

# PARF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## 2010 and Beyond: Changing Rhythms of Rehabilitation



**Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA  
September 20 - 23, 2010**

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES

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## **PARF Annual Conference Invitation**

**Monday, September 20, through  
Thursday, September 23, 2010**

Dear Friend:

The Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (PARF) invites you to attend the 2010 PARF Annual Conference.

This year the PARF Annual Conference to be held at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, PA begins on Monday, September 20 and ends on Thursday, September 23.

This year's theme is *2010 and Beyond: Changing Rhythms of Rehabilitation*.

The PARF 2010 Annual Conference highlights major challenges for individuals with disabilities, their families, professionals, organization leaders, and communities focused on disability and rehabilitation. New perspectives on disability and rehabilitation services, information and tools required to address problems, and innovations and practical solutions will be featured. Three plenary sessions, an annual meeting, an awards luncheon and more than forty conference sessions are scheduled.

Directions to the Nittany Lion Inn are available at [www.parf.org](http://www.parf.org) or by calling the PARF office at (717) 657-7608. Information on hotel reservations and discounted rates is also available through PARF.

Please contact the Nittany Lion Inn to make room arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,



Gene Bianco  
President and CEO

# KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

**Tuesday 8:00 - 9:15**

**Creative Necessity**

**Bill Shannon**



Bill Shannon is an interdisciplinary performing/creative artist (dancer, illustrator, actor, sculptor, multimedia artist, and skateboarder) whose work challenges views of art, performance and disability.

Over the past two decades his installations, performances, choreography and video work have been presented nationally and internationally at numerous venues, festivals and events. Bill also completed a project with Cirque du Soleil where he choreographed an aerial duet and a solo on crutches for their 2002 production "Varekai", which continues to tour into 2010.

Born in Nashville, Tennessee in 1970, Bill was diagnosed with Perthes disease at a young age. In 1992 he attended the Art Institute of Chicago, earning a BFA in 1995. In 1996 he moved to NYC and immersed himself in the art, dance and skate cultures of Brooklyn and Manhattan while expanding his performance work to multimedia video installations, group choreography and the theater arts. In 2005 Bill moved back to his childhood home of Pittsburgh, PA with his wife Leah to participate in his extended families urban farming project, Mildreds Daughters Urban Farm while raising their two children Arto and Rio.

As of 2010, Bill performs publicly on a project by project basis while also working on a book project and new media projects. He continues the evolution of his technique of dance on crutches via spontaneous street skating sessions through the city to local spots with smooth top surfaces.

**Wednesday 8:00 - 9:15**

**Dis-Ease: A Coming Out**

**Davy Sturtevant**



Davy Sturtevant has been praised by critics, musicians, mental health professionals and consumers alike for his work as a folk musician. Davy sings and accompanies himself on acoustic, electric, and resophonic guitars, banjo, mandolin and fiddle. His songs have been recorded and performed by other nationally touring folk musicians including Joe Stead, Dan Duggan, John Kirk, Neal and Leandra, and Sue Trainor.

For over a decade, the work of the duo Armor and Sturtevant involved composing and performing and to writing songs inspired and influenced by various folk traditions, classical music, bluegrass, rock 'n roll, and jazz. Their CDs on the Tatema Music label garnered air play on folk radio programs nationwide and internationally. A 2001 sabbatical in East Africa enabled the duo to collect recordings of choirs and traditional drumming ensembles. The highlights of those recordings have been released as a CD called Roho: Songs of the Spirit from East Africa.

In 2009 Davy collaborated with modern dance company SoMar DanceWorks to create and perform "Dis-Ease: A Coming Out", a music and dance show that outlines his personal experiences with Bipolar Disorder and its treatment. In 2010 Davy released a CD by the same name. It has been praised by mental health professionals, consumers, and musicians alike.

**Thursday 8:00 - 9:15**

**Multicultural Perspectives  
on the Rehabilitation Process**

**Annie Harris**



Annie Harris is a dynamic speaker who will challenge your stereotypes while making you laugh at yourself at the same time. She is disarming and uses a story-telling style as she brings to consciousness the many ways we limit others, as well as ourselves. She completed her Bachelor's degree from PSU with distinction and maintained a GPA of 4.0 during graduate school.

