a wide range of services for eligible persons with disabilities through the Medicaid program. Participants and families should take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about Medicaid and available services from the experts. Families with children should attend the “Florida Kid Care 101” workshop and a new feature workshop entitled “Medicaid Services for Medically Fragile Children” to learn about available health care options. The Agency booth exhibit will have brochures and staff to answer your individual questions about all services offered by Medicaid.

The Agency also has specialized waiver programs to assist persons with disabilities who choose to live and work in the community. The Developmental Disabilities, Family-Supported Living and Consumer Directed Care programs are offering workshops to inform you about the latest information available regarding home and community-based services to persons with disabilities in need of assistance to live in the community. Interested participants should attend these program workshops to receive information and may pick up additional information from the Agency exhibit.

The informative workshops scheduled for this event will provide you with an opportunity to share information with others, exchange ideas, and interact with staff from state agencies and service providers. Please be sure to visit our uniquely designed Agency exhibit, learn about our role in serving people with disabilities and share with us how we might serve you better.

Once again, welcome and my best wishes to each of you.

Sincerely,

Alan Levine
Secretary

The 8th Annual Family Café Conference
June 2, 2006

Dear Conference Attendees:

Welcome to the 8th Annual Family Café Conference and Governor’s Summit on Disabilities. Over 35 years of research has demonstrated the positive effects of family involvement on children’s educational outcomes. We consider our involvement with and support of Family Café just one of the many ways we assist families to help their students with disabilities attain their highest level of educational achievement and prepare to successfully participate in the workforce. We are committed to improving educational quality that will lead to high achievement for all students in Florida.

The next three days will provide you with many opportunities to gain valuable knowledge and skills and to interact with state agencies’ representatives, private providers, and other family members. Equally important, you will have opportunities to expand your network of supports.

As you look through the conference brochure, you will note a variety of sessions on topics related to education, employment, and transition. In addition, there are a number of Department of Education information and exhibit tables located throughout the conference site. We hope you find the information provided valuable and that you will let us know how we can better serve you.

Sincerely,

Bill Palmer
VR Director

The 8th Annual Family Café Conference
February 23, 2006

Dear Family Cafe Conference Participants:

Welcome to the 8th Annual Family Cafe Conference and Governor’s Summit on Disabilities. The Florida Department of Health is proud of its continued partnership with this event, which supports individuals with disabilities and special healthcare needs, and their families. I am encouraged and excited about attending this event during my first year as Secretary for the department.

The department’s mission is to promote and protect the health and safety of all people in Florida through the delivery of quality public health services and the promotion of healthcare standards. In collaboration with The Family Cafe, we are proud to offer many opportunities throughout this event to share information about programs and initiatives within our agency that impact thousands of Floridians. Representatives from these programs, including me, are eager to learn and hear how we can continue to meet the needs of you and your loved ones.

Again, welcome to the conference. Please enjoy all the fun and exciting opportunities planned throughout this event.

Sincerely,

M. Rony Francois, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D.
Secretary, Department of Health

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State of Florida
Department of Children and Families

Dear Family Cafe Participants:

Welcome! This year’s 8th Annual Family Cafe Conference promises to be an empowering opportunity for you and your family. It is again an honor to have the occasion to connect with so many of you and assist in offering the tools needed to help you cope with the daily struggle of living with disabilities.

I hope this year will provide new channels of assistance and encouragement that will enhance your families’ needs. Please make sure to take advantage of the opportunity to work in partnership with the many state agency representatives, explore the programs and services available, and broaden your system of support.

Again, welcome. Please let us know how we can better serve you.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Hendry
Secretary

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Conference at a Glance

Friday, June 2, 2006

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Registration Open, Grand Caribe Convention Center  
Exhibit Hall Open, Caribbean Ballroom

10:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Opening Session and Keynote Address: Medicaid Reform Update  
Secretary Alan Levine, Agency for Health Care Administration  
Grand Sierra Ballroom

1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Registration Open, Grand Caribe Convention Center  
Dental Screening, Caribbean Ballroom

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions

Introduction To Sensory Processing Disorder & Checklist  
Antigua 1

Understanding Your Child’s (And Your Own) Learning Style  
Antigua 2

Commonly Asked Questions About Child Care Centers And The Americans With Disabilities Act  
Antigua 3

Where Can I Find Answers About Services From The Agency For Persons With Disabilities?  
Antigua 4

School Choice  
Boca 1

Special People, Special Planning – Creating A Safe Legal Haven For Families With Special Needs  
Boca 3

Accessible Electronic Information Technology Task Force  
Boca 4

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations – Tools You Can Use  
Bonaire 1

En Espanol: Individualized Education Program  
Bonaire 2

Special Olympics Has Something To Offer You  
Bonaire 3

The Parent As An Advocate In The Medical Insurance Context  
Bonaire 4

A Primer On Medicaid Waivers  
Bonaire 5/6

Sex In The City  
Bonaire 7/8

Autism – An Objective Viewpoint  
Curacao 1/2

A Fresh Look At The Ticket To Work And Work Incentives Program  
Curacao 3/4

All In One: Comprehensive Computer Access With Read And Write Gold  
Curacao 5/6

Fathers At Play: Supporting Your Young Child’s Social Skills Through Play  
Curacao 7/8
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Pyramid Players**, Grand Caribe Convention Center

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Concurrent Sessions**
- Distinctives Of The National Institute For Learning Disabilities Individual Educational Therapy  
  Antigua 1
- Moving Toward The Future – Transition Programs At The Agency For Persons With Disabilities  
  Antigua 2
- Evaluation  
  Antigua 3
- **Special Needs Trusts**  
  Antigua 4
- Calling All Husbands, Calling All Dads . . . “Home” Work 101  
  Boca 1
- Making It Happen! Building Successful Transitions To Post-Secondary Life For Youth With Emotional And Behavioral Difficulties  
  Boca 2
- The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council’s Task Forces And How Their Projects Impact On The Lives Of Floridians With Developmental Disabilities  
  Boca 3
- The Use Of Sensory Integration To Improve Learning  
  Boca 4
- Feeling Overwhelmed? Reduce Your Stress Level By Getting School Records Organized  
  Bonaire 1
- IDEA 2004 And ESE Dispute Resolution In Florida  
  Bonaire 2
- Planning Your Independent Future  
  Bonaire 3
- Helpful Hints For Parents And Educators Of Individuals With High-Functioning Autism Or Asperger Syndrome  
  Bonaire 4
- Business Accessibility 15 Years Later – Title III Of The ADA: Litigation, Drive-Bys And Practical Solutions  
  Bonaire 5/6
- Advocacy “Nuts And Bolts” Part I: Records And Evaluations  
  Bonaire 7/8
- Waging Peace For Inclusion  
  Curacao 1/2
- Giving Infants And Toddlers A Boost: The Role Of Technology  
  Curacao 3/4
- Improving Reading For All Students  
  Curacao 5/6
- Medicaid 101  
  Curacao 7/8

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Pyramid Players**, Grand Caribe Convention Center

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
**Concurrent Sessions**
- Social Security Administration’s PASS Program  
  Antigua 1
- What Is A Learning Disability And How Does It Impact A Child In The Classroom?  
  Antigua 2
- Eliciting Communication In Young Children  
  Antigua 3
- Having It All – How Parents Of Special Needs Children Can Learn To
Live A More Enriching Life  
Antigua 4

Arts For All  
Boca 1

Esteem Winners For Families  
Boca 2

Florida KidCare 101  
Boca 3

A Vote for Access: HAVA, Election Reform and Equal Access At The Polls  
Boca 4

The Journey To The Courthouse: One Family’s Success  
In Securing Meaningful Employment  
Bonaire 1

Parent Liaisons: Making A Key Connection  
Bonaire 2

Employment for Floridians with Disabilities – A Positive Perspective  
Bonaire 3

Specialized Transportation Service And The Role Of The Transportation Disadvantaged Commission  
Bonaire 4

Family And Supported Living Waiver: What’s New?  
Bonaire 5/6

Advocacy “Nuts And Bolts” Part II: Use Of Records & Evaluations In IEP Development  
Bonaire 7/8

The Incredible Technology Resource Kit  
Curacao 1/2

Job Fit: What You Need To Know About Worksite Accomodations  
Curacao 3/4

Dental Care For Persons With Disabilities  
Curacao 5/6

Conquistando Mis Sueños A Través De La Independence  
Curacao 7/8

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  Reception with Sea World’s Shamu and Friends, Grand Caribe Convention Center
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  The 8th Annual Governor’s Summit on Disabilities Hosted by Governor Jeb Bush, Grand Sierra Ballroom

Saturday, June 3, 2006

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.  Registration Open, Grand Caribe Convention Center
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  Exhibit Hall Open, Caribbean Ballroom
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  Keynote Address: Parent Involvement: Who’s Accountable? Who Benefits? Batya Elbaum, Associate Professor, School of Education, University of Miami Grand Sierra Ballroom
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  Dental Screening, Caribbean Ballroom
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  Special Kids Dance, Grand Caribe Convention Center
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  Art Without Limits with Dwayne Szot, Grand Sierra Ballroom B
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  Concurrent Sessions

**Meet Shelly Brantley, Director for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities**
Grand Sierra Ballroom E

**Edible Math**
Grand Sierra Ballroom A

**Shining Light On Issues Affecting Those With Spina Bilida And Programs And Services Available Through The Spina Bilida Association**
Antigua 1

**What To Expect From Your Support Coordinator – Waiver Services**
Antigua 2

**Intensive Therapy For Children With Cerebral Palsy**
Antigua 3

**Coordinating Workforce Services for Persons with Disabilities**
Antigua 4

**The Mysteries Of Social Security Disability**
Boca 1

**Meet Bambi J. Lockman, Bureau Chief, Bureau Of Exceptional Education And Student Services, Florida Department Of Education**
Boca 2

**26 Healthy Marriage/Relationship Habits For Parents Of Children With Speical Needs**
Boca 3

**SiGH – Supported Independent Group Home**
Boca 4

**Fostering Independence In Your Child: From A Consumer’s Point Of View**
Bonaire 2

**New Star Module Two: Traveling The Seas Of Families, Feelings And Emotion**
Bonaire 3

**The Florida Freedom Initiative – System of The Future**
Bonaire 4

**Am I Important Too?: A Sibling Workshop For Parents**
Bonaire 5/6

**Protecting The Future Of Your Special Needs Child**
Bonaire 7/8

**Dyslexia 101**
Curacao 1/2

**What About Love? Possibilities For Developmentally Delayed Adults**
Curacao 3/4

**Show Me The Money!: Paying for AT in Florida**
Curacao 5/6

**Guardianship “A Wise Thing To Avoid”**
Curacao 7/8

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  FRIENDS Chorus, Caribbean Ballroom

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  Registration Open, Grand Caribe Convention Center

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  Art Without Limits with Dwayne Szot, Grand Sierra Ballroom B
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
What Makes Supported Living So Good?
Grand Sierra A
One Click Away: Computer Access At The Touch Of A Switch
Antigua 1
Drive Through Restaurants: Making Them Accessible For The Deaf And Hard Of Hearing
Antigua 2
Non-Residential Support Services – A Viable Alternative To Adult Day Training
Antigua 3
What Are Our Spiritual Responsibilities Within The Disabilities Community
Antigua 4
Los Misterios Del Seguro Social
Boca 1
Animal Assisted Interventions In Special Education Classrooms
Boca 2
Planning For The Future Of Your Child Or Dependent With Special Needs
Boca 3
Involving Fathers
Boca 4
Working Innovations, Inc.: Practical Micro-Enterprise For the Disabled
Bonaire 1
Uniquely Gifted: Identifying And Meeting the Needs Of The Twice Exceptional Student
Bonaire 2
Families in Pre-K Special Education
Bonaire 3
Saving Taxes, Providing Benefits, Reducing Costs For The CDC+ Program
Bonaire 4
Personal Outcome Measures – What Are They?
Bonaire 5/6
Beyond Consequences, Logic and Control
Bonaire 7/8
Medicaid Services For Medically Fragile Children
Curacao 1/2
Transportation Services
Curacao 3/4
Parent & Family Involvement: Building Successful Partnerships
Curacao 5/6
The 411 On The Florida Youth Council – YOUTH TRACK
Curacao 7/8

