



2008 SUMMER INCLUSION INSTITUTE

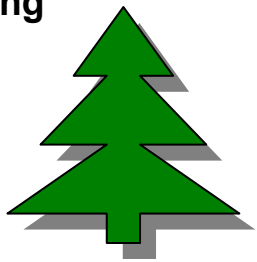
HOW DO WE MOVE INCLUSION FROM A GOOD IDEA TO EVERYDAY LIFE?

HOW DO WE BUILD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THAT REALLY WORK?

♥Person Centered Planning ♥Inclusion ♥Community Organizing

Hosts for this Learning Community:

**John O'Brien - Lynda Kahn - Jack Pearpoint
Les Parker - Jan Fitzgerald**



***SUNDAY AUGUST 3 —WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6, 2008
Minnowbrook Conference Center
Blue Mountain Lake, NY**

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Minnowbrook Conference Center is in the rural Adirondack region of NYS.

**Starting with dinner on Sun. August 3rd and ending with lunch on Wednesday, August 6th*

DEVELOP PRACTICAL SKILLS:

Building relationships
Identifying strengths
Creative facilitation skills – MAPS, PATHS, SOLUTION CIRCLES
Making connections

LEARN ABOUT:

Partnerships that work between local agencies and neighborhoods
Developing neighborhood leadership
How agencies can support individuals and groups to be more inclusive
MAPS, PATHS, Person and Community Centered Planning
Planning, planning, planning - parents do not last forever and...
there is no magic in this world that will create a good life

FACULTY:

Jack Pearpoint, Lynda Kahn and John O'Brien work with individuals, families, organizations and governments interested in positive change through facilitating conversations, planning sessions and offering training workshops.

John O'Brien with his partner Connie Lyle O'Brien, spend much of their working lives under the umbrella of Responsive Systems Associates on projects involving a network of people who cooperate in building local capacity to include people with substantial disabilities in all aspects of community life. Projects focus on:

- Facilitating planning for people and their families, agencies, service systems, and governments that improves ability to listen and respond to people with disabilities and their families.
- Assisting innovators to evaluate programs and policies that open new opportunities for community participation and choice.
- Helping people reflect on the meaning of providing personal assistance and the work of designing and leading agencies that reveal and support capacities and mutual contributions.
- Supporting people to communicate what they are learning from their lives and their work. Many of these activities happen through our association with the Center on Human Policy.

Work in several countries has expanded our experience and our network beyond the United States to include people in Australia, Bosnia, Canada, England, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, Spain, and Wales.

Jack Pearpoint is an independent Canadian Publisher and catalyst for Inclusion, Diversity, Teamwork and CHANGE! In addition to being a publisher, writer and workshop presenter, Jack does consulting work with organizations to assist them deal with Change. Jack leads and creates workshops, seminars, institutes that help people and organizations move fully into the 21st Century. He writes, publishes, and distributes jargon free books, newspapers, videos , CD's and posters on the topics of inclusion, diversity, teamwork and change. Jack is currently the President of Inclusion Press and Executive Director of the Marsha Forest Centre. He is well known as a creative administrator, author of From Behind the Piano, and producer/director of several educational videos. Jack's claim to fame is his use of colorful graphic facilitation. His poster Inclusion/Exclusion can be seen in offices all over the world. Jack was appointed as a visiting Professor at McGill University's faculty of leadership and administration and served for ten years on the Summer Institute on Integrated Education and Community at McGill.

Lynda Kahn served as the state of Rhode Island's Executive Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities from 1996 to 2005, and has worked on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities for over 24 years. Her experience has taken her from institution to community settings, involving values-based person-centered planning as a means to facilitate individual and organizational change. She is passionate about leadership, change and personal engagement to realize a more just world where everyone's voice and gifts are welcome. Lynda is also at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center, as faculty advisor to an initiative focused on disaster preparedness including citizens with developmental disabilities and creating an opportunity for positive social change.

Janice Fitzgerald's involvement in disabilities advocacy started 23 years ago when her son, John, was an infant. All of the things a young family takes for granted seemed to evaporate and fear of the future took hold. In addition to typical parenting skills, Jan recognized the need to be a researcher, communicator, record keeper and manager. The first people to be mentors were other parents and that is where her strong belief in the parent to parent program began. As the parent of a young man with multiple disabilities, Janice and her husband, Doug, have worked to support John in reaching his potential and becoming a responsible citizen with a focus on abilities and strengths. This support has included a constant challenge including asking one question: ***how do we know what John can do unless we let him try?*** Janice is Executive Director of Parent to Parent of NYS.

Les Parker is the Executive Director of The Adirondack Arc. (Franklin-Hamilton Chapter NYSARC) and has led the organization to support individuals with developmental disabilities with person centered, quality outcome based approaches to services.

All accommodations are based on double occupancy.
Please specify if you have a person you are attending with and want to room with. Otherwise, we will assign you to a room to share with another conference participant.

This is a residence program and is all-inclusive—tuition, meals and accommodations—
Cost: \$890 Professionals - \$740 Parents and individuals with disabilities

Mail to: The Adirondack Arc, Patti Littlefield, 12 Mohawk St. Tupper Lake, NY 12986,
Fax 518-359-7820

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

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Indicate if special accommodations are needed. Please indicate:

Accessible room _____

(There are a limited number of wheelchair accessible rooms.
Please indicate if a ground floor room or wheelchair accessible room is needed.)

Special Meals _____