Upon completing her Master's Degree in Counselor Education, Annie worked with a wide variety of people with disabilities in various cultures. Her volunteer work includes three mission trips to Haiti with the Penn State Catholic Community and a month in Zimbabwe where she advised those interested in starting the first school for children with disabilities.

Audiences find her sense of humor relaxing as she invites you to look at yourself and your work from the world view Annie has grown to embrace.

TUESDAY 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

## **1. Medical Rehabilitation and Reform: Legislative and Regulatory Update**

**Carolyn Zollar**

**American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association**

This session reviews current developments related to implementing the healthcare reform proposals affecting rehabilitation providers, FY 2011 IRF-PPS notices, the bundling of acute and post acute care services, the Medicare 75% Rule study, post acute care payment reform demonstration and other research, and therapy caps as well as the current state-of-the-art medical necessity reviews.

## **2. Strategies for Purchasing Health Insurance in 2011 and Beyond**

**Terrence Bowling, Claudia Burchstead and Brad Kopcha  
The Benecon Group Inc.**

This session examines some of the challenges facing employers in the purchase of health insurance for their employees. This session discusses the impact of healthcare reform and provides strategies to position organizations for success. This session provides an overview of a proven purchasing model that offers flexibility, mitigates risk and provides long term price stability.

## **3. The Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG)**

**Lisa Meyer and Judy Dotzman**

**PA Office of Developmental Programs Consulting System**

This session provides an overview of the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and how the MIG funding which is intended to facilitate the competitive employment of people with disabilities. This session describes comprehensive coordinated approaches across programs to remove barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities, including innovative professional development efforts.

## **4. Meeting the Management Needs of the Present and Future: A CRP Simulation**

**Shawn Cunningham, Suburban Adult Services Inc.**

**Ronald House, RB House & Associates Inc.**

**Robert Mather, Akron SCORE**

This session describes and demonstrates through group exercises the *Community Rehabilitation Program: A Leadership and Rehabilitation Management Simulation*. The simulation focuses on managing an \$8 million not-for-profit community rehabilitation program and uses a variety of means to present the learning exercises, such as the internet, small groups and DVD role plays. Participants make management decisions that impact on the operation's plans, budgeting, staffing, program services, organizational performance and customer satisfaction.

## **5. Community Services Partners - An Old Way is New Again**

**Paul Andrew, CARF International**

Not a day goes by without a report in the local newspaper of another community service organization closing programs due to a lack of funding. *U.S.A. Today* reports that over half of all non-profits will close their doors in the next decade. A service may be gone – but the need will only intensify. Organizations must find new ways to manage their business and still meet the growing needs. This session provides insights into old ways of doing business that are now being refined in a new era of technology and communications.

TUESDAY 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

## **6. Bundling and the Impact of Healthcare Reform on Health Care Providers**

**John Melvin, Jefferson Medical College**

This session focuses on the proposals for the bundling of health care providers that emerged during the healthcare reform debate and those proposals rehabilitation advocates currently are developing for implementation. This session also considers major issues of bundling that have an impact upon physicians.

## **7. Maximize Efficiency by Leveraging Technology**

**Mark Rieder, ethos Benefit Partners**

Are your agency's benefits human resources administration processes as efficient as they can be? Does your agency spend time on non-value added activities? This session explores how adopting and implementing automated human resources administration technology can make you and your staff more productive.

## **8. Building Quality Management Strategy: Expectations and Roles**

**Dolores Frantz, PA Office of Developmental Programs**

The PA Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) continues to apply ODP's guiding Quality Management (QM) Strategy including mission, vision, values, and quality framework to each of its programs. This session provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding ODP's QM Strategy: What definition is ODP using for quality? What distinguishes CMS Quality Framework from CMS Quality Assurances? Which is ODP using? How is ODP measuring quality? What are the expectations and roles of stakeholders, including providers, in supporting ODP's QM Strategy?

## **9. The CRP Simulation: The Decision Driven Organization - A Management Exercise**

**Shawn Cunningham, Suburban Adult Services Inc.**

**Ronald House, RB House & Associates Inc.**

**Robert Mather, Akron SCORE**

Strategic thinking and strategic management are key features of the CRP Management Simulation. This session builds on the previous session and focuses on a pre-exercise in the CRP management simulation. Decision-making in organizations is a continuing process of identifying problems and opportunities and then choosing among alternative courses of action. Managers make many decisions in risky and uncertain environments where situations are ambiguous and the available information is limited. This session focuses on problem-solving incidents, to illustrate the concept of the decision-driven organization.