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Special Kids Dance, Grand Caribe Convention Center
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. FRIENDS Chorus, Caribbean Ballroom
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts, Grand Sierra Ballroom D

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Session
Voting Access for Persons with Disabilities
Grand Sierra Ballroom E
Epidemia Silenciosa: Violencia Sexual Contra Personas Con Incapacidades En Su Desarrollo
Antigua 1
Family Care Councils
Antigua 2
The LoTTIE (Low Tech Tools For Inclusive Education) Kit
Antigua 3
Storybook Reading With Children Who Use Augmentative & Alternative Communication: Strategies For Parents
Antigua 4
The FCAT Waiver: Is It A Good Fit?
Boca 1
Come Meet Florida’s Director Of Vocational Rehabilitation
Boca 2
Taking A Leadership Role In Your Life – A Story Of Self-Advocacy And Self-Determination – YOUTH TRACK
Boca 3
Advocacy For Progress In Public Policy: Impacting On The Legislative Process As It Affects Individuals With Developmental Disabilities
Boca 4
Off To College: A Primer For Freshmen With Different Abilities
Bonaire 1
Are You Your Child’s Advocate?
Bonaire 2
Why Choose Mediation?
Bonaire 3
Los Ninos Convirtiendose En Adultos: Retos Para Los Padres
Bonaire 4
How To Prepare For A Job Interview
Bonaire 5/6
Get Set, Ready, Write!
Bonaire 7/8
Family As Faculty
Curacao 1/2
Helping Parents Understand Youth’s Transition To Real Life – YOUTH TRACK
Curacao 3/4
Special Needs Trusts
Curacao 5/6
Using “My Personal Compass”: Assisting Individuals In Selecting And Evaluating Quality Services
Curacao 7/8

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.       Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.       Concurrent Sessions

The Quiet Epidemic: Sexual Violence Against Persons With Developmental Disabilities
Grand Sierra Ballroom A
Try It Before You Buy It: FAAST Statewide AT Device Lending Program
Antigua 1
Am I Important Too?: A Workshop For Siblings Of Children With Special Needs
Antigua 2
Rethinking Guardianship: There Are Alternatives
Antigua 4
You’re The Boss: Managing Your Providers And Services With Success
Boca 1
ATTENTION MOMS . . . Take Care Of YOU, So You Can Take Care Of THEM!
A Wellness Encouragement Session For Mothers
Boca 2
Planning Your Independent Future  
Boca 3

Connecting With Your Parent Liaison As A Way To Increase Effective Involvement In Your Child’s Education  
Boca 4

Social Security And Employment Supports  
Bonaire 1

YouthSPEAK On High School – YOUTH TRACK  
Bonaire 2

The Essential Home  
Bonaire 3

Using Visual Communication with Students Who Are Disabled  
Bonaire 4

Reaching For The STARS: Young Adults With Autism Get Involved! (With Their Community)  
Bonaire 5/6

CDC+ Past, Present, Future  
Bonaire 7/8

All Aboard The Transition Train  
Curacao 1/2

Into The Future – Planning Care Today For A Secure Life Tomorrow  
Curacao 3/4

Meeting The Employment Needs Of Youths With Disabilities  
Curacao 5/6

Psychotherapeutic Drug Use In Children, Adolescents And Adults With Developmental Disabilities  
Curacao 7/8

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Family Entertainment featuring Dueling Pianos, Grand Sierra Ballroom

Sunday, June 4, 2006

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Exhibit Hall Open, Caribbean Ballroom

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Concurrent Sessions

Parents Educating Parents In The Community  
Antigua 2

DD Waiver Quality Improvement: Updates And Results Of Quality On The Move  
Antigua 3

The ABC’s Of DME (Durable Medical Equipment And Supplies)  
Antigua 4

Inclusion Works!  
Boca 1

Care Without Crisis: Don’t Die! Everybody’s Depending On You!  
Boca 2

Networking To Defeat Dyslexia  
Boca 3

It’s My Life . . . Let Me Decide!  
Boca 4

Encouraging Language Development Through A Nonfiction Onscreen Experience  
Bonaire 1

Your Child’s Pathway To Reading Success  
Bonaire 2
Coordinating Workforce Services For Persons With Disabilities
Bonaire 3

My Personal Health
Bonaire 4

Reaching For The STARS: Young Adults With Autism Get Involved!
(With Their Community)
Bonaire 5/6

Transition: What Parents Must Know
Curacao 1/2

Battling For Services From A Parent’s Perspective
Curacao 3/4

Special Needs Trust
Curacao 5/6

New Star Module Four: Logging The Journey: Communication & Organization
Curacao 7/8

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Closing Session and Keynote Address: Beyond Civil Rights: A Roadmap to a Better Economic Future for Americans with Disabilities
Michael Morris, Director, National Disability Institute and the Law, Health Policy and Disability Center (LHPDC)
University of Iowa College of Law
Grand Sierra Ballroom

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Closing and Door Prizes, Grand Sierra Ballroom
Medicaid Reform Update
Secretary Alan Levine, Agency for Health Care Administration
Grand Sierra Ballroom, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Alan Levine is the Secretary of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. Prior to this, he was Deputy Chief of Staff and Health Policy Advisor to Florida Governor Jeb Bush – the Chief Executive of the nation’s fourth largest state. Levine has served in a variety of positions in health care leadership. At age 29, he was the youngest hospital Chief Executive Officer in Florida and among the youngest in the nation, having been appointed as the CEO of Doctors’ Memorial Hospital in Perry. More recently, Levine was the Chief Executive Officer of South Bay Hospital in Sun City Center, prior to being tapped by Governor Bush to lead the Governor’s health and human services team.

Secretary Levine will head up a panel of Medicaid professionals, including Sybil Richard, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Operations, Beth Kidder, Chief of Medicaid Services and Roberta Kelley, Bureau Chief, Health Systems Development to explain the soon-to-be-enacted changes in the Medicaid program. After speaking on topic, the Secretary will open the discussion up for questions and answers from the audience to the panel members.

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Registration Open, Grand Caribe Convention Center

10:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Open, Caribbean Ballroom

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Opening Session and Keynote Address: Medicaid Reform Update
Secretary Alan Levine, Agency for Health Care Administration
Grand Sierra Ballroom

1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Registration Open, Grand Caribe Convention Center

1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Reception with Sea World’s Shamu and Friends, Grand Caribe Convention Center

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
The 8th Annual Governor’s Summit on Disabilities, Hosted by Governor Jeb Bush, Grand Sierra Ballroom
Friday 1:30 – 2:30, Concurrent Sessions

\textit{Introduction To Sensory Processing Disorder & Checklist}

Friday, June 2, 2006  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Antigua 1

This workshop will address Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) or Sensory integration. You will learn about this disorder and how to use other means besides using drugs. It is not to be used as the absolute diagnostic criteria for labeling children with sensory processing disorders, but rather, as an educational tool and checklist for your own knowledge. Professionals who can diagnose this disorder have their own tools in addition to checklists to observe and test for sensory integration dysfunction. Handouts provided.

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\textit{Understanding Your Child's (And Your Own) Learning Style}

Friday, June 2, 2006  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Antigua 2

This fast-paced presentation will provide participants with an understanding of how we process and perceive information and the best approaches for addressing individual learning styles, while “keeping peace” on the homefront. Taking into consideration the methods we use when sharing information, asking questions, or delivering a message can be the key to successful communication with your child, family members and all those you communicate with on a daily basis.

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\textit{Commonly Asked Questions About Child Care Centers And The Americans With Disabilities Act}

Friday, June 2, 2006  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Antigua 3

Almost all child care centers are covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). By law, they must provide equal access to all programs and services that the center provides. For existing centers, they must remove barriers that exclude a child or parent with disabilities from participation in activities at the childcare center. This session will increase your awareness about your rights under the ADA to accessible child care centers and what you can do to advocate for those rights.

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Where Can I Find Answers About Services From The Agency For Persons With Disabilities?
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Antigua 4

Are you receiving services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities but do not understand or even know your service options? Have you heard about the Medicaid Waiver, but don’t know how to get those services? Do you have a developmental disability or a family member with one and need assistance, but don’t know where to go to get assistance? Come talk with people who are receiving services, their family members and agency staff to learn some of their resource secrets. Talk to them about ways they have taken charge and improved their quality of life. Information is power. Come become empowered!

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School Choice
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Boca 1

This session will provide general information about Florida’s School Choice programs, including the John McKay Scholarship, the Opportunity Scholarship, the Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship, Charter Schools, Virtual Education and Home Education.

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Special People, Special Planning – Creating A Safe Legal Haven For Families With Special Needs
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Boca 3

Special People, Special Planning addresses the unique legal needs of families with special needs. The presenters, who have authored a book with the same title, will explore issues and answer the difficult questions related to guardian advocacy, guardianship letters of instruction and special needs trusts to preserve government benefits. Participants will be armed with the legal knowledge they need to make informed decisions for the long-term protection of their families.

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Accessible Electronic Information Technology Task Force
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Boca 4

“As we move further into this electronic age, it is imperative that we continue to ensure all Floridians have equal access to quality information on state services, programs and opportunities.” With that vision the AEIT Task Force was appointed by Gov. Bush and met for six months to develop recommendations and prepare a final report for the Governor.

This presentation will share the efforts and review Task Force’s vision and hope that the final recommendations will serve as a foundation upon which the state can continue to change its culture and attitudes related to accessibility in the state’s electronic and information technology systems including, but not limited to, the state’s health, human services, employment, commerce and education, thereby significantly increasing access to information and opportunities and helping to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. Also included will be a update on progress and next steps. The entire final report can also be found at http://dms.myflorida.com/dms/content/view/full/10307 and will also be available at the presentation.

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Environmental Accessibility Adaptations – Tools You Can Use
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Bonaire 1

This session is a fast-paced presentation that includes practical knowledge about home modifications for individuals with special needs. Caregivers, case managers and individuals with special needs will find this program useful to help them understand home modifications and special adaptive equipment available to them. The program includes discussions and demonstrations of equipment and a synopsis of ADA and Universal Design. Additionally the participants will learn what to look for when contracting with a construction company performing home modifications, terminology used in the construction industry and what costs to expect.

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**En Espanol: Individualized Education Program**
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Bonaire 2

IDEA requires that each IEP include discussion and documentation on eight specific topic areas. This workshop explains the process and emphasizes the importance of parental participation. It also includes helpful tips and strategies for writing effective IEP goals.

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**Special Olympics Has Something To Offer You**
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Bonaire 3

Special Olympics has something to offer everyone that would like to be involved and change the lives of the people this organization touches. The athletes get the opportunities to train and compete in Olympic-type sports along with the added benefits of health screenings and leadership training.

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**The Parent As An Advocate In The Medical Insurance Context**
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Bonaire 4

Appropriately, specialized treatment is often needed for children with special needs. Obtaining medical insurance authorization or reimbursement for specialized services such as therapy or medical equipment is not always a simple process. This presentation will show you how to more easily navigate through your medical insurance policy and get much needed benefits authorized or paid.

