

Keynote Profiles



Senator Becky Massey (R) Knoxville, B. S., Business Administration

As executive director of the Sertoma Center since 1993, Senator Massey manages a staff of over 200 people and balances an annual operational budget of over \$8 million. The center serves over 100 adults with intellectual disabilities by providing vocational training, part-time employment, mental health support, life skills and residential services. She also worked for the Dogwood Arts Festival as special events director and was the vice president of American Savings and Loans. As an adjunct professor at Walters State Community College, she taught a money and banking course. She has served on the board of directors of the Akima Club of Knoxville, Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee, Overlook Mental Health Center, Sertoma Center and the UT Alumnae-Knoxville Chapter.

Aaron Bishop, Commissioner of AIDD

AIDD provides financial and leadership support to organizations in every state and territory in the United States to ensure that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families can fully participate in and contribute to all aspects of community life. Aaron Bishop has served as the AIDD's Acting Commissioner since November 2013. For nearly 20 years, Mr. Bishop has worked with and for individuals with disabilities. He served as the Project Coordinator for the Waisman Center's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities where he managed projects that advanced the rights of individuals with disabilities.



Kelly Buckland, Executive Director of NCIL, is a person with a disability who has been actively involved in disability issues since 1979. Kelly started his career as an employee for Idaho's Protection and Advocacy system. He served for over twenty years as the Executive Director of the Boise CIL, Living Independence Network Corp. and the Idaho State Independent Living Council. In his service on the Idaho Developmental Disabilities Council, the State Employment and Training Council, and the State Help America Vote Act

Steering Committee, he has worked on issues affecting people with disabilities, including passage of the Personal Assistance Services Act and the Fathers and Mothers Independently Living with their Youth (FAMILY) Child Custody Laws. Kelly has testified before Congress several times on issues such as universal health care, Fair Housing and appropriations for centers for independent living. He has been closely involved with the direct-service and systemic change aspects of the Independent Living movement. Additionally, Kelly has a long history with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL). He has served on numerous NCIL Legislative and Advocacy Subcommittees and other standing NCIL committees, the NCIL Governing Board since 1998.