## **10. Developing and Growing Services for Workers with Disabilities: The New Jersey Experience**

**Nils Richardson and Floyd Nesse, ACCSES New Jersey**

Vocational programs are working to establish new products and services to provide opportunities for employment of workers with disabilities. This session looks to the experience of programs in New Jersey that have developed services in conjunction with ACCSES New Jersey/CNA Services. The services that are fastest growing (document imaging and janitorial services), recently expanded (temporary employment services) and newly developed (call centers) will be presented.

# CONCURRENT SESSIONS

TUESDAY 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

## **11. The Future of Quality and Outcomes Measurement for Medical Rehabilitation**

**Bruce Gans, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation**

This session focuses on research currently being conducted by Medicare and its contractors on a theoretical framework for the measurement of quality and outcomes and describes the current status of the work of the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMRPA) in proposing outcome and quality measures for inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and units (IRH/Us) and for the future Continuing Care Hospitals. Explanation will be provided of the likely approaches and measurements that will be required by payers, especially Medicare, to describe, assess and influence payment for inpatient rehabilitation services.

## **12. What to Do When the Government Comes Knocking**

**Renee Martin, Tsoules, Sweeney, Martin and Orr, LLC**

No organization wants to believe it could ever have done anything to warrant a government investigation. Yet the reality is that any organization or provider can find itself faced with an investigation or whistleblower suit. This session provides helpful strategies for management of the investigation process and provides practical information on how properly to respond to such an investigation. Knowing how to respond and having a pre-existing plan helps assure that your organization's response is appropriate and minimizes the organization's exposure.

## **13. New Rules for ODP Services - Managing Fiscal and Operational Processes - Part One**

**Joe Church, Patty McCool, Jeanne Parisi and Angela Fortney  
PA Office of Developmental Programs**

This first of a two-part session provides updates from PA Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) bureau directors related to fiscal and operational processes. Participants have the opportunity to ask questions to obtain more clarification of the various new ODP processes.

## **14. Financial Statement Analysis for Executives**

**Lisa Ritter, Maher Duessel**

This session demonstrates the value of the analysis of financial statements to service organizations and reviews key financial statement ratios used by banks in decision making for loans and in debt covenants. Strategies for improving ratios as well as loan collateral issues will be discussed.

## **15. Resources for Employment Reform**

**Corey Smith, VIA of the Lehigh Valley - Moderator**

Technical assistance and training resources are being made available in Pennsylvania for developing community employment options for people with developmental disabilities. This session reviews the activity of the Employment Reform Resource Project and its work with several employment services groups in PA. This session discusses the challenges for providers of employment services in developing creative wage and self-employment options, obtaining alternative funding sources, and applying customized employment techniques to support more individuals who require personal assistance in the work place.

TUESDAY 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

## **16. Health Care Reforms and Rehabilitation: A Roundtable and Recap**

**Carolyn Zollar, Bruce Gans and John Melvin**

This session offers a roundtable discussion with national leaders in rehabilitation and post acute care on current policy proposals, reform requirements and practical responses from the rehabilitation field. The panel will discuss with session participants the options available for professionals and organizations in a reformed healthcare system.

## **17. Preparing Your Work Force**

**Thomas Weber, Goldberg Katzman, PC**

This session focuses on maintaining consistent compliance with HIPAA privacy and security requirements as well as other regulatory provisions governing the industry. Attendees will better understand their obligations within the field as well as learn important training techniques for their work force. Identification of specific licensure requirements and an overview of the administrative disciplinary process will be covered. General employment principles and a mechanism to enhance risk avoidance associated with the work staff will be reviewed.

## **18. New Rules for ODP Services - Managing Fiscal and Operational Processes - Part Two**

**Joe Church, Patty McCool, Jeanne Parisi and Angela Fortney  
PA Office of Developmental Programs**

This second of a two-part session provides further discussion and updates from PA Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Bureau Directors related to fiscal and operational processes. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions to gain more clarification of the various new ODP processes.

## **19. Needs of Returning Combatants**

**Douglas Etter**

**PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

This session begins with a general overview of what life in a war zone is like and then moves into an examination of what it is like to return to the US as combat veterans and the difficulties associated with reintegration. This session also examines the more specific issues and needs of wounded warriors as they attempt to re-enter and reintegrate into society even as they struggle with new physical, psychological and emotional challenges.

