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***INVENTING THE FUTURE:***

***IMPLEMENTING SELF-DETERMINATION ACROSS DISABILITY AND AGING***

**September 21-22, 2009**

**Conference Registration Rates**

**\$159 (Extended through 8/28/09)**

\$179 (After 8/28/09)

**Conference Location:**

Radisson Hotel at Opryland

*2401 Music Valley Drive*

*Nashville TN 37214*

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A crossroads looms. The promise of Freedom has not yet come to all our citizens.

People with physical and developmental disabilities, older adults, and those who have a mental illness, yearn to craft a meaningful life.

Self-Determination is a way to face together the current perfect fiscal storm and to have people not just survive - but flourish in an environment fraught with potential cutbacks and support scarcity.

The implementation of Self-Determination throughout the world has provided us with a wealth of knowledge that can meet this challenge.

There may be no other alternative.

**Find out why knowing this information is critically important to YOU  
and the future of all people in need of support.**

**Find out as well how states can respond positively  
to the aspirations of the citizens they serve.**

***You will learn the answers to all of these questions and much more!***

## Self-Determination Principles

- \* What is the difference between Self-Determination and self direction and why does it matter
- \* How does the Recovery Model fit with Self-Determination?
- \* How can older adults with disabilities benefit from Self-Determination?
- \* How is Self-Determination implemented for people with significant intellectual and other disabilities?
- \* Freedom - Does it mean I can do anything I want?

## Implementation Issues

- \* How can we make individual budgeting work in an economically strained environment?
- \* How do we balance Rights and Responsibility in Self-Determination?
- \* How do we take a value based approach and really implement it?
- \* What are the tools to help make this easier to implement?

## Quality not Compliance

- \* What are the **Real Life Quality Standards** and how do they differ from accreditation?
- \* How is quality different in Self-Determination and what does it really require of us?
- \* **Real Lives/Real Outcomes**
- \* What are the outcomes of Self-Determination?
- \* What about Health and Safety?
- \* Why is there so much emphasis on where and with whom someone lives-control of one's living environment?
- \* Why are community membership and relationships so important to Self-Determination?
- \* Can everyone generate private income?

- \* Is personal impoverishment a perpetual requirement?
- \* How is the production of income different from employment?
- \* How much risk is rational and how is it mitigated?

## **Presenters**

**Vickie Vining** is currently an independent consultant providing consultation, training and coaching with people and organizations who are interested in making their services more values-based and meaningful for the people who use them. Vickie has over 40 years of experience in human services, teaching in the public school system, supervising a crisis team in a state developmental center, working as a behavior consultant, managing a day program for people with autism, supervising resource development and quality assurance in a California regional center and now as a private consultant, assisting people and systems across the country with self-determination, supported living, personalized day supports and other person-centered services. She also works with community organizations to strengthen their capacity to welcome and include people with disabilities.

**Elaine Taverna** is the Director of Community Development at Community Living Service, Inc. (CLS), a non profit organization based in Wayne County Michigan. Elaine has been working in partnership with the Center for Self-Determination for five years. She has a lead role at CLS in developing all aspects of CLS's self-determination based service model for people served within the Community Mental Health and Long Term Care Systems.

Elaine Taverna currently oversees services to older adults, adults with physical disabilities and CLS's homeless services division and is working within these systems to affect change in public policy to offer self-determined based models of support services. Her area of expertise is systems development and she also specializes in transition of traditional human systems models to Individual-Directed, Person Centered, Self-Determination based systems models.

Elaine Taverna is a trainer and educator and has presented both statewide and at national conferences. She has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work with a minor in criminal justice and has over 20 years experience working in the Human Services field in the areas of Long Term Care, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse.

## **Principles of Self-Determination**

### **Freedom . Authority . Support . Responsibility . Confirmation**

The Center for Self-Determination is the primary international clearinghouse for information, training and technical assistance devoted to moving power and authority over resources directly to individuals who have disabilities, their families, and allies.

***The Center's goal is nothing less than the complete transformation of the publicly funded system of long-term supports based on the principles of Self-Determination.***

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## **"Take Aways"**

The first 50 registrants for each session will receive personal copies of the newly revised books from the Center for Self-Determination:

*The Guidebook for Implementing Real Life Quality Standards*

&

*The Guidebook for the Development and  
Implementation of Individual Budgets*

Beginning in Fall of 2009, these trainings will be repeated in other cities and paired with

***Immersion Learning About Self-Determination***