



Developmental Disability Education Day Speakers Biography

Paul Aronsohn

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Appointed by Governor Murphy in April 2018, Mr. Aronsohn is the very first Ombudsman for individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Their Families in the State of New Jersey. His primary responsibility is “to serve as a resource to provide information and support to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families.” As a sibling of individuals with special needs, he has personal understanding of daily challenges and joy families experience. His 2018 annual report can be found in the following link:

<https://www.autismnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2018-Annual-Ombudsman-Report.pdf>

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Ms. Bohon, a Boonton mom, an estate planning attorney, has begun her journey as advocate when her daughter, Lily, was born 19 years ago with Down Syndrome. She is now taking her grassroots work to a state level, serving as the Vice-Chair of New Jersey Family Support Planning Council. She leads the family advisory committees that advise the Division of Developmental Disabilities as well as the Division of Children’s System of Care. Read more about her bio in the following link: <https://njcdd.org/wp-content/uploads/NJCDD-PF.2019.Winter.pdf>

Patricia Brennan

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Ms. Brennan, as known as “Tricia” to individuals and families, is the dedicated Division staff who put person-centered planning and approach into her daily practice. Support Brokerage is one of many projects she is currently involved. For more information about Support Brokerage, read the Section 17.20 in the Division’s Policies and Procedure Manual (“Manual”).

For Supports Program: <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/documents/supports-program-policy-manual.pdf>

For Community Care Program: <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/documents/community-care-program-policy-manual.pdf>

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Ms. Crick works at The Arc of New Jersey as the Coordinator of Family Advocacy and Advocacy Services. In her role at The Arc, Cheryl empowers New Jersey families that have a loved one with an intellectual and developmental disability to become personally involved in public policy and advocacy, and helps families navigate the service delivery system. Ms. Crick attended Rowan University where she earned her degree in Public Relations. Ms. Crick is involved with several disability-related committees, task forces and coalitions throughout the state and is a 2013 graduate of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities' Partners in Policymaking program. In 2017, Ms. Crick became a Certified Sibshop Facilitator to help support younger siblings that have a brother or sister with and intellectual or developmental disability. Ms. Crick is also a sibling. Her older brother has autism and an intellectual disability. She worked closely with other sibs to create Supportive Initiatives for Brothers & Sisters in New Jersey. This grassroots organization seeks to support siblings that have a brother or sister with an intellectual or developmental disability or mental health issue.

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Ms. Dilliplane is the Director of Trust Services at PLAN/NJ, a unique non-for-profit agency that provides solutions to families concerned about the future lifetime support and quality of life of a loved one with a significant disability or mental health challenge.

Todd Emmons

Member, New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD)

Mr. Emmons is an active and dedicated advocate. After living in a Developmental Center for years, he transitioned to a community-based setting. He is known as his gentle and warm personality yet fierce determination to ensure safety and wellbeing for his peers and achieve community integration.

Marian Frattarola-Saulino

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Ms. Frattarola-Saulino, with her husband Paul Saulino created the Values Into Action in 2005 as an alternative to the traditional system of supports for people with disabilities. Staying true to its mission, "to offer services and supports in partnership with people with disabilities, their families, and communities," the Values Into Action has assisted many people and their families who "courageously direct their services and seek to lead their lives on their own terms." In the Education Day, Ms. Saulino will share with us about the Supports Brokerage service, which has been, and is successfully utilized in Pennsylvania.

Lisa Weissbach-Efrat

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As the Co-Chair of the Regional Family Support Planning Council #7, Ms. Weissbach-Efrat, engages in local, regional and state level advocacy. She recently graduated from the Partners in Policymaking (PIP), a nationally acclaimed model of advocacy and leadership training. She serves as a member of the DDD's Family Advisory Council, Children's System of Care (CSOC) I/DD collaboration committee, Camden County's I/DD Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council (CIACC), Developmental Disability Advocacy Network (DDAN) Person-Centered/Self-



Directed Services committee to name a few. Ms. Weissbach-Efrat has two children, one with a developmental disability, and coordinates various support and services for him with multiple Self-Directed Employees.

Tina Wiltsee

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Ms. Wiltsee is the owner of Advantage Supports, LLC. Her company is a support coordination agency with 14 support coordinators working in 7 NJ counties: Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland. Her involvement in the current model of Support Coordination goes back to 2013 when it was first started. Ms. Wiltsee actively participates in various initiatives across the state which focus on improvements to the overall support coordination model. She has also had opportunities to partner with DDD to work on improvement initiatives. Tina holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Leadership from Newman University. She is currently working on a Doctorate of Management in Strategic Leadership at Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Her dissertation work is focusing on the transition in New Jersey to the current support coordination model.