Balancing Freedom and Safety:
Quality Supports Lead to a Quality Life

Freedom is not an ideal, it is not even a protection, if it means nothing more than freedom to stagnate, to live without dreams, to have no greater aim than a second car and another television set.

Adlai Stevenson (1900–1965), “Putting First Things First,”
Foreign Affairs (New York, January 1960)
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**The Meaning of Quality**

An internationally known speaker discusses the meaning of quality from the perspective of the people receiving support.

**Presenter:** Norman Kunc

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

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Breakout Sessions I

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

**Session I-A**  Lake House

*Can You Get There from Here?  System Change in Local Agencies.*

Tim Quinn and Erv Picha are directors of private nonprofit agencies in Maryland and Indiana respectively who are leading their organizations through comprehensive system redesign processes. With the goal of instilling the principles of self-determination or self direction into the design and operations of all agency activities, each of these presenters has addressed a number of challenges in the process of “doing something different.”

**Presenters:** Tim Quinn, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region

Erv Picha, Noble of Indiana

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

**Session I-B**  Steamboat Hotel

*Changing Policy, Changing Outcomes.*

Glenn Stanton and Gary Smith will discuss CMS’s current plans and activities regarding: (a) the development of a *Quality Framework*, the recommended components of a comprehensive quality management program for Medicaid-funded home and community-based services; and (b) the construct of a survey to collect baseline information from the states regarding their existing systems quality assurance/improvement programs and outcomes.

**Presenters:** Glenn Stanton, Deputy Director, Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, CMS

Gary Smith, Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM  **Session I-C**  
**Shakespeare Hotel**

*It’s Basic. Quality Staff Lead To Quality Lives – One Person’s Journey To A Good Life.*

Amy Hewitt and Nathan Perry will discuss the relationship between the quality of support an individual receives and the quality of life he or she is able to access in the community. This session will share the results of a recent study in which self-advocates and family members of people with developmental disabilities who receive community supports were asked to describe how issues such as high direct support staff turnover, increased vacancies and poor training affect their lives. It also will share insights into how specific strategies used by one person to find, support and keep his staff have lead to a zero percent turnover rate, high staff satisfaction and amazing results in enhancing the individual’s ability to get what he wants and needs out of life. It may be basic – but it works!

**Presenters:** Amy Hewitt, Institute for Community Inclusion/University of Minnesota (ICI/MN)

Nathan Perry, Self-Advocate

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM  **Session I-D**  
**The Bull’s Head**

*Transforming Consumer and Family Expectations Into Quality Measures.*

A panel of parents and advocates will discuss the meaning of quality from the perspective of parents and self-advocates, with a particular focus on the impact of services on those who receive them.

**Panelists:** John Jordan, Minnesota Region 10 Quality Assurance Commission

Sue Fox, Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire

Gail Bottoms, Self-Advocate

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM  **Session I-E**  
**American House**

*Assessing Support Quality Across All Groups.*

This session will weigh the pros and cons of using a single quality assurance system for multiple populations such as
people with developmental disabilities, the aging, people needing rehabilitation, and people requiring mental health services.

**Presenter:** Frank Stahl, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

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**Breakout Sessions II**  
**Session II-A**  
**Lake House**

*Person-Centered Systems of Support: Report on State Site Visits.*

Val Bradley and Sarah Taub from the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) will review the preliminary findings of Reinventing Quality Project team visits to states with exemplary person-centered service delivery systems. This session will include reports onsite visits to Wyoming, Wisconsin, Connecticut, and Kansas.

**Presenters:** Val Bradley, HSRI  
Sarah Taub, HSRI

**2:45 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**Session II-B**  
**Steamboat Hotel**

*OK, You Know About It, What Are You Going to Do About It? Converting Information to Action.*

Celia Feinstein, John Sloyer, and Steve Coles will discuss the efforts underway in Pennsylvania to develop a management information system that supports the state’s quality improvement goals. Although all states have quality assurance systems, it is frequently the case that there is no effective means of converting the information collected into effective actions that result in measurable changes. The presenters will discuss different mechanisms to collect data on quality and effective approaches to putting the information to use.

**Presenters:** Celia Feinstein, Institute on Disabilities, Temple University  
John Sloyer, Pennsylvania Office of Mental Retardation  
Steve Coles, Bucks County, Pennsylvania MH/MR Program
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM  Session II-C  Shakespeare Hotel

The Role of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in Decision-Making.

Every day, support staff and consumers are faced with decisions. Some decisions may seem minor, but can have larger ramifications; others have immediate, serious consequences. How do the respective roles of the consumer and his or her direct support staff change when the person directs the support received? Who has the final say, and who should have the final say, especially if decisions involve potentially dangerous consequences? How can the consumer-DSP relationship be organized in order to ensure the appropriate balance of freedom and safety in decision-making (and what is the “appropriate balance?”)?

