## The Arc & UCP California Collaboration 2019 Developmental Disabilities Public Policy Conference





## "Intersections: Where Disability and Life Meet"

## Our Speakers (In Order of Presentation)



**Peter V. Berns** is a nationally recognized nonprofit sector leader and public interest lawyer. He is the Chief Executive Officer of The Arc, the world's largest community-based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Scott Graves joined the California Budget & Policy Center in 2002 and has served as Director of Research since 2014. In this role, he oversees analytical work, conducts research and analysis related to health and human services, and is the organization's lead analyst on the state budget process. Scott has covered a number of other policy areas at the California Budget & Policy Center, including child care, preschool, corrections, and housing, with a focus on both the state and federal levels.



Ryan Easterly is the Executive Director of WITH Foundation. In 2016, Ryan was appointed by President Obama to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. He has also served as a member of a U.S. Delegation and presented to the EU in Brussels, Belgium. Ryan's perspective and experience have made him sought after as a facilitator of discussions that take place at the intersections of race, class, and disability.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Lynne Seagle** is the Executive Director of Hope House. Under Lynne's leadership, Hope House has become internationally known for its innovative, person-centered approach. Lynne is an international figure in the fight for equality and rights for people with disabilities.



**Dr. Clarissa Kripke, MD, FAAFP**, Clinical Professor and Director of the Office of Developmental Primary Care, UCSF Department of Family and Community Medicine. For more than a decade, Dr. Kripke has been educating health professionals, families, selfadvocates, and service providers in how to support the health needs of people with developmental disabilities so they can lead self-directed, successful lives in their own homes and communities.



**Dr. Matthew Kaufman** is the CEO of StationMD, a telemedicine organization designed to improve access to medical care for people with I/DD and other vulnerable populations through technology. He also serves as the Medical Director of the Emergency Department at Jersey City Medical Center-Bayonne site.



Gladys Rodriguez is a self-advocate who has been a client of The Arc San Francisco for 9 years. She graduated from Jefferson high school in 2003. She most recently worked at Mission High School as a mentor. Gladys is pleased to be a member of the Board of Directors so she can be "heard" and really enjoys giving her opinion, offering support and guidance to her peers, and being part of the Arc Community. Gladys regularly attends Friends Like Me.



Jennifer Dresen has twenty years of experience with people with developmental disabilities, including job support, supported living, and community building in Chicago. Jennifer was a supervisor/advocate for Victim/Witness Division of Domestic Violence Court in Chicago and a social worker in the Center for Child Protection at Children's Hospital in Oakland. Jennifer has been with The Arc San Francisco for twelve years.

**Steve Weaver** has over 16 loving years' experience as the father of a daughter with Cerebral Palsy. After her unexpected passing in 2014, Steve has continued his advocacy work in making homes safe and accessible for our community.



Dante Allen is the Executive Director for the California Achieving Better Life Experiences (CalABLE) Board, where he is responsible for directing the program launch and operations of CalABLE, a tax-advantaged savings plan that can be established for the benefit of qualified individuals with disabilities.



**Thomas Foley** is the Managing Director of the World Institute on Disability. Tom leads WID's business consulting, financial inclusion, and information technology access practice. Tom authored EQUITY, the first asset building book for people with disabilities. He serves on the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund Board and has been recognized by numerous organizations, including CFED, NDI, and CFII for his financial inclusion work.



**Megan Kirshbaum Ph.D.** is the Founder & Executive Director, Through the Looking Glass and the Co-Director, The National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Ann M. O'Leary is Chief of Staff to governor Gavin Newsom. Earlier in her career, she served as a senior policy advisor in the Bill Clinton Administration and as legislative director to Senator Hillary Clinton. Following her federal government service, she helped establish multiple non-profit organizations promoting policy related to income inequality, healthcare, education, and workforce development.



**Ofelia Ochoa** is the mother of a son with I/DD and a fierce advocate for the rights of the I/DD community in Fresno County, where she has lived for 17 years. Her areas of focus include ending the racial disparities in access to services, the rights of children with I/DD, and transportation.



Michael Esquibel is a Self-Advocate and a paid intern for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Michael has testified before the California State Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.



**Carlos Flores** is the Executive Director of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Developmental Services, Inc. (SDICDSI) and of SDICDSI's largest program, the San Diego Regional Center for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.



Deputy Paige Robertson is the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator for the Larimer County Sheriff's Office and works to maintain policy and procedure for the agency, ensuring positive relations between law enforcement and individuals with disabilities. She is a certified ADA Coordinator and an advocate for collaboration between law enforcement agencies and entities working with individuals with disabilities to ensure equal access for her community members.



Astrid Zuniga describes herself as first and foremost a wife, mother to 5, grandmother to 10 and advocate for her 20-year-old son who was diagnosed at the age of 3 with Autism and Intellectual Disability. She is the Executive Vice President of United Domestic Workers/AFSCME3930.



**Ashley Brompton** joined the Center on Victimization and Safety as a Program Associate in November 2016. As a sibling of a person with a disability who was a victim of sexual assault, she brings passion and knowledge about individuals with disabilities, particularly intellectual and developmental disabilities, and victimization.