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A Primer On Medicaid Waivers
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Bonaire 5/6

This is an overview of all Florida Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver programs. Information will be provided on the purpose of waiver programs, their relationship to regular Medicaid services, and general eligibility information. Emphasis will be placed on eligibility for the Developmental Disabilities and Family Supported Living Waivers and services. Individuals receiving waiver services and their parents will participate and share their experience.

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Sex In The City
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Bonaire 7/8

This training will provide information regarding research-based best practices in the area of sexuality education for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and developmental disabilities. Specific strategies and educational information will be provided in the following areas: puberty, appropriate boundaries, personal hygiene, and masturbation. Content information is intended for use by middle and high school teachers, support personnel, community providers, and parents. CAUTION: Language and pictures presented are graphic in nature and may be considered offensive to some individuals.

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Autism – An Objective Viewpoint
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Curacao 1/2

Bob Phillips is a father of a 15 year old boy with Autism. Mr. Phillips provides a practical insight into hearing and speech and advises parents and caregivers on how to objectively review Autism treatment methods. It also exposes overlooked symptoms of autism and where additional medical research should be directed.

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A Fresh Look At The Ticket To Work And Work Incentives Program
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Curacao 3/4

This presentation will provide attendees with up-to-date information concerning the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Program to include: 1) an overview of how the program works, 2) changes to the Program being implemented by the Social Security Administration and (3) a description of the roles played by key partners in the Program.

Experts from the Social Security Administration, MAXIMUS Inc., The Advocacy Center and the State VR Agency will share strategies on how to use the Program to pursue a goal of becoming self-supporting and taking advantage of the work incentives that are available to participants once employed.

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All In One: Comprehensive Computer Access With Read And Write Gold
Friday, June 2, 2006
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Curacao 5/6

Read & Write is the one stop solution for reading and writing needs, bringing comprehensive literacy support through a unique set of features for the User with literacy or learning difficulties.

Read & Write Gold allows Users to work in a truly inclusive environment using standard Windows applications. This mainstream compatibility means there is no need to learn a whole new way of creating and editing text, as Read & Write Gold works seamlessly within Windows applications such as Microsoft Word and Internet Explorer.

This presentation will focus on the Fact Folder in Read & Write Gold. The Fact Folder helps those with literacy difficulties by capturing text from ANY application (including Internet browsers), classifying it, attaching pictures, bibliography information and recording its source. When research is complete the user can convert facts to a text document at the click of a button, download the text to PDA, convert to HTML or turn the text into a slide show –truly excellent for revision.

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**Fathers At Play: Supporting Your Young Child’s Social Skills Through Play**

Friday, June 2, 2006  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Curacao 7/8  

Fathers have an important role to play in the life of the young child with developmental delays who is under five years of age. Fathers who are actively involved in the everyday life of their child, even for short periods of time, can significantly increase their child’s ability to learn important life skills. Using reach on Brain Development and Attachment Theory, this workshop will focus on some specific ways that fathers can teach their young child to be comfortable in new social situations and learn new social skills through play. This workshop is also important for mothers, caregivers and teachers.

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2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center**

**Friday 3:00 – 4:00, Concurrent Sessions**

**Distinctives Of The National Institute For Learning Disabilities Individual Educational Therapy**

Friday, June 2, 2006  
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Antigua 1  

For parents of children who struggle to learn, finding effective intervention can be a challenge. The National Institute for Learning Disabilities (NILD) has developed tools for learning that offer hope. The goal has been to equip individuals with learning disabilities to succeed academically and in life as independent learners.

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**Moving Toward The Future – Transition Programs At The Agency For Persons With Disabilities**

Friday, June 2, 2006  
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Antigua 2  

This presentation will define transition and review the steps the Agency for Persons with Disabilities has taken to address the transition needs of pre-school children and adolescents.

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Evaluation
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3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Antigua 3

A child is suspected of having a disability. How does that disability impact his or her ability to access the educational environment? This workshop provides an overview of the evaluation process and describes the necessary steps from suspecting a child has a disability to identification to the provisions of services, while emphasizing the parent’s role in the process.

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Special Needs Trusts
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3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Antigua 4

The proper drafting and utilization of a Special Needs Trust requires expertise and careful consideration. Every circumstance has its own distinct issues and each document must be customized to meet the personal needs of the beneficiary.

Persons with permanent disabilities continue to have serious concerns about the availability of proper health care coverage. Today’s high costs can deplete even the most carefully accumulated family assets in relatively short periods of time.

Recognition by Congress that assets in a Special Needs Trust should not disqualify a person with a disability from SSI and Medicaid eligibility has provided a vehicle for preserving assets that families have gathered over a lifetime, and disabled persons and their families’ interests can be well served by taking advantage of these options provided for those who have the greatest need.

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Calling All Husbands, Calling All Dads . . . “Home” Work 101

Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Boca 1

This class is for men only. It explores the value of spending quality time with your family. The stress and pressure is oftentimes greater when there are special needs in the home. This translates to a different set of circumstances placed on husbands and fathers. Learn how to deal with some of the challenges more effectively and come prepared to share what is working for you. Find out practical ways how we can help more in the home and better meet the needs of our wives and children.

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Making It Happen! Building Successful Transitions To Post-Secondary Life For Youth With Emotional And Behavioral Difficulties
Friday, June 2, 2006
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Boca 2

This presentation will highlight the Transition to Independence Process (TIP) Florida Initiative and its impact across the state on the successful transition of youth with emotional and behavioral difficulties. Research-based methodologies for improving outcome for these youth will be demonstrated at the state and school levels. A statewide Project Director and site Project Manager will demonstrate effective transition techniques utilized within their projects. Presentation topics include school-based enterprise, person-centered planning, and the bridging of mental health case management service delivery from child to adult systems.

The practice and operational guidelines for the Transition to Independence Process (TIP) system will be presented and described. This transition intervention is designed to assist young people with emotional and/or behavioral difficulties (EBD) in making a successful transition to adulthood, with all young persons achieving, within their potential, their goals in the transition domains of employment, education, living situation, and community life.

Participants will learn how the TIP system guidelines drive the development and operation of quality transition systems. These guidelines are based on studies of program values and best practices of transition programs for these youth and young adults; programs preparing youth for transition; policy issues related to transition; and transition outcomes.

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The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council’s Task Forces And How Their Projects Impact On The Lives Of Floridians With Developmental Disabilities
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Boca 3

The Program Managers of the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will provide information on Council initiatives that will be of great interest, including projects in health care such as dental provider networks, new therapies, healthcare transition and new research; projects in Community Living & Service Coordination such as transportation issues, guardianship, planning ahead information and housing; Employment-oriented projects such as the BLN networks state-wide, the state-wide supported employment project, and hiring initiatives for individuals with developmental disabilities; Child Development and Education projects such as the Partners in Transition, Sexuality Training, Social Inclusion initiatives and IDEA; and the popular Partners in Policymaking – an exciting leadership program for persons with developmental disabilities and family members. Partners in Policymaking is designed to provide information, training and skill-building for effective advocacy. Throughout the six-month training, participants learn best-practices in addressing current issues facing persons with disabilities and strategies for establishing effective relationships with local, state, and federal policymakers.

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The Use Of Sensory Integration To Improve Learning
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Boca 4
Sensory integration is the ability we all have to take in, sort out and organize sensory information from our environment and our bodies. Efficient sensory integration abilities allow for the effective discrimination of sensations, the ability to produce accurate motor plans and the ability to modulate emotional response. Children with disabilities often have inefficient and underdeveloped abilities to organize and use sensory information to make adaptive responses and learn. This lecture will provide an overview of sensory integration theory and how teachers, parents, and therapists can apply the theory to understand a child’s behavior and how best to facilitate a child’s learning.

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Feeling Overwhelmed? Reduce Your Stress Level By Getting School Records Organized
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bonaire 1
Learn how to identify what educational records are essential to maintain and how to obtain the appropriate information, along with tips for staying organized. Creating a functional record keeping system can be key to becoming a more effective advocate for your child.

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IDEA 2004 And ESE Dispute Resolution In Florida
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bonaire 2
This session will discuss the impact of IDEA 2004 on ESE dispute resolution in Florida. Topics to be included are: informal resolution (bridges and barriers to communication), mediation, formal complaint procedures (including Early Resolution Agreement), and due process hearing requests (including revisions in notice requirements, timelines, and a new focus on an opportunity for early resolution).

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Planning Your Independent Future
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bonaire 3

Most of us in the disability family are familiar with transition plans, individual plans for employment, and the desire for full-time employment. In this interactive session, participants will learn what components are needed to tie their individual plans for employment under VR in with their career aspirations. They will learn how to apply the necessary planning and training to secure a job of choice and to achieve an independent future.

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Helpful Hints For Parents And Educators Of Individuals With High-Functioning Autism Or Asperger Syndrome
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bonaire 4

In a typical day at home or school, an individual with high-functioning Autism or Asperger Syndrome may encounter numerous events that increase the individual’s anxiety and commonly trigger the display of problematic behavior. These helpful hints are pro-active strategies that can be implemented at home, in school or in the community – before or at the time the individual encounters a potential trigger. These “hints” are simple strategies that serve to guide successful interactions with individuals with high-functioning autism spectrum disorders and assist them in maintaining their composure. These “hints” can be used with individuals of any age in any setting. Along with each “hint” will be an explanation of WHY a given situation might be problematic for the individual with an autism spectrum disorder, and WHAT the parent or educator can do to address the problem. Examples will include the application of each “hint” in both home and school settings.

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Business Accessibility 15 Years Later – Title III Of The ADA: Litigation, Drive-Bys And Practical Solutions
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bonaire 5/6

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that all businesses make changes to become accessible to customers with disabilities. But 15 years after the 1990 passage of the law, reality has not been equal to the hopes of the drafters of the legislation. Many businesses throughout the United States remain inaccessible to people with disabilities. But other businesses have been hit by lawsuits as as result of their accessibility. While some litigation has been proactive and helpful in ensuring accessibility, other lawsuits have been of the “drive-by” type and have resulted in nothing more than high attorneys fees and incomplete promises of compliance with the only winners being plaintiff’s attorneys. Businesses so sued often unfairly come to see customers with disabilities – even those who were not involved in the lawsuit – as part of the problem. Thus the objective of the ADA – increased participation by Americans with Disabilities – is frustrated, and even thwarted. This session will explore the problem and talk about a “better way” – cost effective solutions for accessibility within the orginal spirit of the law – dignified access for Americans without placing unfair burdens on business.
Advocacy “Nuts And Bolts” Part I: Records And Evaluations
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bonaire 7/8
A practical, hands-on workshop on the process of collecting, reviewing, and understanding student records and evaluations. This presentation will lift the shroud of mystery from records and educational evaluations. Using valuable but simple tools of analysis, participants will interact with typical records and evaluations, learning to use them for effective advocacy.

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Waging Peace For Inclusion
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Curacao 1/2
Are you tired of fighting with schools in order to obtain an inclusive placement for your child with a disability? Learn how to stop fighting and join a collaborative effort to create more inclusion for students with disabilities in the state of Florida. The Florida Coalition for the Education of Individuals and disability groups throughout Florida are committed to bringing about systemic change in our education system. Stop banging your head against the wall and start being an effective advocate for change!

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Giving Infants And Toddlers A Boost: The Role Of Technology
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Curacao 3/4
Many children are identified as having developmental delays, which often indicates therapeutic technology based interventions when the child is less than 3 years old? Yes! Contrary to popular belief, there are no prerequisites for beginning technology rich intervention. Come to this session to learn more, including directions on how to make some low tech devices that anyone can make.
Improving Reading For All Students
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Curacao 5/6

This session will focus on scientifically-based reading research and current initiatives in Florida to address the skills necessary for students to become proficient readers. It will also address legislation and the K-12 Comprehensive reading strategies and resources that can be used to improve a child’s reading ability.

