

The Shared Living and AFC
Conference is a program of



AGENDA

September 26, 2017

- 7:45 – 8:45 **Registration**
8:45 – 9:30 **Breakfast Opening Remarks**
Josh Brothers, Department of
Developmental Services
- Welcome**
Jane Ryder,
DDS Deputy Commissioner
- 9:30 – 10:30 **Keynote Speaker**
Emily Perl Kingsley
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Break • Networking • Exhibits**
- 10:45 - 12:00 **Workshops 1-7**
- 12:00 - 12:15 **Break • Networking • Exhibits**
- 12:15 - 1:30 **Lunch Welcome / Awards**
Vijay Dalal, Dare Family Services
Rich Neidel, Pathlight
Berkshire Hills Music Academy
Jazz Entertainment
- 1:30 - 1:45 **Break • Networking • Exhibits**
- 1:45-3:00 **Workshops 8-16**
- 3:00 - 3:15 **Break • Networking • Exhibits**
- 3:15-4:30 **Workshops 17-25**
- Directions - **Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
and Trade Center, Marlboro, MA**

- Take exit 24B off Interstate 495. Hotel is one mile on the right.
- For GPS users the address is: 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752
- Follow our signs to the conference once you are on the property

Fee for registration is \$60.00; for Family members \$30.00.

Register online at:

<http://sharedlivingandafcconference.com>

Those wishing to earn CEUs must attend the entire conference.



VISION

To provide and exchange practical information and innovative ideas that promote community living as a model of choice where people can live in a dignified, normative living arrangement.

Premiere Corporate Sponsor

Nonotuck Resource Associates, Inc.

"People, Real Lives, Real Homes"



FEATURED KEYNOTE

Emily Perl Kingsley
12 Emmy Award Winner,
author

Register NOW online at:
<http://sharedlivingandafcconference.com>

"People, Real Lives, Real Homes"

Morning Workshops 10:45-12:00 (1-8)

1. 43 Years a Caregiver...45 Years a Writer—Messages Sent, Lessons Learned

Emily Perl Kingsley

Working and challenges while being a full-time caregiver. Lots of interesting and relevant stories about Kingsley's years at Sesame Street while parenting a son with special needs. Plus Q&A

2. AFC Regulation Review

Allison Ananis, Mass Health; Lisa Hella, Alternatives

Review of Adult Foster Care regulations promulgated in May 2017. Attendees have the opportunity to present questions to Mass Health representatives to seek clarity.

3. Estate Planning

Fredrick M. Misilo, Jr, Esq

Navigating the options of guardianship and alternatives, wills and special needs trusts. Addresses the unique needs of families in planning the financial and legal future of their relative with a disability.

4. A DDS Forum on Brainstorming & Solutions for Shared Living

Gail Gillespie, Regional Director; Larry Tummino, Deputy Commissioner; Jane Ryder, Deputy Commissioner; Moderated by Jeffery Keilson

Brainstorm with senior DDS representatives about current issues, concerns and barriers with Shared Living as a residential service model; discuss solutions.

5. Life Like Any Other, A History of Services

Ramzi Makim, NE Regional Trainer

Overview of how society has identified and responded to people who live with disabilities; history of services, societal attitudes, and practices.

6. Recognizing, Reporting, & Responding to Abuse: When to call the DPPC

Susan Love, Disabled Persons Protection Commission

Assist mandated reporters and others in recognizing and responding to suspicions of abuse or neglect of a person with a disability

7. Emotional Intelligence: Recognize & Embrace Your EI

Peter McLean, Training & Development Manager, Pathlight

Emotional Intelligence lives in the space between stimulus and response. Learn to intentionally respond to challenging situations for enhanced communication.

AGENDA LISTED ON THE BACK PANEL

8. The Who, What, Where, Why & How of Adaptive Sports & Recreation

Kathleen Salas, PT, MHA, Spaulding Adaptive Sports

An overview of adaptive sports/recreation and the benefits they provide. Learn what is possible for people with various physical and/or hidden disabilities and how to start successfully.

Afternoon Workshops 1:45-3:00 (1-9)

1. DDS OQE—Regulation & Audit Tool Review

Doreet Goldhaber, Statewide Director of Quality Enhancement and Steve Saunders, Central-West Regional Director of Quality Enhancement

An overview of the licensure and certification expectations for shared living, concentrating on new and revised changes.

2. AFC Plan of Care

Kitty Curtin, Executive VP of Operations, Nonotuck Resource Associates

Participants are encouraged to bring their own Plans of Care and engage in interactive dialogue that addresses this evolving document and its critical components.

3. Mass Health Roundtable

Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for Mass Health

Health representatives panel will respond to participant questions (submitted at morning registration) and audience follow up questions.

