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The 14th Annual
Developmental Disabilities
Public Policy Conference
March 15-18, 2021

The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy
California Collaboration
AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, March 15 - POLITICS
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Politics and Disability | Running for Office
Vaccines | Disability Vote | Higher Education | Raffle Drawing

Tuesday, March 16 - POWER
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Power of Advocacy | Legislator Award | Zumba Lesson
Reaching Full Potential | Paradise Fire | La Abogacía
Sexual Assault Crisis | Raffle Drawing

Wednesday, March 17 - POLICY
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
State Budget Update | Aging and Disability | Legislator Award
Financial Inclusion | Planificación Futura | Special Needs Trust
Raffle Drawing

Thursday, March 18 - ADVOCACY
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
National Update | 2021 Policy Outlook | Lobby Day
Award Ceremony | Raffle Drawing | Survey

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We are sincerely grateful to have you be a part of the groundbreaking 14th Annual “Virtual” Developmental Disabilities Public Policy Conference — "Hindsight 2020: Looking back at 2020's impact on the disabilities community and preparing for what’s ahead in 2021." The COVID-19 pandemic brought many firsts to all aspects of our day-to-day lives. The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy California Collaboration have also faced many firsts over the last year. In the face of the pandemic, we have adapted to a new way of delivering and receiving support services. Advocating to ensure the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) were met became centerstage. We had to make shifts in how we approached our advocacy work to ensure we were effectively being heard. And for the first time ever, California’s premiere event for the IDD community will be conducted online.

We hope you will enjoy the incredible program we have put together featuring nationally known speakers and special guests. Over the four days, we will shine a light on some of the most relevant issues facing the disability system, and we will celebrate our shared mission of building a truly inclusive society that embraces everyone’s unique abilities and provides equal opportunities for people with IDD to live their best lives.

Together, we can influence positive change and make a difference. We welcome you and hope this will be just the beginning of working together in the future to ensure that our vital community service system is strengthened and responsive to your needs.

Warm regards,

Jordan Lindsey, Executive Director,
The Arc and UCP California Collaboration
Betsy Katz, President,
The Arc of California Board of Directors
In 2011, The Arc of California and Affiliates of United Cerebral Palsy in California merged advocacy efforts into a single initiative, known as The Arc and UCP California Collaboration, dedicated to fighting for a dramatic investment of support for Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This powerful partnership was formed to galvanize two of the largest membership advocacy organizations to support and strengthen a growing statewide movement committed to ensuring people with IDD have every opportunity to fully participate in an inclusive society and live a “life without limits”.

The Collaboration is governed by an Executive Council with representative members from each partner. The Collaboration maintains a public policy agenda that includes legislative, budget and regulatory advocacy in support of the furtherance of each entity’s mission and ensuring the commitment of the Lanterman Act is upheld. Over the years, the Collaboration has developed, and continues to have, a strong presence in the State Capitol and various departments within the Administration to effectively advocate for, and advance the interests of, the entire IDD community, including self-advocates, their families/caregivers and the organizations and staff who provide their support services.
OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS

SPECIAL APPEARANCE
Devon Mathis
California Assemblymember

“VACCINES: LATEST UPDATE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES”
Aaron Carruthers
Executive Director,
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

“THE ROAD TO FULL POTENTIAL”
Chris Nikic
Athlete, Advocate and Ironman

“LANDSCAPE AND PRIORITY POLICIES FOR THE NATIONAL IDD MOVEMENT”
Peter Berns
CEO, The Arc of the United States

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS
In special recognition of the following California Legislators for protecting the needs of people with developmental disabilities and championing stability and longevity of the disability system.

LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION HONOREES

Assemblymember
Dr. Joaquin Arambula

Assemblymember
Jim Frazier

Assemblymember
Chris Holden

Assemblymember
Thomas Lackey

Senator
Toni Atkins

Senator
Melissa Hurtado

Senator
Henry Stern

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Thank you for your many years of commitment to people with developmental disabilities during your service in the California Legislature.

Former Senator
Jim Beall

Former Senator
Holly J. Mitchell

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**POLITICS DAY 1**

**MONDAY, MARCH 15**

**9:30 - 9:45 a.m.**
**Welcome**
- Welcome Bag - Yellow
- Raffle Drawing
  Jordan Lindsey, Executive Director, The Arc and UCP California Collaboration

**9:45 - 10:30 a.m.**
**Politics and Disability: What Are We Doing, What Are We Missing?**
Rusty Hicks, Chair, California Democratic Party

**10:30 - 10:40 a.m.**
**Special Appearance: Comedian and Show Host Zach Anner**

**10:40 - 10:45 a.m.**
**Special Appearance: California State Assemblymember Devon Mathis**

**10:45 - 11:20 a.m.**
**Politics and Disability: What Are We Doing, What Are We Missing?**
Kristin Olsen, Vice-Chair, California Republican Party