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Medicaid 101
Friday, June 2, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Curacao 7/8

This presentation will describe the Medicaid program, the services offered and the basic federal and state rules for the program’s operation.

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Friday 4:30 – 5:30, Concurrent Sessions

Social Security Administration’s PASS Program
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Antigua 1

This presentation gives an overview of the Social Security Administration’s two disability programs: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). Participants will learn the eligibility requirements to qualify for both disability programs which provide various work incentives to assist disabled individuals overcome obstacles that prevent them from becoming self-supportive. The work incentives are there to relieve the fear of losing benefits right away or health insurance because of an attempt to work. The
PASS program is one of the many work incentives available that can be used to break through barriers such as necessary expenses and resources needed for transition age youth and adults desiring to work or return to work.

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What Is A Learning Disability And How Does It Impact A Child In The Classroom?
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Antigua 2

Students with learning disabilities exhibit specific characteristics. Those characteristics can negatively impact classroom performance. Hear about those characteristics, what happens in the classroom and one intervention that has worked successfully for more than 30 years.

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Eliciting Communication In Young Children
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Antigua 3

Daily routines in home and school environments offer many opportunities to elicit communication from children. This workshop will highlight the forms and function of communication such as eye gazing, gestures, and physical aggression. Building upon this basic understanding of communication, family members will gain an understanding of their abilities to influence common daily activities to help their children use functional communication in a playful and exciting manner. Attending members will walk away from this workshop with an idea of how to create and execute such opportunities using six specific strategies.

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Having It All – How Parents Of Special Needs Children Can Learn To Live A More Enriching Life
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Antigua 4

Coordinating a life with children is a daunting task for most parents, but when you have a child with special needs, it seems almost impossible. As a parent of a son with autism as well as a Speech Pathologist for 27
years and the director of a therapy clinic, Ms. Herskowitz has personal as well as professional experience. She has developed several concepts which she has shared with her friends and clients as well as the audience of her AutismOne Radio show, *Embracing the Journey* that can help mothers learn skills to enhance their lives. In addition, her eldest son, Hunter, has created a special powerpoint presentation set to music entitled *The History and Mystery of Autism*. This presentation won Best in Show at the 2005 Broward County Social Studies Fair. This moving and informative presentation portrays the visions of a young man who has lived with having a brother with special needs.

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**Arts For All**  
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4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Boca 1

Arts for All is a variety of specially designed equipment specifically for people with disabilities to use to create art. VSAFL will provide a demonstration of the equipment and the ability to experience the creative process with this equipment.

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**Esteem Winners For Families**  
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4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Boca 2

Esteem Winners is a set of activities that help children and their families become aware of their unique abilities. Participants will have the opportunity to experience several of the activities during the session. These very interactive and easy activities help build bridges between children and their families. This is most applicable for families of school-aged children. Family members will walk away with activities they can use immediately.

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Florida KidCare 101
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4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Boca 3

Learn about Florida Kid Care and how easy it is to apply for health insurance coverage for your children. Find out why Florida Kid Care is made up of Children’s Medicaid, MediKids, Health Kids and the Children’s Medical Services Network. We’ll explain the application process, the eligibility requirements and how to access services. Special emphasis will be given to the Children’s Medical Services Network that provides services to children with special health care needs. Find out if your child would benefit from these services and how to apply for this worthwhile program.

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A Vote for Access: HAVA, Election Reform and Equal Access At The Polls
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Boca 4

This presentation offers sound understanding of the accessibility provisions of the Help America Vote Act, accessibility guidelines, existing solutions and the needs of voters with disabilities. Mr. Bundy will provide an understanding of these provisions of the law, an overview of what other states have done with respect to HAVA’s access provisions, suggestions for making polling places more accessible, as well as insight and information they need to implement accessible elections in their respective communities.

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The Journey To The Courthouse: One Family’s Success In Securing Meaningful Employment
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Bonaire 1

Casey will show a 15 minute video which highlights his work in the Probation Department of the Lee County Courthouse. In addition, Casey, a 3-year employee of the courthouse, will describe his responsibilities in the five departments in which he works throughout the Courthouse, share tips on securing employment and answer questions from the audience. Judy will give tips from a parent’s perspective on how to help prepare your family member for employment in the general workplace (from childhood on). Materials include a resume sample and tip sheet.

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Parent Liaisons: Making A Key Connection
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4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Bonaire 2
This presentation will be meaningful to child care providers, educators, paraprofessionals and parents of children with disabilities. Presenters Sylvie Shields, Allison Smith, Nicole Brown, and Debra Cobb, Escambia County ESE Parent Liaisons, are trained mediators as well as parents of children with disabilities. Strategies the ESE Parent Liaisons will share include: an overview of a successful School Parent Liaison Program, Parent Involvement, IEP and Related Meetings, Parent/School/Community Collaboration, Tools to address Student Success/Self Determination.

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Employment for Floridians with Disabilities – A Positive Perspective
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Bonaire 3
The presentation will cover the Agency for Persons with Disabilities 5 year employment initiative, developments and highlights of supported employment in Florida’s DD Program, an introduction to Florida’s Business Leadership Networks and highlights of the Medicaid Infrastructure grant.

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Specialized Transportation Service And The Role Of The Transportation Disadvantaged Commission
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Bonaire 4
This presentation will examine the increased demand for specialized transportation services, shrinking budgets and funds available to sustain these demands, and the role of the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission as we know it today versus the future given legislative initiatives to reform it.

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Family And Supported Living Waiver: What’s New?
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Bonaire 5/6

The Medicaid Family and Supported Living Waiver has expanded to provide additional supports and services to a greater number of children and adults with developmental disabilities capable of residing in their family home or own home. Who is eligible for services under this waiver? What new services and supports are available? How can I enroll? In this session you will learn answers to these questions and more. You will hear from agency administrators familiar with the program and its services. In addition, a consumer representative will join us to share real life experiences with the Family and Supported Living Waiver.

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Advocacy “Nuts And Bolts” Part II: Use Of Records & Evaluations In IEP Development
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Bonaire 7/8

Too often the notebook full of student records and evaluations sits neglected on the IEP table. This is a practical, hands-on workshop on how the advocate can proactively and effectively use educational records and evaluations in the development of IEPs. See how to graph progress (or lack thereof). Use evaluations to develop present levels of performance. Take control of the IEP process through effective use of records and evaluations.

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The Incredible Technology Resource Kit
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Curacao 1/2

The Incredible Technology Resource Kit is a free, cross platform CD that includes freeware, shareware, and trial versions of software, classroom resources, and Internet resources. This year the kit is based on Peter Reynolds’ North Star Guide to Technology Planning and includes: creativity/expression tools, crafting/building tools, exploration tools, communication tools, innovation/problem solving tools, and publishing/sharing tools. Discover how to help your child use technology to journey to their personal North Star. Each participant will receive a copy of this resource CD for Windows & Macintosh.

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Job Fit: What You Need To Know About Worksite Accomodations
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Curacao 3/4
This presentation will look at all the specifics surrounding a workplace accommodation including who is eligible for a workplace accommodation. The cost and misconceptions of job accommodations being extremely expensive will be debunked. The focus of the presentation will be on the categories of workplace accommodations. These categories include: process, technology, location, and education/training. The conclusion will focus on specific technology that has been used in workplace accommodations.
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Dental Care For Persons With Disabilities
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Curacao 5/6
Persons with disabilities frequently encounter difficulty in obtaining dental care, among other services. The presentation will include suggestions on optimizing daily oral health care at home, and accessing professional dental care. Suggestions will also include strategies to improve access to care for persons with disabilities.
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Conquistando Mis Suenos A Travez De La Independence
Friday, June 2, 2006
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Curacao 7/8
El propositre de esta presentatcien es demonstrar a los consumidores, familia, empleadores, agencies, legisladores que posible que una persona con discapacidades llegue a ser independiente.
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5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  Reception with Sea World’s Shamu and Friends.  Grand Caribe Convention Center
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  The 8th Annual Governor’s Summit on Disabilities  Hosted by Governor Jeb Bush. Grand Sierra Ballroom
THE 8TH ANNUAL
GOVERNOR’S SUMMIT ON DISABILITIES

Hosted by
Governor Jeb Bush
Grand Sierra Ballroom
June 3, 2006, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Family Café Conference brings families together with government leaders to foster understanding and partnership. State leaders learn about the personal experiences of consumers and families. Families pose questions and raise issues directly to decision-makers. Coupled with the Governor’s Summit, this conference advances Florida’s services for persons with disabilities. I look forward to our time together at this year’s Family Café.

— Governor Jeb Bush
Parent Involvement: Who’s Accountable? Who Benefits?
Batya Elbaum, Associate Professor
School of Education, University of Miami
Grand Sierra Ballroom, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Since 1999, Dr. Elbaum has collaborated with the State of Florida to increase family involvement in special education monitoring and program improvement. For the past four years, she has been head of the Parent/Family Involvement Workgroup of the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring. In that role, she has been responsible for developing a set of rigorous measures of parent perceptions and involvement in early intervention and special education that will be used nationally to address federal accountability indicators. Over the past three years, Dr. Elbaum has provided consulting to states, parent organizations, the OSEP Regional Resource Centers, the National Dessemination Center for Children with Disabilities and other entities regarding accountability for family outcomes and parent involvement under IDEA. Dr. Elbaum is also Co-Director of the Parent Leadership Development Project, a program designed to promote the development of parents as community leaders who can promote positive change in systems of care for individuals with disabilities and their families. Come and learn about the new IDEA reporting requirements on parent involvement and family outcomes.

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2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Registration Open, Grand Caribe Convention Center
Exhibit Hall Open, Caribbean Ballroom
Keynote Address: Parent Involvement: Who’s Accountable? Who Benefits?
Batya Elbaum, Associate Professor, School of Education, University of Miami
Grand Sierra Ballroom
Dental Screening, Caribbean Ballroom
Special Kids Dance, Grand Caribe Convention Center
Art Without Limits with Dwayne Szot, Grand Sierra Ballroom B
Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

Concurrent Sessions
FRIENDS Chorus, Caribbean Ballroom
Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center
Registration Open, Grand Caribe Convention Center
Art Without Limits with Dwayne Szot, Grand Sierra Ballroom B

Concurrent Sessions
Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center
Special Kids Dance, Grand Caribe Convention Center
FRIENDS Chorus, Caribbean Ballroom
Arts & Crafts, Grand Sierra Ballroom D

Concurrent Session
Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

Concurrent Sessions
Family Entertainment featuring Dueling Pianos
Grand Sierra Ballroom
Saturday 10:30 – 11:30, Concurrent Sessions

Meet Shelly Brantley, Director for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Grand Sierra Ballroom E

Hear how two dynamic individuals developed into self-advocates. Through their growth as advocates, they are changing communities for the better. Also in this session: visit with APD Director Shelly Brantley as she speaks to state priorities, including employment and community inclusion. This is your opportunity to raise questions and comments and provide valuable input on how APD serves persons with developmental disabilities.

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Edible Math
Saturday, June 3, 2006
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Grand Sierra Ballroom A

Come join us for an edible math session! This is an interactive hands-on presentation for parents and children. Participants will learn strategies for using food to reinforce the sunshine state standards for mathematics at home. Participants will make a fruit loop abacus, a shape house, counting pasta necklaces, and much more! All participants will receive a CD which includes instructions and any graphics necessary to complete the activities at home.

