

CLOSING THE GAP?

Revisiting Health & Employment Disparities
for People with Disabilities



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9:00 AM **First Plenary Session: Welcoming Statements** (17 Hillhouse Avenue, Room 101)
Stephen Latham, Director, Yale Interdisciplinary Bioethics Center
The Honorable Ted Kennedy, Jr., Connecticut State Senator, 12th District

PRESENTATIONS:

- 9:15 **1) Brick by Brick: A Disability History of Work and Health Disparities**
Naomi Rogers, Ph.D., Professor, History of Medicine, Yale University
- 9:45 **Comment: James Berger, Ph.D.**, Senior Lecturer, English and American Studies, Yale University
- 10:00 **2) Health Disparities in People with Disabilities: A Hidden Public Health Problem**
Deborah Klein Walker, Ed.D., Vice-President, Senior Fellow Public Health and Epidemiology, Abt Associates, Cambridge, MA
- 10:30 **Comment: Michael Ulrich, J.D., M.P.H.**, Research Scholar, Senior Fellow in Health Law, Yale University Law School
- 10:45 *Coffee Break*
- 11:15 **3) Transition Strategies for Students with Disabilities to Build Competitive Employment Skills**
Valerie Brooke, M.Ed., Chair, Subcommittee on Transition, Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for People with Disabilities, U.S. Department of Labor, Director of Training Virginia Commonwealth University Rehabilitation and Research Training Center
- 11:45 **Comment: Patricia L. Anderson, Ph.D.**, Education Consultant/State Transition Coordinator, CT State Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education, and Department of Rehabilitation Services/Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

12:00 **4) Health to Employment to Health: A Beneficial and Cost-Effective Cycle for People with Disabilities**

Nanette Goodman, M.S., National Center on Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities (LEAD)

12:30 **Comment: Myra Scott**, Department of Rehabilitation Services, State of Connecticut

12:45 *Lunch* (Box lunch provided in breakout sessions)

1-2:30 **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Focus on New Haven**

1) Disparities in Health and Health Care (17 Hillhouse Avenue, Room 115)

Presentation: Health Disparities for People with Disabilities in New Haven

Melissa Marshall, Connecticut Cross Disability Lifespan Alliance

Facilitator: Michelle Duprey, J.D., Director, Department of Services for Persons with Disabilities, New Haven, Connecticut

2) Disparities in Employment Opportunities (17 Hillhouse Avenue, Room 113/05)

Presentation: Disparities in Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities in New Haven

Sharon Denson, Executive Director, Connecticut Business Leadership Network

Facilitator: Marc Anthony Gallucci, Esq., Executive Director, Center for Disability Rights, West Haven, Connecticut

2:30 **Second Plenary Session** (17 Hillhouse Avenue, Room 101)

Getting With the Program: The Diversity of Disability Studies Programs in the U.S.

Katherrine Healey, Ph.D. Candidate, History of Science and Medicine, Yale University

Reports from Breakout Groups & General Discussion

3:30 PM **Closing Remarks: Julius Landwirth, M.D., J.D.**, Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

4:00 PM *Adjournment*

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