ND APSE subsidizes $3/day registration fee for APSE members. 50% discount for college students.

Mental Health, We've ALL Got It! by Beth Hueser, Harvey, ND.
Raven Theater by Presenters from Enable, Biomeast.
Lessons Learned from Crisis Prevention Cancellation by Carl Tylee, Cleveland, OH.
Disability Awareness by Donna Bahken, Fargo, ND.

CONTINUING EDUCATION
Twelve contact hours are available through the ND Board of Social Work Examiners. Nursing CEUs will be available. CRC hours will also be available.

SPECIAL EVENTS
APSE: The Network on Employment Recognition Awards. The APSE "Best of the Best" Consumer Recognition Awards, and the "Pat Kundum Outstanding Professional Achievement Award" will be presented following the Opening Keynote Address by Renee Pietrangelo.

Conference Luncheon, NDACP will sponsor a luncheon on Thursday, May 5. Entertainment will be by Ron Franz. See registration blank. Luncheon tickets are $18/day and must be reserved in advance.

Reception, Join us Wednesday, May 4 for the Wine and Cheese Reception following the afternoon sessions. Admission is free to conference participants. Entertainment by L.I.S.T.E.N. Performing Arts.

APSE: The Network on Employment Silent Auction. A table of auction items will close during the Wine and Cheese reception on Wednesday and another table of items will close at the end of the sessions on Thursday.

Direct Support Professional Awards, NDACP’s Direct Support Professional awards will be presented during the Thursday afternoon plenary session.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2011
9:00 a.m. Registration
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon NDACP Executive Directors meeting
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. APSE Best of the Best Luncheon
1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Welcome
Opening Keynote: Renee Pietrangelo
ND APSE Awards
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
5:30 p.m. Wine & Cheese Reception
Entertainment: L.I.S.T.E.N. Performing Arts

THURSDAY, May 5, 2011
8:00 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Plenary Session: William Stillman
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunchroom (tickets required) Entertainment: Ron Franz
1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Nancy Thaler
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

FRIDAY, May 6, 2011
8:00 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Mega Sessions by Chicken Lips, Van Klerck, Tyler, and Woodward
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Closing Plenary by Chicken Lips
**SHAPING VISION AND STRATEGY IN A WORLD OF SEA CHANGE by Renée Pietrangelo, Alexandria, VA.** Renée Pietrangelo is chief executive officer of the American Network of Community Op- tions and Resources. ANCOR’s mission is to promote self-determination and self-advocacy for people with IDD. Ms. Pietrangelo has over 30 years’ experience as a non-profit executive associate, with established expertise in the areas of leadership competencies and development, and education and training.

**AUTISM AND THE 90% FACTOR by William Stillman, Hummelstown, PA.** William Stillman has been dubbed “The Autism Whisper,” for his ability to understand and interact with adults on the autism spectrum. Stillman is an award-winning writer and the author of “Developing the Human Experience: A Humanist’s Introduction for Patients, Caregivers and Educators” (2002), which has been highly praised by the autism and support community. His personal experience as a parent of a child with autism has allowed him to develop a unique understanding of the autistic experience in ways that are unparalleled.

**EMERGING TRENDS AND STRATEGIC THINKING by Nancy Thaler, Alexandria, VA.** Nancy Thaler is the Executive Director of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities (NASDD), which serves 50 states and the District of Columbia, keeps state leaders informed about federal policy and service innovations, represents state leaders in federal agencies, and provides information and technical assistance to state administrators. Ms. Thaler began her career in 1971 working in non-profit agencies developing community support for children and adults with IDD. Joining Pennsylvania state government in 1987, she managed a system of institutional and community care for approximately 90,000 individuals. Ms. Thaler’s leadership enabled the expansion of community services and a 50% reduction of the institutional population during her tenure. From 2003-2009, Ms. Thaler served as the State Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Ms. Thaler and her husband are the parents of an adult son with cognitive disabilities.