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Shining Light On Issues Affecting Those With Spina Bifida And Programs And Services Available Through The Spina Bifida Association
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Antigua 1

The Spinal Bifida population is faced with many challenging issues on a day-to-day basis. The sheer number of doctor and hospital visits, coupled with the complexity of daily care and health issues that arise can be overwhelming to families. It is important that these families have a network of support and a number of programs and services that can help guide them through the challenging and sometimes overwhelming task of navigating the medical, social service and public education systems. The Spina Bifida Association provides families and individuals with the support and guidance they need to get through these lifelong challenges. This presentation will give an overview of the multiple issues facing individuals with Spina Bifida and the community resources available to them and the programs and services that are offered through the Spina Bifida Association.
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**What To Expect From Your Support Coordinator – Waiver Services**  
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Antigua 2  

An opportunity for families and others to become more informed regarding what a support coordinator does in providing services to individuals. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions of SC’s with 11 years of experience and understanding of the system. The focus will be on the 2 waivers that are now offered in the state.

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**Intensive Therapy For Children With Cerebral Palsy**  
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Antigua 3  

Presenting a new, unique and intense approach to Physical Therapy treatment for children with cerebral palsy and other neuro-developmental disorders. We will discuss how using a combination of effective treatment methods, coupled with a higher intensity of treatment, can provide significant results and help children attain new skills. Additionally, the benefits and contra-indications of SUIT Therapy will be discussed as well as the many therapeutic applications of the Universal Exercise Unit. Research behind these approaches (i.e. intense therapy, SUIT Therapy, strengthening exercises) will also be reviewed.

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**Coordinating Workforce Services for Persons with Disabilities**  
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Antigua 4  

This workshop will provide an overview of the Disability Program Navigator, an initiative that is jointly funded by the U. S. Department of Labor and the Social Security Administration. Emphasis will be placed on identifying the services and employment needs of individuals with disabilities; implementation of the initiative at the state level; and relationships that have been built with other agencies. Navigators will also provide highlights on how the initiative is being implemented at the local level and the advantages for the One-Stops Career Centers.
The Mysteries Of Social Security Disability
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Boca 1

The Social Security Disability process is very confusing and frustrating. SSA’s definition of a disability is unique. A serious condition does not necessarily mean that a person is considered disabled. Attorney Eric L. Bolves guides the audience through the entire process from initial application to federal court review in an entertaining and understandable manner.

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Meet Bambi J. Lockman, Bureau Chief, Bureau Of Exceptional Education And Student Services, Florida Department Of Education
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Boca 2

Come meet Bambi J. Lockman and hear about the latest initiatives and activities in the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services.

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26 Healthy Marriage/Relationship Habits For Parents Of Children With Special Needs
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Boca 3

Robert E. (Bob) Streater, III, M.A., and his wife of 18 years, Malverna, are co-creators of a motivational presentation to “coach” and encourage strong families. This must-see session provides an uplifting experience to foster a greater bond within your home. Team Streater serves a relevant message mixed with insightful information, blended with a dose of real life experiences, sprinkled with humor and topped off with a generous heaping of inspiration! New this year will be additional ways to reduce stress in the marriage/relationship, exciting gift giveaways and more! Team Streater is based in Tallahassee, along with their three sons, Robert IV, 12, and twins Richard and Ramon, 7.

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SIGH – Supported Independent Group Home
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Boca 4

This workshop explains how a new way of living can be supported by the Med Waiver System. Instead of the typical restricted and licensed group home or, in direct opposition, the complete freedom of supported independent living, there is now a situation which balances the two. We have named this model SIGH – Supported Independent Group Home. This model can be used with existing Med Waive services to provide our folks with needed services AND save money for the State at the same time. And all the while it provides the individual an atmosphere of independence.

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Fostering Independence In Your Child: From A Consumer’s Point Of View
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Bonaire 2

These tips and insights will be presented by an individual with cerebral palsy based on how he and his parents fostered his independence. What can you as a parent do to enable your child with a disability to become the best he/she can be? Learn how to focus on your skills as a parent that will in turn enhance the abilities of your child.

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New Star Module Two: Traveling The Seas Of Families, Feelings And Emotion
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Bonaire 3

This presentation will deal with emotions and grief stages that families often experience. It will include information on strategies for nurturing yourself and getting the support you might need, and dealing with the challenges that family stress brings. We will also discuss some of the typical reactions of siblings and ways to address their concerns and how to help grandparents and other relatives learn to support your family.

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The Florida Freedom Initiative – System of The Future
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Bonaire 4

The Florida Freedom Initiative (FFI) is an innovative demonstration project that is currently open to participants of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Consumer Directed Care Plus program. The Florida Freedom Initiative is based on the 2003 article by Tom Nerney of the Center for Self-Determination, “The System of the Future.” Working from a self-determination paradigm, the FFI program provides participants with special waivers from the Social Security Administration and Medicaid that make income and asset limitations significantly less restrictive. Through these waivers, participants are provided the opportunity to earn income and save for targeted goals including homeownership, post-secondary education, transportation, micro-enterprise or employment costs, and assistive technology while maintaining their SSI and Medicaid benefits. Participants will be provided a range of training and supports, including training on self-determination, circles of support, and budgeting and planning to leverage FFI program features. The results of this demonstration project are anticipated to inform policymakers throughout the nation as they grapple with the dual needs to support opportunities for people to lead self-determined lives and diminishing state and federal resources.

Participants in this session will be provided an overview of the program and a question and answer session. During the last portion of the session, and following the session, individuals will have an opportunity to enroll in the FFI.

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Am I Important Too?: A Sibling Workshop For Parents
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Bonaire 5/6

Parents of children with special needs are often required to pay more attention to the child with needs than their siblings. Even if they do not intend to neglect the other children, siblings can still perceive favoritism. This session will concentrate on the parenting skills necessary to deal with all children on a level playing field. The sharing of personal experiences is encouraged.
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Protecting The Future Of Your Special Needs Child  
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Bonaire 7/8  
Karen F. Greenberg, CFP and mother of a child with Autism, presents a talk with families on the Special Needs Trust, writing a Letter of Intent, protecting governmental entitlements and creating an endowment to provide funds for your special child’s future needs.

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Dyslexia 101  
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10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Curacao 1/2  
An overview of dyslexia which will include its definition, the warning signs and characteristics, and treatment information. The presentation will begin with a brief simulation of what it is like to be a dyslexic in the classroom. Suggestions for home and school will be given. This is valuable information for teachers, parents, and all other professionals that need to understand what dyslexia is really all about. This is must have information.

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What About Love? Possibilities For Developmentally Delayed Adults  
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Curacao 3/4  
Many adults who are developmentally delayed dream of finding love and having a companion. I have been lucky enough to live with and coach such a couple for two years. I would like to share with you some of the great things I have witnessed and some of the difficult things I have dealt with. Most of all, I would like to help parents and caregivers. Many adults who are developmentally delayed dream of finding love and having a chance to open up to the possibilities and realities of a loving relationship for their sons and daughters. Rob and Alicia will be with me to share their thoughts and answer questions.

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Show Me The Money!: Paying for AT in Florida
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Curacao 5/6

The good news about funding for AT in Florida is that there are a myriad of funding sources. The bad news about funding for AT in Florida is that there are myriad of funding sources. Navigating the maze of funding options for AT can be a daunting task. This presentation will provide participants with a detailed overview of the federal, state, non-profit and private sources of funding to cover different types of assistive technology. The Florida Alliance for Assistive Services & Technology has recently developed an on-line searchable database of AT funding source that will be demonstrated in this interactive session.

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Guardianship “A Wise Thing To Avoid”
Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Curacao 7/8

This presentation will deal with the creation and administration of guardianships for incapacitated adults and minors, as well as reasons and ways to avoid the cumbersome process, and how to deal with guardianship when it is inevitable. Posting bond or the creation of a court-restricted depository will be reviewed. The mechanics of setting up the depository and who is eligible to serve, as a depository will be covered.

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11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. FRIENDS Chorus, Caribbean Ballroom
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration Open, Grand Caribe Convention Center
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Art Without Limits with Dwayne Szot, Grand Sierra Ballroom B

Saturday 1:00 – 2:00, Concurrent Sessions

What Makes Supported Living So Good?
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Grand Sierra A

Please join us for an in-depth look at what makes supported living so good. This multimedia / panel discussion will provide an overview of supported living and why it has become the most popular choice for residential support. The personal choice, freedom and control offered by supported living is the key to successful community living. Supported living is an option for any adult 18 years or older with developmental disabilities who wishes to live in a home of their own with the supports necessary to make that choice possible. Self-
advocates will share their personal stories with you and answer questions. Please make plans to attend and learn how you can live an everyday life in a home of your own.

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One Click Away: Computer Access At The Touch Of A Switch  
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1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Antigua 1

Crick Software has placed accessibility as its top priority. The Clicker products won the BETT Gold Award for Special Needs Software 5 times. This presentation will focus on the accessibility features of Clicker. There is a comprehensive range of access options that enables control with either one or two switches, with a variety of scans and precision timing. Switch users can use Clicker for word processing and communication. They can also use Clicker talking books and simple “hit and happen” activities. This presentation will focus on how Clicker can correlate to the Sunshine State Standards. In particular, demonstrations will concentrate on using prewriting strategies (for example, drawing pictures, recording or dictating questions for investigation) and basic writing formats (for example, labels, lists, notes, captions, stories, messages).

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Drive Through Restaurants: Making Them Accessible For The Deaf And Hard Of Hearing  
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Antigua 2

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that all businesses, including drive through restaurants, make changes to become accessible to customers with disabilities. But one missed portion of this is drive throughs for the deaf and hard of hearing. Compounding matters is the fact that many drive throughs are open later than the interior of the restaurant. Thus those customers who cannot use the drive up cannot get service for the same amount of time as other customers. Hughes brings knowledge of the issue from discussions with advocates and individuals who are deaf/hoh as well as surveys of over 6,000 individuals nationwide. Hughes discusses the issue, accessibility barriers, and proactive solutions to make drive throughs accessible to everyone.

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Non-Residential Support Services – A Viable Alternative To Adult Day Training
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Antigua 3
Four individuals and their Non-Residential Support Service coaches discuss the financial, social and inclusionary advantages of learning skills in and participating in a community setting.

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What Are Our Spiritual Responsibilities Within The Disabilities Community
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Antigua 4
Where and how do we as advocates for the disability community get the church community to accept and allow our clients into the church? They need to be allowed to participate in church duties as well as attend church.

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Los Misterios Del Seguro Social
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Boca 1
El proceso del Seguro Social por discapacidad es uno muy confuso y frustrante. La definicion de discapacidad que utiliza la Administracion del Seguro Social es unica. Una condicion seria no significa necesariamente que una persona se considere lisiada.

The Social Security Disability process is very confusing and frustrating. SSA’s definition of a disability is unique. A serious condition does not necessarily mean that a person is considered disabled. Attorney Eric L. Bolves guides the audience through the entire process from initial application to federal court review in an entertaining and understandable manner.

This presentation will be a follow-up to last year’s with a similar topic. A quick overview and review of the communication tools and planning strategies will be given for new attendees, and techniques to be used by parents working collaboratively with school administrators, teachers, legislators, and significant others to get the outcomes they are seeking for their children. Participants will get the opportunity to try out the tools on one another, and to decide which one(s) they are most comfortable using. The presentation will be fun, upbeat and results-driven, and the tools and techniques taught will be easy to master and non-threatening.
Animal Assisted Interventions In Special Education Classrooms
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Boca 2
Animal assisted intervention and education work in harmony with special needs students. The participation of a dog in the classroom is an incentive that promotes good behavior and improved learning. The dog acts as a catalyst for many discussion topics, such as behavior, social skills, problem solving, anger management, environmental issues, and responsibility. Another asset is that the children tend to stay seated and pay attention longer. My therapy dog seems to intuitively know which children need him and he contributes to their achievement. Teachers notice the immediate change in children’s behavior with the added presence of a trained dog.