## **20. Creating a Community of Services for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

**Paul Andrew, CARF International**

Throughout the world, autism spectrum disorder is being diagnosed in millions of children and youth. There is much controversy as to the causes and proactive treatments needed to serve this population and their families. Regardless of the confusion and misunderstanding, a responsive and thoughtful community needs to be built. This session illustrates the standards that can be used as blueprints for establishing and continuously improving community based services. Successful blueprints used for developing and managing employment services will be addressed. Among them will be employment transition, supported education and community employment services and supports.

# CONCURRENT SESSIONS

## WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

### **21. Managing Vendor Physician Conflicts of Interests**

**John Washlick, Cozen O'Connor**

Physician-vendor relationships are coming under greater and more intense scrutiny. Control over provider/vendor relationships increases as concern over potential conflicts of interest and undue influence grows. This session focuses on ethical considerations, current trends, regulatory scrutiny and compliance planning in managing vendor physician conflicts of interests.

### **22. Performance Appraisals - Yes, They Do Matter**

**Michael Cohen, Duane Morris, LLP**

Now more than ever, letting your employees know how they are performing is one of the most important aspects of any manager's job. Whether the employee is doing a great job or needs significant improvement, it is critical that managers know how to document appropriately the employee's performance and realize the importance of carefully drafting the appraisal. This session explains why appraisals are important; describe the drafting process and identify common mistakes made in the drafting process. This session also identifies the legal risks associated with a manager's rushed or poorly worded appraisal.

### **23. Update on Psychiatric Rehabilitation in Pennsylvania**

**Rebecca Clark, Stairways Behavioral Health**

**Dan Sylvester and Barbara Granger, Pennsylvania Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (PAPSR)**

Currently there is increased interest in the expansion of psychiatric rehabilitation (PR) services in Pennsylvania including PR services to be in-plan and the revision of PR regulations. This session focuses on key issues: (1) overview of PR services as different from other mental health services, (2) PA State regulations that define licensure for PR services and (3) approaches to funding PR services. In addition, this session presents key strategies to develop and maintain PR staff and connections across other mental health services within and between agencies/organizations.

### **24. New Markets/New Ventures after Healthcare Reform**

**David Feinberg and Jeffrey Bechtel, Feinberg Shopp Associates**

Health care reform offers organizations new opportunities for developing health and human services. This session reviews specific prospects, identifies funding sources and discusses the approaches used by several organizations.

### **25. Creating Employment Environments**

**Joseph Pierangeli, United Rehabilitation Services, Inc.**

**Alice Sankey, Lark Enterprises, Inc.**

Employment opportunities for people with disabilities are most difficult in an area with a 9.5% -10% unemployment rate, a minimal industrial base and limited local businesses. Lark Enterprises is creating environments that provide opportunities for persons with disabilities to be gainfully employed. Two types of businesses being pursued through Medicaid Infrastructure Grants are: (1) a recycling business and (2) a customer call center. United Rehabilitation Services, Inc. is working with the gaming industry to increase employment opportunities in this field. This session will discuss the types of activities that were accomplished via utilization of MIG funds.

## WEDNESDAY 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

### **26. RACs and Rehab - What You Need to Know**

**Suzanne Snyder, Carolinas Rehabilitation**

This session provides an overview of Medicare recovery audit contractors (RACs), discusses how to respond to a RAC request, and explains how to most effectively appeal a RAC denial. This session draws on real life examples and experience of RAC activity at Carolinas Rehabilitation and the Carolinas Healthcare System.

### **27. Drafting Employee Handbooks – An Overview**

**Michael Cohen, Duane Morris, LLP**

Employee handbook! Don't have one? Get One! Have one? Time to update! Your organization's Employee Handbook provides a vehicle through which to provide your employees a roadmap for success as well as to convey to them the critical messages of your organization. With the constant changes in the law, your Employee Handbook will ensure compliance that the law requires. This session focuses on the subject matter that must be included in your handbook as well as those provisions that the prudent and forward looking employer should incorporate.

### **28. The Making of "Dis-Ease: a Coming Out"**

**Davy Sturtevant**

Surviving a serious mental illness, creating an artistic work based on recovery from it, revealing one's personal challenges with mental health are not the life/career choices a high school guidance counselor promotes. Join Davy in an examination of the creative process that led to the making of *Dis-Ease: A Coming Out*.