**LAUGH AS THOUGH YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT by Chicken Lips, Denver, CO.** Chicken Lips is a South African Modern puppet troupe. The group, in existence since 1980, creates, performs, and tours shows that explore social, political, and cultural issues. Chicken Lips has created original and spontaneous comedy and music for audiences all over the country and internationally. And, as their name suggests, they have the power of laughter for breaking barriers, making connections, finding solutions, building relationships and encouraging perspectives. Laughter: it’s cheaper than therapy and quicker than Prozac!

**COMPETENCE AND COMPASSION – THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS FOR DEMENTIA SUPPORT by Genevieve Pugh and Louis Pugh, Morgantown, NC.** Genevieve is the Executive Director of Turning Point Services, Inc., a provider of home and community based services for adults with IDD throughout North Carolina. For more than 15 years, TPS has provided person driven services to people of all ages. Previously, Genevieve was the Director at Black Mountain Center, a regional resource center in North Carolina for individuals with ID and individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease. In addition to residential treatment and support arrangements, evaluation and consultation, technical assistance to service providers and education for caregivers and family members. Genevieve served on the National Board of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD – formerly AAMR) and was awarded AAILD Fellow status in 2010.

Louis has more than 25 years of leadership experience with non-profit and for-profit organizations serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. His professional experience also includes crisis intervention and mediation, applied behavior analysis and physical abuse rehabilitation. His focus during the past decade has been the development of arts based programming leading to fulfilling lives and successful careers in the arts for people with IDD. Louis is a professional with 15 years experience in arts based programming and organizational management of regional and community based residential services in North and South Carolina.

**WORK AFTER BRAIN INJURY: DEVELOPING LIVES AND JOBS OF MEANING by Ben Woodward, Urbana, IL.** Ben Woodward, MSW is the Brain Injury Training Director for the Iowa Association of Community Providers. In his current role he provides consultation and training to over 150 community based service providers throughout the state of Iowa to increase their capacity to serve people experiencing brain injury. He previously served as the Brain Injury Services Program Administrator for the Iowa Department of Public Health. In that role he was responsible for the administration of the Iowa Brain Injury Services Program, the Iowa Governor’s Advisory Council on Brain Injuries. He has 15 years of experience in various post-acute rehabilitation settings working with individuals and families who were experiencing brain injury. His current role includes program staff, program level staff, psychotherapist and Director of Operations.

**HIGH IMPACT HEALTH INFORMATION by Dr. Carl Tyler, Westlake, OH.** Carl V. Tyler, Jr., M.D., MB., B.C.A.Q.-Geriatrics, is the Director of Geriatric Education and Research at the Fairview/Cleveland Clinic Family Medicine Residency in Cleveland, Ohio. In his private practice, he works with adults with intellectual disabilities who were newly de-institutionalized. He now teaches and conducts research on the health care needs of adults with intellectual disabilities. Currently, Dr. Tyler is a National Institutes of Health-sponsored Practice-Based Research Design (research and methodology) post-doctoral fellow at Case Western Reserve University. They are developing new methods to study and improve the quality of health care for adults with intellectual disabilities. He is a graduate of Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine.

**RISK MANAGEMENT AND CORPORATE COMMUNICATION by Paul Andrew, Tucson, AZ.** Mr. Paul Andrew has over forty years of personal and professional experience with individuals who have disabilities and challenges to employment in this area. He has 15 years in the management, coordination and administration of public and privately funded vocational rehabilitation programs. He is the current Director of Employment and Community Services of CARF...the Accreditation Commission. Andrew is formerly a provider of services and trainer for the University of San Francisco School of Business, provides training and technical assistance to over 5,000 organizations and individuals each year in the United States and Canada.

 LOSS MANAGEMENT, WORK AND SELF-ADVOCACY: A COMBINED APPROACH by Ben Woodworth, Urbandale, IA. Albert Van Klveek is Director of Accreditation and Organizational Development for CQII (The Council on Quality and Leadership). His background includes work in both Mental Health and Developmental Disability services, frequently working directly with people who have both an Intellectual Disability as well as Mental Illness. Beginning his career 19 years ago in New York State he has served in a variety of leadership and professional roles focused on provision of quality care services and organizational management of regional and community based residential services.

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