

AGENDA

2009 NARRTC 31st Annual Conference: *Better Research, Better Evidence, Better Practice*

May 4-5, 2009
Holiday Inn National Airport Hotel
Arlington, Virginia

May 4, 2009 – Monday

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Coffee and Rolls	Shenandoah Room
9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Message from the NARRTC President Marianne Farkas	Shenandoah Room
	Overview of Day's Agenda John Westbrook	
9:20 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Message from the Acting NIDDR Director Ruth Brannon	Shenandoah Room
	Q&A	
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Panel 1 Moderator: Kathleen Murphy	Shenandoah Room
	<i>Counting Working-Age People With Disabilities: What Current Data Tell Us and Options for Improvement</i> Andrew Houtenville	
	<i>Using a Mixed-Method Approach to Examine the Work Environment of SCI Caregivers</i> Colette Duggan & Daniela Ristova-Trendov	
	<i>Telephone-Based Exercise Promotion to Treat Major Depression in People With MS</i> Kurt Johnson	

Panel 2
Moderator: John Stone

**Eisenhower
Room**

*Evidence-Based Health Promotion Interventions for People
With Disabilities: Results of a Systematic Review of
Literature*

Tom Seekins

Disability Subgroup of The Campbell Collaboration
Joann Starks

*Changing Circumstances: Experiences of Child SSI
Recipients Before and After Their Age-18 Redetermination
for Adult Benefits*

David Wittenburg

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Luncheon Buffet

**Shenandoah
Room**

NIDDR Staff Panel and Q&A

Phil Beatty, Associate Research Director

Tim Muzzio, Budget Director

Art Sherwood, Senior Scientist

Pimjai Sudsawad, KT Program Coordinator

1:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Panel 3
Moderator: Krista Kutash

**Shenandoah
Room**

*Disparities in Access to Services for Individuals With
Developmental Disabilities*

Charlene Harrington

*Optimizing Research Design Methodology for
Rehabilitation: From Best Evidence to Best Practice*

Alexander Libin & Suzanne Groah

*Factors That Contribute to Unsuccessful Case Closure
Among Consumers of Vocational Rehabilitation Services*

Mary McAweeney

Panel 4
Moderator: Joann Starks

**Eisenhower
Room**

Status of Knowledge Translation Among NIDRR Grantees

Kathleen Murphy

*Americans with Disabilities Act Developments: Implications
for Research and Knowledge Translation*

**Robin Jones, Susanne Bruyère, Marian Vessels & Jana
Copeland**

2:10 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

**Panel 5
Moderator: Sally Rogers**

**Shenandoah
Room**

*Developing ICARE, an Intelligently Controlled Assistive
Rehabilitation Elliptical Trainer and Therapeutic Program:
Year One Highlights*

Judith Burnfield

*Establishing Best Practices for the Management of
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy*

Craig McDonald

*Development and Validation of a Conceptual Model of
Cultural Competence*

Fabricio Balcazar & Tina Taylor-Ritzler

**Panel 6
Moderator: John O'Neill**

**Eisenhower
Room**

Information Needs of Individuals With Spinal Cord Injuries

Kurt Johnson

*Use of Long Term Continuous Limb Activity Recording
(Actigraphy) to Supplement Clinic Visits and Anecdotal
Reports in the Objective Evaluation of Compliance and the
Level of Motor Recovery of Stroke Survivors*

Ron Leder

*Self-Management Applications for Individuals With
Cognitive Disabilities: Icon-Based Personal Organization
With Picture PlannerTM*

Thomas Keating

3:25 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.	Panel 7 Moderator: Wayne Gordon <i>Substance Abuse Screening by VR Counselors</i> Allen Heinemann <i>Evidence-Based Rehabilitation Interventions for Youth With Autism</i> Paul Wehman <i>Using Research Evidence to Promote Universal Design in Workplace Accommodation Policies and Practices</i> Paul Baker	Shenandoah Room
	Panel 8 Moderator: Al Duchnowski <i>Post-Secondary Access and Retention of High School Graduates With Disabilities: A Natural Experiment</i> Paul Harrington <i>National Study on the Health and Lifestyles of Youth With Disabilities</i> James Rimmer, Kiyoshi Yamaki & Brienne Davis	Eisenhower Room
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony and Best Paper Presentation	Shenandoah Room
* 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	NARRTC Business Meeting and Legislative Overview <i>(NARRTC members only)</i> <i>* NARRTC Business Meeting will convene immediately following the Awards Ceremony and Best Paper Presentation</i>	Shenandoah Room
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	NARRTC Executive Committee Meeting <i>(NARRTC Executive Committee only)</i>	Eisenhower Room