Presenters: Marianne Taylor, Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)
Bill Tapp, Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota
Levetta Rhodes, Community Learning Centers
Kim Zoeller, Community Learning Centers

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM  Session II-D  The Bull’s Head

The Family’s Role in Adult Quality of Life.

The family of a person with developmental disabilities often has a significant role to play in the large and small decisions he or she makes. Families can have a tremendous impact on quality of life. This presentation focuses on ways families can help their relatives achieve their quality of life goals, and considers the roles the family can and should play in the decision-making process that ultimately determines quality of life.

Presenters: Ann Turnbull, Beech Center, University of Kansas
Jackie Golden, Inclusion Research Institute

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM  Session II-E  American House

Coordinating Medical, Health, and Dental Services: A Nibble is Not Enough.

Drs. Jill Morrow and Jim Rimmer will discuss the effects of low rates of Medicaid reimbursement, access to hospitals
and a number of other specific barriers that make it difficult for many people with developmental disabilities and their families to readily access the specific health and wellness services they need. This session will discuss the issues, the problems and potential solutions.

**Presenters:** Dr. Jill Morrow, Pennsylvania Office of Mental Retardation  
Dr. Jim Rimmer, National Center on Physical Activity and Disability

**Breakout Sessions III**

**4:00 PM - 5:15 PM  Session III-A**  
**Lake House**  
**Balancing Risk and Individual Choice: A Personal Perspective.**

Norman Kunc will address the specific challenges that confront people receiving support and those who provide it when making decisions that involve risk and personal choice. Who is in charge of what decisions? How does one balance the need to assure an individual’s health and welfare with the need to support self-determination, freedom, the development of a sense of responsibility and independent decision making skills? What is the impact of diffuse authority and responsibility for decision-making that impacts on people receiving support, providers, and families?

**Presenter:** Norman Kunc

**4:00 PM - 5:15 PM  Session III-B**  
**Steamboat Hotel**  
**Quality Assurance and Self-Directed Services: Who Calls the Shots?**

Self directed approaches to service delivery require significant changes in decision making processes, the allocation of responsibilities, and the determination of who holds the authority for ultimate action. This session will describe the goals and challenges of providing the support necessary to enable people to actually take charge of their lives.

**Presenters:** Sandy Pelletier, Area Agency for Developmental Services of Greater Nashua, Inc.  
Jean Tuller, Oregon Technical Assistance Corporation
**Session III-C**

**Shakespeare Hotel**

*Supervisors of Direct Support Professionals.*

Sherri Larson, Howard Miller, Linda Muchow, and Catherine Spalla will discuss the crucial role direct support professionals (DSPs) play in enabling consumers to achieve the quality of life they seek. Supervisors of DSPs are integral to this process, providing their staff with the training, support, and guidance they need to successfully acquire the skills necessary to direct their own supports. This presentation examines the role supervisors play in supporting the efforts of consumers and DSPs toward achieving an enhanced quality of life.

**Presenters:** Sherri Larson, Institute for Community Inclusion/University of Minnesota (ICI/MN)

Howard Miller, REM Minnesota

Linda Muchow, Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities

Catherine Spalla, Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities

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**Session III-D**

**The Bull’s Head**

*Carpe Diem: Conversion – Taking Advantage of the Opportunity!*  

Community Interactions, Inc., an agency based in the Philadelphia suburb of Springfield, is directing its resources and corporate culture to focus on enhancing the lives of its consumers and families. Staff and consumers of the agency’s services will describe their plans and the journey so far. Cathy Ficker Terrill will share similar experiences from Ray Graham Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities.

**Presenters:** Marian Saulino, Community Interactions, Inc.

Paul Saulino, Community Interactions, Inc.

Dale Dutton, CARF

Cathy Ficker Terrill, Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM **Session III-E**  
**American House**

*Listening So People Will Hear You: Obtaining Feedback from Self-Advocates on Quality of Life.*

The Council on Quality and Leadership has developed an extensive information base from interviews of people with developmental disabilities conducted in communities throughout the country. Jim Gardner, The Council’s President and CEO, will discuss the potential uses of such data to drive quality improvement efforts. A similar approach taken by the Self-Help Network of Kansas documented the perspectives of people with disabilities in Kansas. The presenters will discuss what has been learned from the interviews they have conducted and what services mean to the individuals who receive them.

