

*Supported Life Institute  
and  
SCDD - Sacramento Office  
present our:*

29th Annual Conference

## SUPPORTED LIFE 2015



### “Ready or Not ~ Change is Coming”

*Empowering All People  
with Developmental Disabilities  
to be Fully Included in the Community*

**Oct. 8 – 9, 2015**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Sacramento Northeast  
Sacramento, CA**

“The Place to Train Your Staff  
~ in an Inclusive Environment”

## Supported Life 2015

“Ready or Not ~ Change is Coming”

### Keynote Speakers

#### Mindy Oppenheim

This pioneer in Job Development, Transition, Supported Employment, & Microenterprises & current Director of the Vocational Rehab Program at UC San Francisco, brings humor, knowledge of Learning Styles, & a down-to-earth approach to training Job Development Professionals to creatively & effectively support people w/ a wide variety of disabilities.

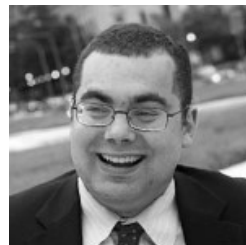


#### Dmitri Belser

As Berkeley-based Executive Director of the Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT) & President of the Ed Roberts Campus ~ a national / international model hub dedicated to disability rights & universal access ~ Dmitri talks about Accessible & Universal Design and Communication / AAC including an iPad Loan Program & other innovations at Ed Roberts Campus & CforAT.

#### Ari Ne’eman

of Silver Springs, Maryland served as a President Obama appointee to National Council on Disability from 2010-15. He co-founded “MySupport” & is President of Autistic Self Advocacy Network. He serves on US Dept. of Labor’s Advisory Committee on Increasing Integrated Competitive Employment, on a national Workgroup on Home & Community Based Services Quality Measures, & on the Board of the international TASH organization.



#### Diana Pastora Carson

This San Diego-based Educator, Family Member, Author (including a children’s book - about Ed Roberts!) offers sessions on Instructional Strategies for Inclusion and her experience developing Ability Awareness programs for Schools. Her Keynote focuses on her brother Joaquin and family’s journey through segregated Institutions and on to Supported Living and Community Inclusion.

## Conference Partners

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### Early Co-Sponsors (Initial List)

Avenues Supported Living Services  
**Becoming Independent**  
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### Early Exhibitors (Initial List)

**Search Beyond Adventures**  
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### Conference Planning Team

CDCAN (CA Disability Community Action Netwk)  
CES (Community & Employment Services)  
Connections For Life  
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Disability Rights California  
FRCNCA (Fam Resc Ctrs Netwk of CA)  
NorthStar Services  
PACE Solano  
Sacramento City Unified School District  
Sacramento County Office of Education  
SCDD - Sacramento Office  
South Area People First  
The Arc of California

## Conference Registration Register Online OR Use This Form

Complete form & mail w/ payment to Supported Life Institute. Copy & send separate reg. form for each applicant. (PRINT CLEARLY: - -)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation/Agency

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code and Daytime Telephone Number

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
Email

7. Are you a:  Professional  Person with a Disability  
 Family Member  Other \_\_\_\_\_

8. Will you attend:  Both Days  Thurs Only  Friday Only

9. Registration fees enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Accommodations requested:  
 Medically-recommended diet  Vegetarian lunch preferred  
 Sign language  Alternative format (Braille, large print, pdf)  
*Please Specify Request (note: all requests for accommodations must be received at the Supported Life Institute by September 17, 2015):*

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11. Please circle your preliminary choices of which concurrent sessions you are interested in attending (one choice per session time). You are still free to attend any session you wish at the conference.

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12. Mail this form, plus check or money order payable to:  
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916-567-1974 info@supportedlife.org

## Registration Information

Thanks to the generous support of the Supported Life 2015 co-sponsors, we are pleased to offer a significantly reduced registration fee for people with disabilities and family members who wish to attend the conference.

We do ask people with disabilities & their family members who work in the disabilities field to request that their agency pay the Regular registration fee, to maximize our cosponsors' generosity.

