

DR. AL CONDELUCI

Al Condeluci has been an advocate and catalyst for building community capacities and understanding culture since 1970. Born and raised in the steel town of Pittsburgh, PA, still making his home there, Al received his Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Youngstown State University, his Masters in Social Work and Ph.D. in Education from the University of Pittsburgh. Since 1973, he has worked as an attendant, caseworker, advocate, planner, program director and now, CEO of his organization, UCP/CLASS of Pittsburgh. UCP/CLASS has created a family of corporations and is dedicated to its mission - "working towards a community where each belongs." UCP/CLASS, under Al's leadership, has grown to become the 3rd largest disability specific agency in Southwestern PA with a budget of \$28 million and a staff and payroll complement of 675. UCP/CLASS was listed in the 50 "Best Places to Work" in Allegheny County, PA in 2007.

Along with his work at UCP/CLASS, Al is associated with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work and School of Health and Rehabilitation Science and Robert Morris University Graduate School of Business. In these academic roles Al teaches, supervises students, and serves as advisor and consultant.

Since 1975 Al has emerged as a national leader and consultant on human services and community issues. He speaks annually to national and international audiences reaching some 15,000 people each year. His books, INTERDEPENDENCE (1991,1995,CRC Press), BEYOND DIFFERENCE (1996, CRC Press), CULTURAL SHIFTING (2002, TRN Press) ADVOCACY FOR CHANGE: A MANUAL FOR ACTION (2004, ANCOR Foundation Press) THE ESSENCE OF INTERDEPENDENCE (2008, Lash Publishing) and TOGETHER IS BETTER (2008, Lash Publishing) have won praises and awards for their thoughtful approach to culture and community and are now used at many colleges, universities and in-service settings. His books are now available through Lash Publishing website www.lapublishing.com (919-562-0015) or at www.ucppittsburgh.org.

Along with his professional activities, Al is involved in a variety of civic volunteer roles. He is on the board of the Southwest PA Partnership for Aging, The Advisory Committee of Hattie Larlham Service System and the immediate past chairman of the PA Statewide TBI Advisory Board.

Al has lived his entire life on the family homestead of "Condeluci Hill." Settled in 1917 by his grandfather, Antonio and honed by his father, mother, uncles and aunts, "Condeluci Hill" is currently home to 15 families and was featured in LIFE MAGAZINE (Aug, 1996). Al still lives on the "hill" with his wife Liz, children Dante, Gianna and Santino and some 45 other members of the Condeluci family. You can reach him at:

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