



NC Council on Developmental Disabilities Visioning the Future: 2016

Location: Hilton – North Raleigh -Salon DE,
3415 Wake Forest Road - Raleigh, NC 27609
November 18, 2009 from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

This invitational symposium is designed to begin the collective, "futures thinking" that will inform the development, over the coming 18 months, of the NCCDD's 2011-2016 State Plan. The Council's State Plan is a federally mandated document that governs our systems change, advocacy and capacity building activities. We will initiate the State Plan process by having some of the country's finest leadership from the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities present major trends, evidence-based practices and promising strategies. The Council hopes that members from our diverse stakeholder community (self-advocates, families, providers, staff from LMEs, legislators, and government officials) will join us in creating a vision of 2016.



John Agosta, Ph.D. is Vice President at the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI). Dr. Agosta completed his doctorate at the University of Oregon and has worked with people with disabilities for over 30 years. Employed at HSRI since 1983, Dr. Agosta has worked under contract with state and federal agencies on a variety of projects focusing on community integration for persons with disabilities. Most recently, he helped to establish a center in Oregon for families of children with developmental disabilities and he also founded The Riot!, a free national newsletter for self-advocates.



Robert M. Gettings is the former Executive Director of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). Recently retired, Mr. Gettings served as NASDDDS' chief executive officer for nearly 37 years. In this capacity, he was responsible for representing the interests of the fifty state developmental disabilities agencies in Washington, D.C. and facilitating communication among the states concerning the most effective means of serving citizens with lifelong disabilities. Before joining NASDDDS, Mr. Gettings was on the staff of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation and the National ARC.



Julie Petty is a leader in the self-advocacy movement in Arkansas and nationally for several years. She served as the President of SABE (Self Advocates Becoming Empowered), a national self-advocacy organization, from 2006-2008. In 1998, she helped to establish Arkansas People First, a self-advocacy organization for people with disabilities, and helped it to grow statewide. Currently, Ms. Petty works for Partners for Inclusive Communities (at Arkansas' University Center for Excellence In Developmental Disabilities) on the Safety and Sexual Violence Prevention Project. Julie graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism.



H. Rutherford Turnbull is a non-practicing lawyer (admitted to the Bar in MD and NC), policy researcher, teacher, consultant, advocate, and a self-described student of the human condition in policy contexts. Together with his wife, Ann P. Turnbull, he co-founded and co-directs the Beach Center on Disability at the University of Kansas. Mr. Turnbull has been a principal or co-principal investigator for approximately \$23 million in federal and state grant funds. He is the Marianna and Ross Beach Distinguished Professor and was the Gene and Gretchen Budig Distinguished Teaching Professor in Special Education. He has been the senior advisor or co-advisor to nearly 40 students, in three different fields, who have earned their doctorates at the University of Kansas.

The NC Council on Developmental Disabilities welcomes your participation as we develop our vision of 2016. Please RSVP with Cora Gibson at cora.gibson@ncmail.net or 1-800-357-6916 by 10.23.09. We look forward to seeing you in November!