Conference registration includes:		EARLY Registration	LATE Registration
- Lunch Thursday & Friday - Thurs. Evening Reception		<b>By Sept 10th</b>	<b>On-Site or After Sept 10th</b>
Conference Regular Fee Professionals	2 days	<b>\$275</b>	<b>\$295</b>
	1 day only	<b>\$220</b>	<b>\$250</b>
Conference Reduced Fee People w/ Dev. Disabilities & Family members	2 days	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$235</b>
	1 day only	<b>\$155</b>	<b>\$175</b>



**Want to Use Your  
Credit Card?**

**Register Online:  
www.supportedlife.org**

### Refund Policy

- Cancellations must be in writing & received by 9/10 /15.
- All cancellations will be subject to a 50% administrative fee.
- Cancellations after 9/10/15 (Including “No Shows”) Cannot be refunded
- With advance notice, substitutions are welcome.

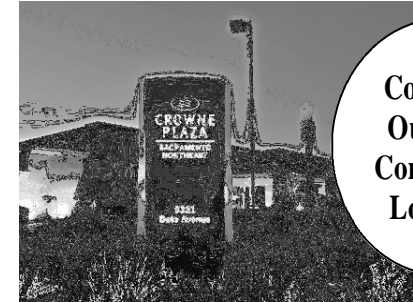
### Regional Center Vendor Codes

**P63905 = Supported Life Institute  
CONFERENCE Registration Fee (svc code 102)**

**ZA4775 = Crowne Plaza HOTEL Lodging (svc code 022)**

## Hotel Accommodations

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
5321 Date Ave.  
Sacramento, CA 95841  
**(916) 338-5800**



**Come See  
Our New  
Conference  
Location**

A special rate of **\$112 per night + tax** is available for **Supported Life Conference attendees**. Hotel rate includes hot breakfast buffet for up to 4 occupants.

- **Reservations:** call Crowne Plaza Hotel directly **916-338-5800** & refer to “Supported Life Conference.”
- To ensure receipt of this special rate, make reservations before **Sept. 24, 2015**.
- There is plenty of Free Parking at the hotel.
- **Super Shuttle** provides Airport shuttle service to the hotel. Call them for fees (800) 258-3826.



**Supported Life Conference:**  
*Professionals, Families, and Self-advocates  
coming Together to  
Learn about Supports for people to be  
Fully Included in the community...*



Communication / AAC



Employment



Family Supports / Transition



Health & Wellness



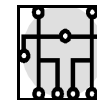
Living / Community



Personal Power & Rights



Politics & Legislation



Relationships



Schools

## Thursday

# October 8, 2015

**NOTE: Exhibit Hall Thurs Only (all day!)**

**10:40 – 11:50 Concurrent Sessions 1A - 1F**



**1A Life Stories from the Foothills!**  
*Beverley Legault, Self-Advocate, Murphys*



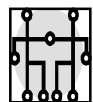
**1B Internet Safety and the Legal Repercussions of Online Activity.**  
*Mariam El-Menshawi, McGeorge School of Law - Victims of Crime Resource Center, Sacramento*



**1C Using Special Needs Trusts as an Advocacy Tool.** *Stephen Dale, The Dale Law Firm, Pacheco*



**1D Learn how to LEAD YOUR IPP Meeting.** *Chen Curtiss, United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay, Fairfield*



**1E Healthy Relationships.** *Clay Hoffman, Safe Life Coalition, Sacramento*



**1F Core Vocabulary with Augmentative & Alternative Communication.** *Belva Holman, Saltillo, Millersburg, Ohio*

**8:00 – 9:30 Registration**

**8:45 – 9:30 Exhibit Hall Preview & Exhibit Hall Spotlight 1:55 - 2:40**

**9:30 – 10:25 Welcome / Keynote Address**

**Mindy Oppenheim**  
*Some Things Change,  
Some Things Stay the Same*

**2:40 – 3:50 Concurrent Sessions 2A - 2F**



**2A Learning Styles Approach to Training, Job Coaching, & Behavior Change.** *Mindy Oppenheim, the SEED, San Francisco*



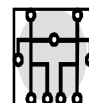
**2B Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault - Victims' Rights & Awareness.** *Mariam El-Menshawi, McGeorge School of Law - Victims of Crime Resource Center, Sacramento*



**2C The ABLE Act: One of Many Tools.** *Stephen Dale, The Dale Law Firm, Pacheco*



**2D The Power of Your Vote is Yours!** *Tho Vinh Banh, Disability Rights California, Sacramento*



**2E “Meet and Greet”: Social, Conversational, & Decision Skills Training.** *Clay Hoffman, Safe Life Coalition, Sacramento*