**Presenters:** Jim Gardner, The Council on Quality and Leadership  
Kevin Bomhoff, Self-Help Network of Kansas

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<td>The Core Indicators Project (CIP) is supported by NASDDDS through a contract with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), for the purpose of developing a set of performance indicators that can be used across states to assess each state's progress on identified outcomes. Sarah Taub, Olivia Garland, Bob Jones, Janet George, and Connie Lehr will discuss approaches that have used to integrate CIP results into the overall quality assurance and improvement activities in participating states. Problems, successes, and areas for further development will be discussed.</td>
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**Steamboat Hotel**

*Authority, Risk and Responsibility: Negotiating Choice.*

Natalie Duval and Chester Finn will explore the question: To keep a person safe, do you have to restrict his or her freedom? This session addresses individual risk contracting as an approach to maximizing both freedom and safety.

**Presenters:** Natalie Duval, Consultant  
Chester Finn, New York OMRDD

Session IV-C  
**Shakespeare Hotel**

*Families with Young Children.*

Families who have young children with developmental disabilities face special challenges when helping their child pursue a high quality of life. This session addresses many of those challenges, and approaches the question of parental responsibility in self-directed services for minors.

**Presenters:** Sherri Huwe, Parent  
Monica Herring, Parent

Session IV-D  
**The Bull’s Head**

*College of Direct Support.*

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**Presenters:** Charlie Lakin, ICI/UMN  
Amy Hewitt, ICI/UMN  
Bill Tapp, ICI/UMN

Session IV-E  
**American House**

*Minnesota Update.*

Tom Cramer, John Jordan, Cindy Ostrowski, and Matt Shoen with the Minnesota Region 10 Quality Assurance
Commission (MN Region 10) will discuss their respective experiences thus far with a grass roots initiative in Minnesota to improve the quality of supports made available to persons with developmental disabilities. The presenters will discuss the history of this initiative and provide an update on the activities of system stakeholders since last year’s conference in implementing this project.

**Presenters:**
- Tom Cramer, MN Region 10
- John Jordan, MN Region 10
- Cindy Ostrowski, MN Region 10
- Matt Shoen, MN Region 10

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- **LUNCHEON**
  - Wolf Point Ballroom (15th Floor)

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- **Breakout Sessions V**
  - **Session V-A**
    - Lake House
    - **Building a Circle of Support.**
      Circles of Support are a part of the lives of more and more people with developmental disabilities. This presentation examines the role of a Circle of Support in achieving quality of life for the person it is supporting. How can a Circle of Support best contribute to quality of life? How should it interact with the consumer, any direct support professionals, and others in working towards quality of life?
      - **Presenters:**
        - Steve Holmes, Self-Advocacy Association NYS
        - Chester Finn, New York OMRDD

  - **Session V-B**
    - Steamboat Hotel
    - **Balancing Risks and Safety.**
      No other issue in the field today can influence the outcome of person-centered supports more than the ‘Right to Risk’. Given the current movement of the service delivery system toward an even less restrictive direction, general liability claims are sure to increase. It will become imperative for providers to have a greater understanding of general liability and how to better protect themselves from financial claims and possible lawsuits. The key to successful outcomes will be largely the result of a competent workforce. By examining ‘case studies’ this session will look at how recent court cases influence the DD field and impact provider agencies. It also will address who determines the ability of an individual to
accept the responsibility of choice: the direct support professional? the parent or guardian, the clinician?, the individual?, the courts?

Presenters: John Rose, Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc.
            Mike Komoll, Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc.
            Cathy Ficker Terrill, Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM Session V-C Shakespeare Hotel

Where You Stand Depends on Where You Sit: Roundtable on Quality.

Sue Jones and Connie Lehr will discuss the need for states to emphasize approaches to quality improvement that take into account the meaning of quality from differing perspectives and involve people with disabilities in the QA process.

Presenters: Sue Jones, Wisconsin Bureau of DD Services
            Connie Lehr, Massachusetts DMR

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            Amy Hewitt, ICI/UMN
            Bill Tapp, ICI/UMN

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM Session V-E American House

Microboards.

Self-directed Support Corporations (SDSCs), a concept based on British Columbia’s Microboards model but adapted for the United States. Self-directed Support Corporations (SDSCs) are legally developed not-for-profit corporations
developed to provide a legal entity to manage the support system for a person with a disability through the establishment of a board of directors, and designed to contract directly with the Home and Community-Based Waiver Funding (Medicaid).

**Presenters:** Jackie Golden, Inclusion Research Institute  
Liz Obermayer, Self-Advocate

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**Bringing It All Together: Report of the Investigators**

Three individuals will take the role of *investigators* during the conference to identify the ideas, conversations, and issues that are emerging from the presentations and between session conversations. Investigators will interview conference participants and presenters and will present what they have heard during this closing session. An open mike discussion of the issues involved in the establishment of an enduring quality improvement system will follow.

**Presenters:** Angela Amado, Inclusion Research Institute  
Liz Obermayer, Self-Advocate  
Jean Tuller, Oregon Technical Assistance Corporation

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