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Planning For The Future Of Your Child Or Dependent With Special Needs
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Boca 3
Planning for the future of an individual with special needs requires in-depth knowledge of the federal laws as they pertain to government benefit eligibility and legal documents such as special needs trusts and guardianships. There are important financial considerations as well for providing not just lifetime care, but quality of life. MetDESK, MetLife’s Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids helps you take steps to provide lifetime quality care for your child or dependent with special needs. Join Kevin Manning, MetDESK Specialist and his partner Tom Nurse, Associate MetDESK specialist as they present a very informative educational workshop on special needs planning and learn how you can help secure the future of your child or dependent with special needs.

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**Involving Fathers**
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Boca 4

This workshop brings fathers and grandfathers together to speak the “father” language of having a child with a disability. Join fathers as they share with you their tears, fears, pain, advocacy skills, and ultimately the love, care and understanding gained through their extraordinary relationships with their children.

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**Working Innovations, Inc.: Practical Micro-Enterprise For the Disabled**
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Bonaire 1

Working Innovations, Inc. was created by parents and teachers of young adults with Autism to help them transition from school to community. We have started three small businesses at this time and are using the BOSS manual to help others decide whether micro-enterprise is for them and then acquire skills to start their business. We will have copies of the BOSS manual and an array of small businesses that can be started for a small startup fee. Working Innovations believes in follow-up and marketing of micro-enterprise.

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**Uniquely Gifted: Indentifying And Meeting the Needs Of The Twice Exceptional Student**
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Bonaire 2

Students who are gifted demonstrate one or more areas of exceptional ability. When other characteristics that deem these students as disabled, often times their giftedness is not recognized or appreciated. With the appropriate support these students are able to maximize their educational outcomes as a function of their ability. This session would discuss some of the barriers to appropriate identification and programming and appropriate steps to working with these special students.

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Families in Pre-K Special Education  
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Bonaire 3

The Technical Assistance and Training System (TATS) project and Family Involvement in Pre-K Special Education  
TATS is a project of the FLDOE, focused on school district pre-kindergarten programs that serve children with disabilities. Family involvement is a key component of TATS and families play important roles as we explore ways to support and improve Pre-K ESE programs.

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Saving Taxes, Providing Benefits, Reducing Costs For The CDC+ Program  
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Bonaire 4

For those who have care providers/employees (full or part-time) who want to reduce taxable income, this presentation will explore the implementation of a simple Section 125-Cafeteria Plan for each CDC+ home employer. Under current tax laws, any qualified benefits can be reduced from an employee's otherwise taxable income, and paid with this money on a “pre-taxed” basics. This legally reduces the employee's federal income and FICA/Medicare taxes, as well the home employer's matching FICA/Medicare. Qualified benefits include: accident, cancer, supplemental health, dental and group health premiums, as well as flexible spending accounts to pay for co-pays and co-insurance payments. There are simple legal plan guidelines we provide, but you are forgiven forever for the taxes due to this pre-taxed income, and as an added benefit, Social Security then allows you to report your lowered income in determining benefits. Generally, this means hundreds in additional SSI dollars each month. Finally, what benefits can you have and how this simple plan works will be shown and discussed.

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Personal Outcome Measures – What Are They?  
Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Bonaire 5/6

For more than three decades, The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) has been at the forefront of the movement to improve the quality of services and supports for people with intellectual disabilities and people with mental illness. CQL’s innovative Personal Outcome Measures are the foundation of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities quality measurement and enhancement process. Come learn more about these measures – what they are, what they measure and why they are important to you!

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Beyond Consequences, Logic and Control
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Bonaire 7/8

Children with traumatic experiences are often seen to have difficulty controlling their behaviors. Traditional behavioral and parenting techniques are not only ineffective for these children, but often times escalate the intensity of the behaviors. This workshop will examine the impact of trauma on a child’s emotional and physiological development and will offer a new understanding of common childhood mental health disorders (reactive attachment disorder, ADHD, oppositional defiant disorder, bi-polar, and childhood depression). Effective and loving options and tools for parents and professionals that go beyond traditional cognitive behavioral techniques, such as consequences, logic, and control, will be discussed and explained.

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Medicaid Services For Medically Fragile Children
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Curacao 1/2

Medically Fragile Children are individuals under the age of 21 who are medically complex and technologically dependent on medical apparatus or procedures to sustain life. Examples are individuals who require total parental nutrition, are ventilator dependent, or are dependent on a heightened level of medical supervision to sustain life, and without such services are likely to expire without warning. This presentation discusses services that may be available from Medicaid to assist medically fragile children, such as Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care, home health, Medical Foster Care, and Children’s Medical Services.

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Transportation Services
Saturday, June 3, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Curacao 3/4

The Agency for Health Care Administration and the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will provide current information on accessing transportation disadvantaged services as well as Florida Medicaid non-emergency transportation services.

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**Parent & Family Involvement: Building Successful Partnerships**

Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Curacao 5/6

Building Successful Partnerships is an effective parent/family involvement program. Research shows that a strong parent/family involvement program is the best predictor of children’s success. States are required to ensure that parents play an integral role in their Children’s education. Parents are now entitled to participate. (This is a best practices session created by the National PTA.)

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**The 411 On The Florida Youth Council – YOUTH TRACK**

Saturday, June 3, 2006  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Curacao 7/8

This workshop will serve as an introduction to the Florida Youth Council, a youth-led component of the National Consortium on Leadership and Disability for Youth. The Council members will discuss the work of the project, the five areas of youth development/youth leadership, what they hope to achieve, and how they are learning and growing as leaders. They will also formally announce their campaign to implement “Disability History and Awareness weeks” in K-12 public schools throughout the state to promote Disability History, Culture, and Community and create a better understanding within the schools of what it means to be a person with a disability.

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2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Pyramid Players**, Grand Caribe Convention Center

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Special Kids Dance**, Grand Caribe Convention Center

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**FRIENDS Chorus**, Caribbean Ballroom

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Arts & Crafts**, Grand Sierra Ballroom D
Saturday 2:30 – 3:30, Concurrent Sessions

Voting Access for Persons with Disabilities
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Grand Sierra Ballroom E

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). Central to its role, the Commission serves as a national clearinghouse and resource for information and review of procedures with respect to the administration of Federal elections. U.S. Election Assistance Commission Chairman Paul DeGregorio will describe the work of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and what the commission is doing to ensure people with disabilities have open and independent access to the voting booth.

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Epidemia Silenciosa:Violencia Sexual Contra Personas Con Incapacidades En Su Desarrollo
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Antigua 1

La estadística nacional revela que entre el 70-90 por ciento de individuos con incapacidades de desarrollo será las víctimas del abuso sexual, del asalto, y/o de la explotación en algún punto durante su vive. Esta presentación explorará los factores detrás de la frecuencia alarmanta del abuso sexual cometido contra esta población, identifica características comunes de abusadores, proporciona puntas para discernir los signos y los síntomas del abuso potencial, y ofrece las estrategias concretas de la prevención del abuso que criá, los cuidadores, y los auto-abogados pueden aplicar inmediatamente. Una vista general de la Iniciativa de la Mano dura de la Agencia Contra la Violencia Sexual se proporcionará también.

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Family Care Councils
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Antigua 2

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The LoTTIE (Low Tech Tools For Inclusive Education) Kit

Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Antigua 3

The LoTTIE (Low Tech Tools for Inclusive Education) Kit consists of 50 low tech items that can be used with your child at home or at school. In these days of inclusion, it is important for parents to know about these items, many of which have been approved for use with the FCAT. The majority of these items are inexpensive and can be of benefit to all students.

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Storybook Reading With Children Who Use Augmentative & Alternative Communication: Strategies For Parents

Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Antigua 4

Finding ways to support the language and emergent literacy development of children who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) is a critical need. However, it is often difficult for parents to know how to encourage children to use AAC devices and picture boards during storybook reading activities. This session will describe simple strategies parents can use when reading storybooks with their children, including: (a) modeling AAC use; (b) using increased pause time; (c) increasing question asking; and (d) increasing responsiveness to children’s communication attempts. Each of these techniques will be described and illustrated through the use of video examples.

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The FCAT Waiver: Is It A Good Fit?

Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Boca 1

Participants attending this session will gain an understanding of who is eligible for the FCAT waiver, the process involved in obtaining the waiver, and the steps to take to obtain the waiver.

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Come Meet Florida’s Director Of Vocational Rehabilitation
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Boca 2

Vocational Rehabilitation is an employment program assisting individuals with disabilities, including Floridians with the most severe disabilities, to pursue meaningful careers commensurate with their abilities and capabilities. Their mission is “To achieve our vision to individuals with disabilities, we will focus on results, employment, and independence for individuals with disabilities and injured workers; Partner; and Innovate.” This session is your opportunity to speak directly with this program’s Director, Bill Palmer.

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Taking A Leadership Role In Your Life – A Story Of Self-Advocacy And Self-Determination – YOUTH TRACK
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Boca 3

Shelby Nurse returns for another year to share her experience as a 14 year old young lady with cerebral palsy who has been fully included in general education classes since kindergarten. Shelby shares her perspective and insights on inclusion, self-advocacy, friendships, assistive technology and what it’s like to be in high school. Her father, Tom Nurse, will assist Shelby as she weaves her engaging story. Every year this workshop packs folks in and it’s again bound to inspire. This is an excellent workshop for the whole family. Don’t miss it.

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Advocacy For Progress In Public Policy: Impacting On The Legislative Process As It Affects Individuals With Developmental Disabilities
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Boca 4

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Determann, both seasoned experts on the legislative process and its effect on people with disabilities, will present an update on how issues impacting individuals with disabilities fared in the 2006 Florida Legislative Session. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Determann will also conduct a discussion on how best to become an effective and productive advocate or self-advocate and be able to impact on legislature, meet and influence relevant legislators, and understand the political/legislative process and its effects on individuals with disabilities and their right to full inclusion in the community of their choice.

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Off To College: A Primer For Freshmen With Different Abilities
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Bonaire 1
Parents of kids with different abilities are often surprised to learn that their college-bound children are no longer eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Although college students with different abilities are protected from discrimination under Section 504, some professors take a dim view of students who request accommodations. This presentation is a collection of resources to help parents and students learn self-advocacy skills and make the transition from high school to college. The presentation is divided into three categories: your rights and responsibilities under Section 504, the importance of planning and preparing, and keys to success.

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Are You Your Child’s Advocate?
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Bonaire 2
The best educational advocate for your student is YOU! No one knows your child better than you. Attend this workshop and get the information needed on how to be the best advocate for your student. Also, the dos and don’ts of attending the dreaded IEP meeting.

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Why Choose Mediation?
Saturday, June 3, 2006
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Bonaire 3
Mediation is designed to serve as a non-threatening way for parents and school personnel to settle differences. Mediation can occur before a formal complaint is filed or while an investigation is going on, and in no way interferes with the parent’s right to due process. This overview of the mediation process was developed to familiarize parents and caregivers with the steps of the mediation process, areas of concern that can be mediated, what to expect if they choose mediation and why mediation is sometimes preferable.