**11:20 - 11:35 a.m.**
**The Next Step: Running for Office**
Sascha Bittner, Candidate for Delegate, California Democratic Party
Ryan Duncanwood, Delegate, California Democratic Party
Mary Piatt, Delegate, California Democratic Party

**11:35 a.m. - NOON**
**Vaccines: Latest Update for People with Disabilities**
Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director, State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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**Day 1 Closing**
- Raffle Drawing
- Survey
  Jordan Lindsey, Executive Director, The Arc and UCP California Collaboration

**POWER DAY 2**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16**

**9:30 - 9:40 a.m.**
**Welcome**
- Welcome Bag - Purple
- Raffle Drawing
  Jordan Lindsey, Executive Director, The Arc and UCP California Collaboration

**9:40 - 10:30 a.m.**
**Moving Mountains: The Power of Advocacy**
Mark DeSaulnier, U.S. Congressman
Isabel Bueso, Disability Rights Activist

**10:30 - 11:05 a.m.**
**You Can Do It: The Road to Full Potential**
Chris Nikic, Athlete, Advocate and Ironman

**11:15 - 11:20 a.m.**
**Special Appearance:** Zumba Lesson with Instructor Yulissa Arecesrenaga

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**Legislator Award: California Assemblymember Chris Holden**

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*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

9:30 - 9:40 a.m. WELCOME
• Welcome Bag - Green
• Raffle Drawing
Jordan Lindsey, Executive Director, The Arc and UCP California Collaboration
Board Members, The Arc of California

9:40 - 10:15 a.m. THE STATE BUDGET: Overview and Impacts
Scott Graves, Director of Research, California Budget Center

10:15 - 10:20 a.m. SPECIAL APPEARANCE: Performance by Singer Shelby Gold

10:20 - 11:05 a.m. AGING IN PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: Are Current Policies Adequate to Meet the Challenges?
Nicole Jorwic, Senior Director of Public Policy, The Arc of the United States
Amanda Lawrence, Project Director, Master Plan for Aging, California Department of Aging

11:05 - 11:10 a.m. LEGISLATOR AWARD: California Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:10 a.m. - NOON PARTNERS IN PLANNING: If Your Attorney or Trustee Does Not Know the Difference Between an IPP and SUV, We Have a Problem
Steven Edelman, Professor, The University of Delaware
LeAndra McCormick, President, Professional Fiduciary Association of California
Heather Chubb, Lawyer, National Academy of Elderlaw Attorneys
Stephen Dale, Attorney, Golden State Pooled Trust

11:10 - 12:25 p.m. PLANIFICACIÓN FUTURA: Es Posible y Necesario
Liz Mahar, Director, Family and Sibling Initiative, The Arc of The United States

NOON - 12:25 p.m. FINANCIAL INCLUSION: How CalABLE Can Support a Life of Possibility
Dante Allen, Executive Director, CalABLE

NOON - 12:25 p.m. A TALE OF TWO SYSTEMS: Special Needs Trust Administration and Direct Service Providers
Herb Thomas, California licensed private professional fiduciary
Pete Wall, True Link Financial
Tom Heinze, Executive Director, East Bay Innovations and Life Trust Care Specialist

12:25 - 12:30 p.m. DAY 3 CLOSING
• Raffle Drawing
• Survey
Jordan Lindsey, Executive Director, The Arc and UCP California Collaborative

* March 17, 2021 has been approved for 2.5 Units of MCLE Credit by the State Bar of California by the North Bay Housing Coalition Provider number 14598

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 18

9:30 - 9:40 a.m. WELCOME
• Welcome Bag - Orange
• Raffle Drawing
Jordan Lindsey, Executive Director, The Arc and UCP California Collaborative

9:40 - 9:55 a.m. SPECIAL APPEARANCE: U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. NATIONAL UPDATE: Landscape and Priority Policies for the National Disability Movement
Peter Berns, CEO, The Arc of the United States

10:30 - 10:35 a.m. SPECIAL APPEARANCE: Stand Up Comedy by Bev Jerup

10:35 - 11:15 a.m. 2021 OUTLOOK: State Policy Priorities for the Disability Community
The Lanterman Coalition
Jordan Lindsey, Executive Director, The Arc and UCP California Collaboration
Rick Rollens, Legislative Advocate, Association of Regional Center Agencies
Tiffany Whitten, Senior Government Relations Advocate, California State Council of SEIU
Barry Jardini, Executive Director, California Disability Services Association

11:15 - 11:20 a.m. LOBBY DAY! Advocacy in Action
Julia Ballantyne, Media Advocacy Consultant, The Arc of California

11:20 a.m. - Noon AWARD CEREMONY: In Honor of Our Champions for Disability Rights and Equality

Noon - 12:30 p.m. Final Closing Remarks
• Raffle
• Survey
Board of Directors, The Arc and UCP California Collaboration

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Shelby Boston
Director, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services

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Steven Eidelman
Professor, University of Delaware

“LA ABOGACÍA”
Jairo Guiza
Diversity and Equity Specialist, Regional Center of the East Bay

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Beverly Jerep
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