May 5, 2009 – Tuesday

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Rolls Shenandoah Room

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Plenary Session Shenandoah Room
The Economic Crisis and National Disability Policy

Mitch LaPlante, Panel Facilitator
Associate Professor, Institute for Health & Aging and
Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences
University of California

Robert "Bobby" Silverstein
Principal, Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville PC
Director, Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability
Policy

Connie Garner
Policy Director, Disability and Special Populations to Senator
Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education,
Labor and Pensions Committee

Sharon Lewis
Senior Disability Policy Advisor, House Committee on Education
& Labor

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Panel 9 Shenandoah Room
Moderator: Glen White

*Systematic Review of Vocational Rehabilitation System-
Level Characteristics and Employment Outcomes*
Susan Foley, Heike Boeltzig & Julisa Cully

*Perceptions of Factors Associated With the Reasonable
Accommodations Process for Employees With Disabilities*
Shengli Dong, Ellen Fabian & Kim MacDonald-Wilson

Panel 10 Eisenhower Room
Moderator: Hannah Rudstam

*Changes in Somatic and Non-Somatic Depressive Symptoms
Between Inpatient Rehabilitation and Follow-Up*
James Krause

2:15 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

Panel 13
Moderator: Charles Drum

**Shenandoah
Room**

*Using Ecological Momentary Assessment to Measure
Participation: A Preliminary Study*

Catherine Ipsen

*Building Capacity From the Inside Out: Enhancing
Diversity and Disability Inclusiveness by Engaging Insiders*

Wendy Strobel Gower, Hannah Rudstam & Jo Fleming

Panel 14
Moderator: Kurt Johnson

**Eisenhower
Room**

*Understanding Improvements in Cultural Competence:
Individual, Organizational and Contextual Factors*

Tina Taylor-Ritzler & Fabricio Balcazar

*Vocational Rehabilitation Service Models for Individuals
With Autism Spectrum Disorders*

Frank Martin

*The Use of Cognitive Interviewing to Improve Consumer
Comprehension of Quality Information*

Christina Papadimitriou

3:25 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Break

3:35 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Panel 15
Moderator: Frank Martin

**Shenandoah
Room**

*The Impact of Disability Onset on the Household Incomes
of Older Workers*

Jody Schimmel

*Employer Absence and Disability Management Practices
That Promote Long-Term Job Retention of Persons With
Significant Disabilities*

John Kregel

*Embedding Users for Quick Adoption of Research: A DRRP
Case Study*

Susan Palsbo

Panel 16
Moderator: Brenda Lightfoot

**Eisenhower
Room**

*Computer-Assisted Abuse and Safety Self-Interview: Effects
of Asking the Questions*

Rosemary Hughes & Susan Robinson-Whelen

Advancing Assistive Technology Outcomes Research

Jeffrey Jutai

*Closures are the Tip of the Iceberg: Exploring the Variation
in Who Receives State Vocational Rehabilitation Services*

David Stapleton

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wrap-up and Adjournment
Marianne Farkas

**Shenandoah
Room**

Poster Sessions (Time and Locations to be Announced)

*Challenges in Conducting a "Systematic Review" of the Literature on the Provision of Workplace
Accommodations: Analyzing Evidence From Non-Experimental Studies*

Kim MacDonald-Wilson, Ellen Fabian & Shengli Dong

Going Virtual: Internet-Based Interventions for Women With Disabilities

Susan Robinson-Whelen

Development of Uniform Standards for Exercise Equipment

Peter Axelson

*Encouraging a Socio-Cognitive Culture in Support of Evidence-Based Practice in a State
Vocational Rehabilitation Agency*

Kenneth Tingey