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Los Ninos Convirtiéndose En Adultos: Retos Para Los Padres
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2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Bonaire 4

Muchos padres se preocupan por el crecimiento y desarrollo de sus hijos y los retos que enfrentarán en el futuro. En esta conferencia los padres aprenderán acerca de algunos cambios que experimentarán sus hijos con discapacidades y cómo prepararse para la vida de adulto.

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How To Prepare For A Job Interview
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Bonaire 5/6

This presentation will cover navigating the road to work, employer’s expectations and concerns, interview preparation, typically asked questions and how to answer them, the role of the job seeker, when and how to ask for accommodations and much more.

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Get Set, Ready, Write!
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Bonaire 7/8

Help children achieve legible handwriting with a developmentally based “readiness” approach. Using multi-sensory manipulatives, demonstrations and hands-on techniques, this presentation will focus on preparing children to write. Learn how wood letter pieces help organize children and help develop the spatial concepts and perceptual skills needed for writing. Discover how use of slate chalkboards help avoid letter and number reversals. Understand how proper letter formation and spacing develop fluent printing skills that make the transition to cursive easier. This session will include lecture, children’s samples, and discussion of problems encountered as children move from readiness (pre-writing skills) towards printing and cursive writing.

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Family As Faculty
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Curacao 1/2

The Family as Faculty Program at the University of Central Florida offers opportunities for families to share their unique experiences of having a child with special needs as only a family can tell it. Through this program families increase the awareness of current and future professionals by sharing personal experiences related to their child’s education and the day to day challenges of raising a child with special needs both in and out of the classroom. Learn how UCF promotes connection, involvement, personal growth and learning among our faculty, students and families.

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Helping Parents Understand Youth’s Transition To Real Life – YOUTH TRACK
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Curacao 3/4

Workshops always focus on the transition of youth to the world of post-secondary schooling or work; they rarely put an emphasis on what parents transition needs are. The Florida Youth Council will facilitate a discussion between youth and parents about how parents can successfully transition from a parent advocate, to a peer advocate, as their child reaches adulthood. What kinds of discussions do parents and youth need to have, to help youth become able to support themselves before leaving high school, and what kinds of supports are available to assist in this? This will be an interactive intergenerational dialogue that benefits both sides of the generation gap.

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Special Needs Trusts
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Curacao 5/6

The proper drafting and utilization of a Special Needs Trust requires expertise and careful consideration. Every circumstance has its own distinct issues and each document must be customized to meet the personal needs of the beneficiary.

Persons with permanent disabilities continue to have serious concerns about the availability of proper health care coverage. Today’s high costs can deplete even the most carefully accumulated family assets in relatively short periods of time.

Recognition by Congress that assets in a Special Needs Trust should not disqualify a person with a disability from SSI and Medicaid eligibility has provided a vehicle for preserving assets that families have gathered over a lifetime, and disabled persons and their families’ interests can be well served by taking advantage of these options provided for those who have the greatest need.

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Using “My Personal Compass”: Assisting Individuals In Selecting And Evaluating Quality Services
Saturday, June 3, 2006
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Curacao 7/8

My Personal Compass is an easy-to-use guide. It poses a series of questions that help people identify issues that are important to them about the way providers and other supports deliver services to them. It teaches strategies for healthy and productive approaches to help the person address troublesome issues or problems with specific providers. The guide also addresses the Bill of Rights, safety issues, and provides resource lists. This interactive session will provide opportunities to talk with others who are receiving services and have taken charge of ensuring quality and results from the providers that work for them.

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3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center

Saturday 4:00 – 5:00, Concurrent Sessions

The Quiet Epidemic: Sexual Violence Against Persons With Developmental Disabilities
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Grand Sierra Ballroom A

National statistics reveal that between 70-90 percent of individuals with developmental disabilities will be the victims of sexual abuse, assault, and/or exploitation at some point during their lives. This presentation will explore the factors behind the alarming prevalence of sexual abuse committed against this population, identify common characteristics of abusers, provide tips for detecting the signs and symptoms of potential abuse, and offer concrete abuse prevention strategies that parents, caregivers, and self-advocates can implement immediately. An overview of the Agency’s Zero Tolerance Initiative Against Sexual Violence will also be provided.

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Try It Before You Buy It: FAAST Statewide AT Device Lending Program
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Antigua 1

The Florida Alliance for Assistive Services And Technology (FAAST) is developing an assistive technology lending library. This lending library is a way for people with disabilities of all ages to try out different assistive devices in their own home, school, place of employment, or other setting, to best determine those most helpful for them. This presentation will discuss the specifics of the program like inventory, how to access the inventory, lending process, loan periods, borrower responsibilities, shipping and handling, and device tracking.
Am I Important Too?: A Workshop For Siblings Of Children With Special Needs
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Antigua 2

This session will be split between a sibling workshop for parents of siblings and an additional session for actual sibling. (concurrent sessions). These two sessions are for parents of multiple children with one of the siblings with special needs, or for children that have siblings with special needs.

Rethinking Guardianship: There Are Alternatives
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Antigua 4

Many professionals as well as family members believe that the only way to protect a person’s legal rights is to pursue guardianship! However, in many cases guardianship only creates an unnecessary barrier to individuals’ opportunity to seek their piece of the American dream. Whether you are concerned about preserving the legal rights of your child with a disability, your aging parents or yourself, come hear how others have solved this problem! The following options will be presented by non-lawyers and family members: Power of Attorney, Representative Payee, co-signer on Bank Account, Client advocate, as well as other pre-need directives. Information about Florida’s Five Wishes will be provided to participants as well as other legal resources.

You’re The Boss: Managing Your Providers And Services With Success
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Boca 1

With a focus of managing in-home supports the audience will learn how to search, interview, train as well as say goodbye to employees and providers. Being the boss does not mean it is lonely at the top. With a sense of humor we will give you the tools to do the job. The session includes samples of useful applications, advertisements and interview questions. Presenter Jennifer Aubrey, a parent of a young lady who experiences a disability, is an educator who is cross certified in Support Coordination, CDC+ Consulting, Supported Living and Supported Employment.
ATTENTION MOMS . . . Take Care Of YOU, So You Can Take Care Of THEM!
A Wellness Encouragement Session For Mothers
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Boca 2

Wow the title says it all! How can we, as wives and/or moms, adequately care for our family if we are constantly putting ourselves on the back burner? Does that sound familiar? If so then join strengthening family and wellness coach, Malverna Streater, for this inspiring and informative session that is designed to help women. It will explore ways to keep it together regardless of the stress factors in our life. Find ways to increase the energy needed for the family. It can be challenging with a daily routine of multi-tasking, no wonder one can easily feel burnt-out. You owe it to yourself to attend this session. You’ll be glad you did!

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Planning Your Independent Future
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Boca 3

Most of us in the disability family are familiar with transition plans, individual plans for employment, and the desire for full-time employment. In this interactive session, participants will learn what components are needed to tie their individual plans for employment under VR in with their career aspirations. They will learn how to apply the necessary planning and training to secure a job of choice and to achieve an independent future.

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Connecting With Your Parent Liaison As A Way To Increase Effective Involvement In Your Child’s Education
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Boca 4

In this presentation we will talk about the importance of family involvement in a child’s education and what is happening in Florida to support family involvement. We will also provide resource information including contact information for parent liaisons.
Social Security And Employment Supports
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bonaire 1
What is important to YOU? Do you wish to jump start your career and jump right into the employment arena without fear of the loss of your Medicare, Medicaid or cash benefits or do you want to gradually enter or re-enter the workforce? Learn about the Social Security work incentives and employment supports available and learn where to get the answers to your questions. If fear of the loss of cash and/or health benefits is a major obstacle in your decision to work, you must attend this session to learn more.

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YouthSPEAK On High School – YOUTH TRACK
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bonaire 2
Youth from the Florida Youth Council will share first hand experience about what it means to be a student with a disability in today’s high school. What kinds of challenges do they face (both academic and social), who are their champions, and what the expectations are like for students with disabilities? They will also highlight what works and what types of reforms could be made to make Florida high schools an environment where no one is left behind, and FCAT stops being a four letter word.

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The Essential Home
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bonaire 3
Rising healthcare and energy costs, an aging population, and the funding of pension, Medicare and Social Security benefits are a few of the many challenges we face in the future. Providing solutions to these challenges is the Essential Home – the integration of universal design, energy efficiency, renewable energy, low-maintenance, and natural materials into and affordable, safe, comfortable, sustainable and healthy home. The entire population and our environment will benefit from the development of these homes, but senior citizens and people with disabilities will find them particularly appealing.

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Using Visual Communication with Students Who Are Disabled
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bonaire 4

Providing an alternative to auditory-verbal communication can be essential for some students. We will demonstrate and explain procedures for using visual communication methods including natural gestures, sign language and pantomime.

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Reaching For The STARS: Young Adults With Autism Get Involved! (With Their Community)
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bonaire 5/6

A panel including the founder of Stars Club, Inc., a support team member, two START members and two parents of the STARS will discuss the many ways this non-profit organization is involved in their community’s activities. The club was started to address the social needs of high functioning adults on the autism spectrum. The practice of involving STARS in the community acts as a vehicle to meet new people, practice and expand the group’s social skills and, in turn, heighten the community’s awareness of individuals with autism and what they have to offer. A powerpoint presentation will highlight the main features of our growing community involvement through volunteering, manning a precinct, and participating in fundraising events.

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CDC+ Past, Present, Future
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bonaire 7/8

Update of the current Medicaid Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+) program including an overview of the move to expand the program to additional individuals enrolled into the Developmental Disabilities and Family Supported Living waivers. Overview of the new CDC+ web-based system design for the CDC+ database that allows purchasing plans to be completed online and self-calculates rate, pay and taxes. Discussion of the role of CDC+ Peer Support Groups as “families helping families”; participation by a family new to CDC+ and a family that has experience with the program.

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**All Aboard The Transition Train**
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Curacao 1/2

This workshop provides an overview of the important roles played by administrators of programs serving young children with disabilities, birth to five years of age, as well as families and staff, in the process of moving the children successfully from one setting to another. The workshop emphasizes the benefits of a systematic community approach to transition that leads to the development of an interagency agreement on transitioning young children.

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**Into The Future – Planning Care Today For A Secure Life Tomorrow**
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Curacao 3/4

Into the Future is a program consisting of a workbook and accompanying materials designed to help families with dependents with disabilities, and those advising them, to collect the information needed to develop a future care plan. It prompts caregivers to address questions that often trouble them.

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**Meeting The Employment Needs Of Youths With Disabilities**
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Curacao 5/6

Come meet Pam Hinterlong, VR Supported Employment Administrator, and Donni Sorrell, VR Transition Services Administrator, as we talk about employment opportunities for youth with disabilities offered through Vocational Rehabilitation. The presenters will explain the Transition and Supported Employment Programs, the new initiatives, and how you can get involved! Audience participation will be encouraged with time for comments, questions and answers.

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Psychotherapeutic Drug Use in Children, Adolescents and Adults With Developmental Disabilities
Saturday, June 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Curacao 7/8
This session will review the use and impact of psychotherapeutic medications for the management of behavioral and psychiatric diagnoses for individuals with developmental disabilities. Discussion with the medical team will provide an opportunity for questions and answers. Objectives include a review of the appropriate use of psychotropic medication, a review of commonly prescribed anticonvulsant medications for behavior/psychiatric diagnoses, identifying behavioral symptoms most likely to respond to medication therapy, reviewing potential problem identification as a result of medication therapy, and identifying additional supports and services that enhance the use of medication therapy.