### **29. From the Grassroots to the Capitol**

**Scott Johnson, S.R. Wojdak and Associates**

The political landscape changes in 2011 as Pennsylvania elects a new governor and decides on the makeup of the state legislature. This session considers the current budget problems, policy concerns affecting health and human services and the choices to be made. This session will discuss constraints on legislators and the practical courses of action for advocates.

### **30. New Directions in Developmental Programs**

**Kevin Casey, PA Office of Developmental Programs**

This session offers an inside view of the Commonwealth's response to constraints in the state budget, waiver requirements as implemented by the federal government, changing needs of people with developmental disabilities and new approaches in administering person-centered services.

## WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

### **31. Collaborating with Your Medical Director**

**Dexanne Clohan, HealthSouth Corporation**

Presented by the medical director of a national medical rehabilitation services provider, this session offers information helpful to administrators of medical rehabilitation facilities on ways to work with their medical directors. This session focuses on developing and maintaining the collaboration required to meet regulatory standards related to documentation and delivery of care.

# CONCURRENT SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

**32. Staff Education: Approaches and Effects - Part One**  
**Jacqueline Epstein, PA Office of Developmental Programs**  
**Rita Kucsan, Horizon House and Lisa Meyer**  
**PA Office of Developmental Programs Consulting System**

This first of a two-part session offering an overview of efforts to train staff in providing services to people with disabilities. This session describes how the PA Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is managing internally and externally the delivery of training to all stakeholder audiences and how an association is seeking to assure a trained cadre of psychiatric rehabilitation (PR) personnel. Attendees will learn how ODP is using electronic surveys to gather information to determine the need for statewide trainings and how a state professional association is working on training and standards in PR.

**33. We Have an App for That! Effective Solutions for Workplace Disability Accommodation**  
**Mimi Ludwig and John Grecner**  
**Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network**

This session presents an overview of the many workplace solutions, simple to complex, that allow people with disabilities to engage in active employment, sometimes for the first time ever. Some useful resources will be identified and current state-of-the-art workplace technology will be shown in hands-on demonstrations. During this session expect some “gee-wiz” and “what will be” as some of the major forces and trends driving technology are reviewed and take a sneak peak at some of the just-around-the-corner technologies that will soon help facilitate employment of people with disabilities.

**34. Promising Practices in Serving Diverse Communities**  
**Nicholas Montalto, Diversity Dynamics, LLC**

This session presents preliminary findings from a study, funded by the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council, looking at the capacity of the disability sector in Pennsylvania to deliver services in a culturally competent manner, with special attention to immigrant populations. This session profiles a selection of promising practices in cultural competence, both in Pennsylvania and in other states, and will outline key principles illustrated by those practices. *(Please note that this session is repeated as #39 on Wednesday at 3:30-4:45 PM)*

**35. AmeriCorps National Service With Disabilities: Consider the Possibilities**  
**Joseph Benish, PennSERVE: The PA Governor's Office of Citizen Service**

People with disabilities volunteer for the same reasons others do: to give back to their communities, to improve their surroundings and to be active and engaged in life. AmeriCorps, “the domestic Peace Corps”, actively encourages people with disabilities to serve. This session explains AmeriCorps programs, how people with disabilities can serve and the availability of reasonable accommodations.

WEDNESDAY 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

**36. Corporate Compliance in the Wake of Healthcare Reform**  
**John Washlick, Cozen O'Connor**

There is considerable pressure on organizations providing health and human services to voluntarily adopt good governance practices. This session reports on stepped up enforcement, offers an update on Stark rules, addresses disclosure requirements and offers some planning considerations on corporate compliance activity.

**37. Staff Education: Approaches and Effects - Part Two**  
**Jacqueline Epstein, PA Office of Developmental Programs**  
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This second of a two-part session continues to review efforts to train staff in providing services to people with disabilities. This session describes how the PA Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is managing the delivery of training to all stakeholder audiences and how an association is seeking to assure a trained cadre of psychiatric rehabilitation (PR) personnel.

**38. Innovative Strategies Promoting Access to and Engagement in the Arts for Persons with Disabilities**  
**Ermyn King, ArtStream Inc. and USA Pennsylvania**

Integrating innovative arts strategies into rehabilitation profoundly strengthens cultural values of access and inclusion as well as capacity to effectively serve target populations with temporary or long-term disabilities. This session showcases the best practices in rehabilitative arts strategies based on universal design across multiple arts modalities.