**2F Innovative Programs at the Center for Accessible Technology.** *Dmitri Belser, CforAT, Berkeley*

**12:05 – 1:55 Luncheon / Keynote Address**

**Dmitri Belser** *The Ed Roberts Campus: Building Independence from the Ground Up*

**5:45 – 7:30 Reception & Information Faire**  
*Light Refreshments Additional Info Tables, DJ/Music, Raffle Drawings...*

**4:00 – 5:00 Concurrent Sessions 3A - 3F**



**3A 6-Step Approach to Development (& Marketing) Success.** *Mindy Oppenheim, the SEED, San Francisco*



**3B Stay Healthy & Stress Less! ~ with the DDS SafetyNet.** *Clariss Chang, DDS SafetyNet, San Francisco*



**3C Supporting Creative Transitions Despite Tough Times.** *Mary Ellen Sousa-Hiner, Creative Support Alternatives, San Andreas*



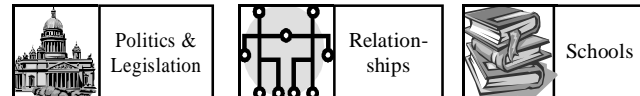
**3D SB 468: Self-Determination - Overview and Discussion.** *Gabriel Rogin, Bay Area Office, State Council on Dev Disabilities, Oakland*



**3E Parenting with Supports - Supporting People with Disabilities Who Are Parents.** *Holly Pagel, Connections For Life, Vacaville*



**3F Using Technology to stay Healthy and Live Independently.** *Jesse Compo, Sacramento*



# Friday October 9, 2015

## 10:05 – 11:15 Concurrent Sessions 4A - 4F



**4A SSDI/SSI Work Incentive.**  
*Mayra Fernandez, Crossroads Diversified Services, Inc., Sacramento*



**4B Diabetes.** *Margaret Shipp, Public Health Nurse (retired), Oroville*



**4C Conservatorships & Supported Decision-Making: The Ins & Outs.**  
*Linda Demer, UCLA Professor, Los Angeles*



**4D Future Housing Planning and Implementing Change in Current Housing.** *Patti Uplinger, Lanterman Housing Alliance, Sacramento*



**4E Promoting Reading Comprehension in Non-Verbal Students with Autism.** *Melissa Spence, Los Angeles Unified School District, Reseda*



**4F Utilizing Your Community to Achieve Your Personal Goals.**  
*Nathan Streeter, Davis*

## 1:35 – 2:45 Concurrent Sessions 5A - 5F



**5A Powerful Partnership: Collaborate with Dept. of Rehab.**  
*Theresa Woo, District Admin. SF District, DOR, San Francisco*



**5B We want to be safe - STOP abuse now! (1 of 2).** *Mark Starford, Board Resource Center, Sacramento*



**5C “MySupport”: Making Self-Determination and Choice Possible for All.** *Ari Ne'eman, MySupport, Silver Springs, Maryland*



**5D Emergency Preparedness - What to Know!** *Sonya Bingaman, SCDD - Sac. Office, Sacramento*



**5E Inclusive Instructional Strategies & Accommodations.**  
*Diana Pastora Carson, Ability Awareness in Action, Jamul*



**5F Using iPads in Conversational Skills Training for Persons with Autism.** *RJ Cooper, RJ Cooper & Associates Inc., Lake Forest*

## 11:30 – 1:20 Luncheon / Keynote Address

**Diana Pastora Carson**

*Journey to Inclusion:*

*A Walk with Joaquin*

**4:00 Conference Concludes**

## 2:55 – 4:00 Concurrent Sessions 6A - 6E



**6A Customized Employment for All.**  
*Carole Watilo, Progressive Employment Concepts, Citrus Heights*



**6B We want to be safe - STOP abuse now! (2 of 2).** *Mark Starford, Board Resource Center, Sacramento*



**6C Supported-Decision Making: A New Strategy to Keep People Out of Conservatorship.** *Ari Ne'eman, ASAN, Silver Springs, Maryland*



**6D Strategies for Facilitating Ability Awareness in Schools.**  
*Diana Pastora Carson, Ability Awareness in Action, Jamul*



**6E Beware the iPad (but Love it at the Same Time!).** *RJ Cooper, RJ Cooper & Associates Inc., Lake Forest*

For Full Description of Sessions,  
please see our website  
[www.supportedlife.org](http://www.supportedlife.org)