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7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Family Entertainment featuring Dueling Pianos and a Guest DJ, Grand Sierra Ballroom

Saturday Night Family Entertainment featuring Dueling Pianos
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The Dueling Pianos are the combined musical efforts of Orlando's premier entertainers. The dueling pianists have performed over two thousand all-request shows in Orlando’s “Largest Theme Park,” as well as hundreds of private performances. The Dueling Pianos of Orlando client list includes some of the world’s top corporations, conventions, and private parties.
Saturday Entertainment Highlights

The Pyramid Players Return
The Pyramid Players, from Tallahassee, Fort Walton Beach, Pensacola & Tampa have thrilled audiences from Tampa & Orlando to Pensacola & Thomasville, GA. They are captivating performers who are quite serious about their craft.

Pyramid Players, Grand Caribe Convention Center
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FRIENDS Chorus
FRIENDS Chorus began in March of 1989 with 11 members. In the next sixteen years we have grown to 50 members from 7 different schools in Martin County. The group consists of members with mild to severe disabilities. Each student is expected to perform to his or her personal best.

FRIENDS Chorus, Caribbean Ballroom
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Special Kids Dance Academy
Special Kids Dance Academy is a dance program for children with disabilities. We specialize in building muscle strength, coordination, balance, self-confidence and social skills. We offer classes in beginner ballet and tap dancing for ages 3 and up. This fall we are forming an All Boy Tap Class! For more info contact Lisa at (727) 394-2636. www.specialkidsdance.com

Special Kids Dance, Grand Caribe Convention Center
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Art Without Limits
You don’t have to be an artist to make a difference through the arts. This presentation is a hands-on activity that uses a library of adaptive instruments to allow individuals with different levels of independence an opportunity for creative expression. It fosters inclusion activities and promotes social interaction and self-esteem, as all individuals participate at their own level of ability. Please come prepared to make art.

Art Without Limits with Dwayne Szot, Grand Sierra Ballroom B
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts
Join us for Arts & Crafts! This two-hour session will afford you an opportunity to express your creativity using a variety of materials that will be available to you. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age, as long as you are prepared to express yourself, have some fun and make a mess!

Arts & Crafts, Grand Sierra Ballroom D
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Beyond Civil Rights: A Roadmap to a Better Economic Future for Americans with Disabilities
Michael Morris, Director, National Disability Institute and the Law, Health Policy and Disability Center (LHPDC)
Phoebe Ball, Self-Advocate and Policy Researcher, LHPDC
Grand Sierra Ballroom, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Although disability policy over the past 30 years has paved the way for more inclusive classrooms, workplaces, and communities, there are still unacceptably high levels of discrimination. The passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990 set a new framework and recognition that disability is a natural part of human experience. We are in the first stage of change in public thinking and behavior that raises expectations about the possibilities of investment in human potential. Parents and families have higher expectations about a responsive government that supports productivity and independence for individuals with more significant disabilities.

Yet individuals with disabilities are three times more likely to live in poverty and students with disabilities are twice as likely to drop out of school than their non-disabled peers. Access to Medicaid and Social Security benefits requires an individual with disability to remain poor and never save assets of more than 2,000 dollars. Despite these disturbing statistics, there are exciting new developments that are creating a new road map out of poverty and supporting a better economic future for Americans with disabilities and their families. Phoebe Ball will share her personal story and Michael Morris will describe a new way of thinking about asset development that will advance social and economic independence for persons with disabilities. It is a story and a message you will not want to miss!
Sunday 9:00 – 10:00, Concurrent Sessions

**Parents Educating Parents In The Community**
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Antigua 2
This workshop will include an overview of the PEP Project and useful tips and strategies for outreach to rural minority families.
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**DD Waiver Quality Improvement: Updates And Results Of Quality On The Move**
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Antigua 3
WISCC? CORE? Local IQCs? New things are brewing! Find out how quality review changes are improving personal outcomes and quality of life for persons with disabilities. This presentation will focus on the latest in DD services quality assurance and improvements, including new provider review processes, public reporting on provider performance, greater input from consumers and families, local Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement steering committees, web-based training opportunities and more. Come hear the latest developments and the impact they’re having on persons with disabilities in Florida.
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**The ABC’s Of DME (Durable Medical Equipment And Supplies)**
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Antigua 4
The Agency for Health Care Administration will provide general information on the durable medical equipment and supplies and formulas covered for Florida Medicaid recipients. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions about the program and the various products that are currently covered.
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Inclusion Works!
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Boca 1

This presentation will inspire you with the realization of Sara and Ian’s goals through their inclusion experiences. Learn about inclusion from two teenagers with disabilities and their moms, as they discuss the rewards and challenges of being inclusion pioneers and partners in their community. Strategies that help them succeed in class, establish peer relationships, prepare for school transitions, form IEP partnerships and advocacy tips will be shared. Research outcomes will be provided listing the advantages of a quality inclusive education. Ian and Sara’s positive stories and engaging personalities will convince you that quality inclusion leads ALL to success in life!

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Care Without Crisis: Don’t Die! Everybody’s Depending On You!
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Boca 2

Today’s overload and tomorrow’s uncertainty can cripple family life – especially when a family member has extraordinary needs. The uniqueness and priorities of each child, family, and situation make times of transition particularly challenging. No single strategy can handle every contingency. But we can avoid many delays, mistakes, omissions, misunderstandings, and frustrations by choosing a proactive role. Our own families’ experiences have taught us do-able ways to reduce the mess, crisis, and overwhelm of four kinds of transition flashpoints for families: Handing responsibilities over to the next generation; Responding effectively to program and personnel changes; Managing real emergencies; and Making plans for aging-out and end-of-life.

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Networking To Defeat Dyslexia
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Boca 3

During this interactive, multi-media presentation based on the real-life experience of a Florida city, audience members will cooperatively structure plans to spark an interdisciplinary, volunteer coalition of physicians, judges and lawyers, psychologists, educators, government leaders, businesspersons, professors, and others to educate communities about dyslexia and research-based reading instruction. The three presentation leaders are a state trial judge, a private-practice school psychologist who has served as a board member of the Florida chapter of the International Dyslexia Association, and another school psychologist who directs a new children’s medical clinic initiative that provides free dyslexia screening to every four-year-old in an urban city.
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It’s My Life . . . Let Me Decide!
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Boca 4

It’s no secret, individuals that are intellectually disabled want a life . . . they want friends and fun things to do, they want a nice place to live, they want meaningful employment and they want to be independent. Now imagine an innovatively designed community (much like a retirement community) that’s pedestrian-oriented; has an array of leisure-time activities; is gated and has medical, shopping, employment and public transportation nearby. Oh yes, it’s affordable too. A dream? Not anymore. Noah’s Ark will share with you how a dedicated and committed group of parents are building “Noah’s Landing” in Lakeland. You will be enlightened, informed and inspired that there are new choices available.

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Encouraging Language Development Through A Nonfiction Onscreen Experience
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Bonaire 1

Encourage language development in young children through the use of a DVD karaoke-style tool developed for use by families and early childhood educators. The video will encourage children's dramatizations of life experiences as they view images and words and tell their own stories into a microphone using standard karaoke equipment. Language will be encouraged as children create and tell stories as well as hear stories and songs that are aligned to a theme. Children are free to sing, talk, or rap their story as they are placed in the dramatic world the background video creates. The program will allow the child the freedom to change stories or create new tales and should increase the child’s participation in and enjoyment of literacy activities.

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Your Child’s Pathway To Reading Success
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Bonaire 2

Parents and professionals are often frustrated by smart students who struggle with reading comprehension. Mira and Mark will share how 33% of the students are now visual-experiential learning and many have attention and vision issues. They will share both how to diagnose your child’s strengths and issues and how to help them improve comprehension.

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Coordinating Workforce Services For Persons With Disabilities
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Bonaire 3

This workshop will provide an overview of the disability Program Navigator, an initiative that is jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Social Security Administration. Emphasis will be placed on identifying the services and employment needs of individuals with disabilities; implementation of the initiative at the state level; and relationships that have been built with other agencies. Navigators will also provide highlights on how the initiative is being implemented at the local level and the advantages for the One-Stops Career Centers.

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My Personal Health
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Bonaire 4
This session will provide individuals with developmental disabilities a basic understanding of navigating through the health care maze. Discussion with the presenters will provide an opportunity for questions and answers. Objectives include: identifying how to pick out a health care provider, identifying specific questions to ask a health care provider, identifying when one needs to see a health care provider, identifying when one needs to use an emergency room, and reviewing the benefits of preventative health measures.

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Bonaire 5/6
A panel including the founder of STARS Club, Inc., a support team member, two STARS members and two parents of the STARS will discuss the many ways this non-profit organization is involved in their community’s activities. The club was started to address the social needs of high functioning adults on the autism spectrum. The practice of involving STARS in the community acts as a vehicle to meet new people, practice and expand the group’s social skills and, in turn, heighten the community’s awareness of individuals with autism and what they have to offer. A powerpoint presentation will highlight the main features of our growing community involvement through volunteering, manning a precinct, and participation in fundraising events.

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Transition: What Parents Must Know
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Curacao 1/2
Being the parent of a special needs child is not a spectator sport. Free and appropriate public education is offered to eligible students with disabilities from birth through age 21. These services will end. This session will explore what parents have to know to negotiate the systems that may be available to some individuals with disabilities after high school. This is a frank discussion about the services that end with the transition to adult life, and the necessary plans and steps that must be taken in order to assure the needed supports and services are available upon exiting school. Warning: Not for the Faint of Heart.

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Battling For Services From A Parent’s Perspective
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Curacao 3/4

Sometimes being informed, reasonable, tactful, patient, and supportive is not enough. Battling to get the ESE education and services your child desperately needs is often an unfortunate reality. Hear from an Aspergers Syndrome parent who has been there. Learn what you should know to be properly equipped for your next IEP, your due process hearing, federal district court, the circuit court of appeals, and even criminal court. This is information you really need to know and information school district employees cannot tell you without risking their jobs.

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Special Needs Trust
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Curacao 5/6

The proper drafting and utilization of a Special Needs Trust requires expertise and careful consideration. Every circumstance has its own distinct issues and each document must be customized to meet the personal needs of the beneficiary.

Persons with permanent disabilities continue to have serious concerns about the availability of proper health care coverage. Today’s high costs can deplete even the most carefully accumulated family assets in relatively short periods of time.

Recognition by Congress that assets in a Special Needs Trust should not disqualify a person with a disability from SSI and Medicaid eligibility has provided a vehicle for preserving assets that families have gathered over a lifetime, and disabled persons and their families’ interests can be well served by taking advantage of these options provided for those who have the greatest need.

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New Star Module Four: Logging The Journey: Communication & Organization
Sunday, June 4, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Curacao 7/8

By the end of this session, you will learn to better communicate your wants and needs within the early intervention system and gain ideas to organize effective, clear communication through use of a comprehensive record keeping system.

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10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.  Closing Session and Keynote Address: Beyond Civil Rights: A Roadmap to a Better Economic Future for Americans with Disabilities
Michael Morris, Director, National Disability Institute and the Law, Health Policy and Disability Center (LHPDC), University of Iowa College of Law
Grand Sierra Ballroom

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  Closing and Door Prizes, Grand Sierra Ballroom

The Family Café is happy to announce the expansion of the Classifieds section of its website through a new program called ATBay!

This program, which has been made possible through a partnership with the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST), will offer visitors to our Classifieds section an opportunity to sell or exchange a range of assistive technology devices and equipment. The site also includes other categories, such as vehicles, services, and other assistive devices. Financing is available through FAAST’s Alternative Finance program.

The Family Café and FAAST are teaming up to connect families with the technology and services they need at a substantial savings by creating this expanded online market place for their sale and exchange. If there’s something you’re in the market for, or something you have around the house that you no longer use, please consider placing a listing in the ATBay Classifieds.
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