

TASP ANNUAL REPORT – October, 2016-October, 2017

OUTREACH

Website development and design: www.achancetoparent.org, Ongoing efforts complicated by malware, especially when accessing website through Google.

Trainings, Presentations, Articles and Conferences: (a sampling)

- 2017 Conference postponed because of insufficient workshop proposals.
- Parenting with a Disability. Teleconference presented by APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living); Kara Ayers, Susan Yuan.
- Bernadette Irwin, Sue Jones, Susan Yuan—6 trainings as requested for Child and Family Services Administration, Washington, DC.
- Susan Yuan, Maurice Feldman, Bernadette Irwin, Sue Jones: Training for Peer Navigators for Successful Parenting DC Project.
- Nicole Brisson, Susan Yuan: AAIDD Conference, Hartford, Conn., Challenging the Presumption of Unfitness Bias in the U.S. Child Welfare System to Improve the Public Health Outcomes of Parents with IDD and their Children.
- Nicole Brisson: 'Determining the Parenting Capacity of Parents with Low IQ' for the Youth, Rights & Justice Juvenile Law Reader.
- Bernadette Irwin, Susan Yuan, Poster Presentation at 2017 AUCD Conference on the Successful Parenting DC
- Bernadette Irwin, Susan Yuan, Ann Carrellas, Concurrent Session at 2016 AUCD Conference: Opportunities for UCEDDs to Build Supports for Parents with Disabilities.
- Catherine Wade: Dec 2016 – delivered training to professionals in two parent education programs in Victoria, Australia. The programs (Parenting Young Children and Healthy and Safe are evidence-informed programs developed in Australia and disseminated widely through the Healthy Start strategy.
- Catherine Wade: March 2016 – delivered Healthy & Safe professional training in Newcastle, Australia
- Catherine Wade: Nov 2017 – Professor Maurice Feldman will be a visiting scholar at the Parenting Research Centre in Melbourne, and also conduct a

number of professional development workshops across Australia in the months of November and December 2017.

- Catherine Wade: Throughout the year – maintained Healthy Start’s website and interactions with professionals across Australia addressing enquiries about parenting with intellectual disability.
- Catherine Wade: July 2017 - Invited to be a member of a Clinical Working Group for the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia, to provide information and advice in relation to a new project of the ‘Funds in Court’ division of the Supreme Court which is focused on developing and piloting an approach to supporting women with intellectual disability to maintain custody of their children. I attended my first meeting of this Clinical Working Group on the 30th of August 2017, and have progressed interactions with other members to begin the pilot project, which will be rolled out in 2018.
- Susan Jones:
 - Arc Arc National Convention/panel addressing Supports for Families
- Also with The Arc of the United States edited curriculum as requested by Family Services League (FSL) in Long Island, NY
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- ***A Guide for Family Services League Parenting Support Staff Supporting Parents with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities***
Edited by Leigh Ann Davis, The Arc of the United States & Sue Jones, The United Arc.
- TASP Policy Lunch on the Rights of Parents with Disabilities, facilitated by Aaron Bishop, Maggie Butler and Ben Vonachen, American Psychological Association, Sept.27, 2017.

Participation and collaboration on boards, commissions, or other systems work:

- Maurice Feldman and colleagues from Canada obtained a research grant related to parents with disabilities and the child welfare system in Canada.
- Susan Yuan, Ella Callow, Nicole Brisson and Kara Ayers participated in an invited White House Summit on the Rights of Parents with Disabilities.
- Susan Yuan, Nicole Brisson, and Kara Ayers served as members of the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) Parenting Task Force.
- Bernadette Irwin and Susan Yuan participated in the AUCD Family Support Special Interest Group, conferences 2016 & 2017.

- Nicole Brisson has been working with Sooner SUCCESS in Oklahoma to train additional assessors and has done assessments in NY, VT, MA, CT, and WA and has testified numerous times. Several of the families have filed complaints with the DOJ and appeals are being made to higher courts. She has expanded capacity to do assessments, training, and consultation specific to parents with disabilities by closing her counseling practice and hiring a business manager.

PROJECT WORK

Successful Parenting –DC Project, in collaboration with CFSA and DDA, Washington, DC, Aimee Griffen Associates, with the assistance of Mat McCullough, Office of Disability Rights, DC, the DC DD Council, and NCIL. Bernadette Irwin serves as Project Manager, supervising the work of Peer Navigators working with families served by both DDA and CFSA.

ORGANIZATIONAL RETREAT

Sept. 26-29, Washington, DC, facilitated by Aaron Bishop and Maggie Butler, APA.