



**Ray Graham Association
and Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities (IPADD)**
are pleased to present a learning opportunity for families, educators and others in the community...

**Thursdays - September 28, October 19 and November 16
10:00 am to 1:30 pm**

Doors open 9:00am for registration, coffee, networking, and introductions.
Programs begin promptly at 10:00.

**At Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,
815 South Washington Street, Naperville**

September 28, 2017 - Understanding Adult Services

Greg Fenton, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities reviews adult services against a backdrop of the Illinois budget, positive changes and partnering initiatives. **Jennifer Gilmore, ISSA Program Manager, Service of Will, Grundy, and Kankakee Counties** provides an in-depth review of recent changes to our DD Medicaid Waivers for Adults: Home-Based and CILA, and what those changes mean to individuals, families and to the people who support them. Attendees will leave with a clearer understanding of how to plan and work toward meeting the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities within a framework of public funding, local or county initiatives, capacity of community providers, and family/natural supports.

October 19, 2017 - Ligas Consent Decree: Past, Present and Future

Ronnie Cohn, Ligas Court Monitor and Laura Miller, Equip for Equality present an update of the Ligas Consent decree in Illinois including victories and challenges of the past and what lies ahead. **Self-Advocate and Family Panel** will describe practical ways they have negotiated person-centered uses of their Home-Based or CILA awards in order to create meaningful days and lives for themselves. Attendees will leave with a clearer understanding of how to plan and work toward creative solutions that meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities within the framework of our current Waiver language and funding realities. Audience will also learn about the role of advocates from Equip for Equality in the Ligas process and how individuals and families can advocate most effectively for themselves.

November 16, 2017 – The Possibility of People!

Kim Mercer-Schleider, Director, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, will introduce some of the current projects and future investment plans from the Council designed to expand community capacity. **Wendy Partridge, Director, A Life Like Any Other**, one of ICDD's investment projects, explains how each of us have the power to help our loved one or friend with a developmental disability design a life that is comfortable, proud, completely connected and grounded in their community. Attendees will learn about the power of using untapped networks of friends, neighbors, civic or faith communities to explore mutual interests, hobbies, volunteerism, jobs, or other valuable social roles. Wendy will share step-by-step process, along with many examples of success stories (and a few stories still in the making), that give audience members a template, practical tips and resources to get started on their own journeys of discovery.

Cost: \$20/family members, \$40/professionals includes 3.0 CE's per session. Pay at the door on day of your event. Sign up for all three dates, pay for entire Series on September 28 and receive discount! \$50/family member Series rate, \$100/professional Series rate. Pay cash or checks made payable to RGA. Includes handouts and buffet lunch prepared by Catering with Care, a microenterprise operated by RGA Community Learning Center participants.

Consumer Stipends to help pay for the costs of these presentations are available for family members and self-advocates. For information and application contact The Arc of Illinois prior to the event 815-464-1832.

To Register: please email SpeakersSeries@raygraham.org to receive your registration form or ask any questions regarding the Speakers Series Events