4. Acquired Brain Injury & Money Follows the Person 101

Susan Banks, Community Systems Director, DDS, Kara Caillouette, Program Coordinator, Adam Holst, ABI/MFP Risk Manager

An overview and history of ABI and MFP waivers and review of outcomes expected for each and how measurements can be met in a Shared Living model.

5. Boundaries & Relationships: Teaching Sexuality to Children, Teens, & Young Adults with ID

Margaret Rice, Director, Pathlight Brian Melanson, Program Assistant, Pathlight

A discussion of the need for comprehensive sexuality education for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism; an introduction of a specific curriculum to do so.

6. Supported Decision-Making: An Alternative to Guardianship

Robert Fleischner, Esq, Center for Public Representation; Elizabeth Pell, Director of Policy Advancement

Learn about supported decision-making as an alternative to substituted decision-making models; theory and practice of establishing a supported decision-making arraignment in the context of shared living and adult family care.

7. ACO, MCOs & TPAs

Jeffery Keilson, Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning, Advocates; Anne Pelletier Parker, Senior Vice President, Health Systems Integration, Advocates

An overview of ACO/MCO; the most recent updates on the entities; how services will be funded, authorized, and executed; how service providers will work with the ACOs/MCOs third party administrator (TPA) and CPs. Infomation on new long-term services and supports (LTSS) Community Partner (CP) request for response (RFR) due by May 31, 2017.

8. OT—Functional Assessments

Evelyn Brown, Occupational Therapist, Tempus Unlimited

This workshop is presented by a licensed Occupational Therapist skilled in functional evaluations of people will all types of disabilities.

9. Planning for a Loved One with Special Needs

Allyson Hope Cohen, Esq, Cohen Law Services

Learning how to create a meaningful legal, financial and personal plan for your special needs loved one which will enhance the quality of their life while insuring they remain eligible for their public benefits. This workshop will also include a review of the ABLE accounts.

Afternoon Workshops 3:15-4:30 (1-9)

1. DDS OQE—Regulation & Audit Tool Review

Doreet Goldhaber, Statewide Director of Quality Enhancement and Steve Saunders, Central-West Regional Director of Quality Enhancement

An overview of the licensure and certification expectations for shared living, concentrating on new and revised changes.

2. Understanding Behavioral Health Issues: An Intro to PBS in the AFC World

Dan Shafer, M.Ed, and Julie Chartier, RN, Nontouck Resource Associates

An overview of Positive Behavioral Supports, a person-centered approach to understanding challenging behavior and applying preventive practices, proactive interventions, and teaching with the goal of achieving meaningful outcomes.

3. Political Advocacy

Leo Sarkissian, Executive Director, and Maura Sullivan, Arc of Massachusetts

An overview of the Arc of Massachusetts and its ongoing advocacy. Learn how to build relationships with legislators and to team build for advocacy goals.

4. Music & Memory in a Home Care Setting

Rory Silvia, AFC Operations Manager/Music & Memory Coordinator; Jeanne Leyden, RN, AFC Program Director

Cambridge-Somerville Elder Services

Learn about the use of personalized music in a home care setting via the tools provided by becoming a certified Music & Memory organization.

5. Person Centered Planning

Cheryl Chan, Founder and Principle at Person Centered Planning Partners

Learn how person centered planning provides a structured plan that honors a person's own vision for their future and accounts for those things that are important to and important for them.

6. Chapter 688/Transition Services (18 - 22 years)

Beckey Gow, Worcester DDS HSC Supervisor; Kathe Coll, Worcester DDS Transition Service Coordinator

A brief history on transitional services and information on the current state of Chapter 688; review the process and interfaces between families, schools and DDS/other state agencies.

7. Caregiver Recruitment—Best Practices

Moderator: Rich Niedel MSW, LSW, NLP, Pathlight, Suzanne Robichaud, Placement Specialist, Nonotuck Resource Associates, Jessica Loring, Seven Hills Foundation; Sarah Pike, Riverside, Michael Diggs, HMEA; Facilitator, Group

As multi-agency panel of successful recruiters/placement specialists, will share best practice approaches to marketing, screening and matching for Shared Living and Adult Family Care caregivers.

8. What do People with Autism/ID REALLY Need to Know about Sex/Sexuality?

Rhonda Ward, LCSW, MSW, Behavioral Health Network; Joanne Murphy, LICSW, MSW, Behavioral Health Network

An introduction to the concept of "We Are More Alike Than We are Different" and an exploration of how to provide and support social/sexuality education. Share interventions and resources and provide opportunity to problem solve.

9. Quality Dementia Treatment in the AFC World: A Person Centered Approach

Kristen Kocot, M.A., LMHC, CEO of Therapeutic Behavioral Interventions

An overview of Alzheimer's disease with a focus on understanding the symptoms, approaching personal care, understanding and responding to changes in personality and behavior, establishing effective communication strategies, and maintaining meaningful engagement with family and community.

REGISTER ONLINE AT

<http://sharedlivingandafconference.com>