



"Creating the Good Life for People with Disabilities: Values, Vision and Action"

Friday, June 10, 2011

Valued Social Roles and Social Capital – The concept of valued social roles and the importance of social capital will be explored to set the stage for the event – Creating the Good Life!

Creativity – All people have a natural penchant for creativity. Unfortunately, the demands of life and routines that we fall into can stunt us into mediocrity. This interactive session looks at the stages of creativity and offers strategies for building our creative abilities.

Communications: The Problem and the Answer – Regardless of where we find ourselves in the scheme of things one thing is certain; we will be more successful (or unsuccessful) based on how well we communicate with others around us. This interactive presentation will explore the basics of communications and then offer ways we can communicate more effectively.

People First Language – The power of language is ever so important in helping to develop relationships for people. The use of people first language will be explored in this session.

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Empowerment and Self Determination – People with disabilities need to be encouraged and supported to take control of their lives so they can have the Good Life.

Advocacy and Change – Pulled from Al Condoluci's recent book "Advocacy for Change" this presentation explores the aspects of advocacy. For self-advocates, people advocating for another or professional advocates the key aspects of power, change, and strategies are explored.

Keeping the Passion Alive – How do you continue to move forward to help create the "Good Life" when so many obstacles are placed in the way? This closing session will provide strategies and advice on making change and keeping your fire burning.