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**40. An Integrated Approach to Maintaining Independence in the Home**  
**Mimi Ludwig and John Grecner**  
**Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network**

This session presents details on the components of a pilot coordination of care model that brings technology and services together in a package that helps people to remain safe, independent and self-sufficient in their own homes. The state-of-the-art in-home based technologies will be presented, along with leading edge developments that show the greatest promise to fostering independence.

# CONCURRENT SESSIONS

## THURSDAY 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

### **41. Keeping up with the Rules for Inpatient Rehabilitation**

**Erin Duffey-Dupree**

#### **Uniform Data Systems for Medical Rehabilitation**

New rules, annual updates, transmittals, clarifications, and pricier changes as well as other new regulations and guidance are re-establishing the rules that inpatient rehabilitation programs (hospitals and units) must live by. This three-part six hour session provides attendees with in-depth exposure to regulations and policies surrounding the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS). This highly interactive seminar includes a review of IRF PPS regulations and an overview of Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) coding and rating guidelines. Best practices and operational issues, successful IRF PPS and interdepartmental education will be discussed.

## THURSDAY 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

### **42. A Practical Guide for Providers to Help Individuals with Disabilities to Access and Succeed in Post Secondary Education**

**Arlene Solomon and Roody McNair, Horizon House, Inc.**

The unemployment rates for people with disabilities range from 65% to 85% and those who are employed often find only low-wage entry-level positions. Labor forecasts for Pennsylvania project that nearly 60% of job openings over the next ten years will require post secondary education. Individuals with a disability can successfully complete college and certificate programs if they have the right supports in place. In addition to existing college Disabilities Offices, provider agencies can link potential students to post secondary schools as well as offer additional needed services. This extended session will focus on the type of supports currently available and discuss how best to create additional supports through provider agencies. This three-part session will address a best practices approach to supported education, discuss what's happening in Pennsylvania, and review a variety of tools, including *Planning for Post Secondary School: A Beginner's Guide for Individuals with a Disability*. Strategies for creating supported education services on a limited budget will be presented.

## THURSDAY 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

### **43. A Real Life: Social Relationships and Community Integration for Survivors of Brain Injury**

**Jack Poplar, Acadia - Moderator**

What is community integration? This session focuses on the responses of people with brain injuries, their families, and service providers to the question and identifies key indicators of community integration. The session provides recommendations for community programs and reviews the measures of community integration. Interventions for expansion of community integration are discussed.

### **44. Innovative Adult Programs and Regional Resources for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

**Erica Wexler, PA Bureau of Autism Services**

The PA Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Autism Services (BAS), recently released a final report outlining census data and projected numbers of individuals with autism throughout the Commonwealth. A regional needs assessment was also conducted, identifying statewide and regional challenges for consideration. BAS will share this data and discuss the implications of the information for those providing supports and services to this population. In response to the growing need of individuals with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) that will transition to the adult system, BAS has developed innovative adult programs and resources to support individuals with an ASD, their families and the professionals working with them. This session will give BAS the opportunity to share information and respond to questions about its key initiatives, including the Adult Autism Waiver, Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP) and Regional ASERT collaborations.

## THURSDAY 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

### **45. PA Medicaid Waivers for Survivors of Brain Injury**

**Virginia Brown, PA Office of Long Term Living**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved renewal of Pennsylvania's CommCare Waiver for individuals with a medically determined diagnosis of traumatic brain injury (TBI). The renewal will impact rate development and fiscal management of the program as well as services. The changes are likely to affect participants in the Pennsylvania program – those individuals with brain injury who are enrolled in the CommCare program as well as providers of brain injury services.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

**Commission of Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC)**

**Commission for Case Management Certification (CCMC)**

**PA Department of Public Welfare (DPW) Personal Care Home Administrators**

**Human Resources Certification Institute**

PARF has applied for continuing education credits for participants of the PARF 2010 Annual Conference who may be seeking continuing education credits as rehabilitation counselors, case managers, personal care home administrators or human resource directors. Conference registrants may receive updates on the status of the applications and approvals by viewing the PARF website at [www.parf.org](http://www.parf.org) or by contacting PARF by email at [parfeducation@parf.org](mailto:parfeducation@parf.org).