

The Vision

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SCAAIDD Newsletter

Winter 2008

The 2007 Conference had one of the largest attendance in recent memory for the South Carolina Chapter. Over 300 people registered for the conference and attended. Along with the annual conference, SCAAIDD is also planning a series of training seminars for direct care staff and other targeted groups throughout the coming year. These seminars are being held quarterly around the state.



Check it out: www.scaaid.org

The website is updated regularly with training information, minutes, and meeting information. And these great pictures from the 2007 fall conference.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
STATEMENT

AAIDD promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices and

From the Chair

During the Winter Board meeting in December, Mr. Manning read his letter of resignation. He stated that as much as he has enjoyed the many years in working with this Association, its members and constituents, he now would be putting the same effort into his new position in working with people with HIV/AIDS. The Conference Planning Committee has already started the planning for 2008 conference. It will be difficult to top the over 300 attendance at last years conference, but the committee is working hard to offer a quality program for AAIDD members of South Carolina. I remind you to renew your membership for 2008 so you don't miss out on another exciting conference. Todate our renewal is slow and want to encourage you. We currently have 83 members in South Carolina. Ms. Deborah Walsh is heading the planning committee for the year and has many to support her in pulling together the conference. The conference is planned for October 8—10 at the Crown Reef in Myrtle Beach.
Rufus Britt—SCAAIDD Chair

SCAAIDD Training Activities

Date: March 28, 2008

Title: Leadership and Coaching for Middle Managers

Instructor: Dr. Theresa Ricke-Kiely, Center for Nonprofit Leadership at USC Upstate

Description: This interactive seminar will define and describe leadership, management and coaching. It is designed to assist the middle manager (residential, day services, and/or service coordination) in guiding and supporting employees in day-to-day operations as well as long term projects. The instructor will identify coaching techniques and discuss how proper implementation reduces punitive progressive discipline techniques. Realistic examples will be used during the discussion.

Location: Conference Room B, Sequoia Building, Midlands Center 8301 Farrow Road Columbia, SC 29203

Time: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Reservations: Please reserve your spot by calling 864-503-5754 or emailing tricke-kiely@uscupstate.edu

Title: Leadership and Coaching for Middle

What attendees had to say:

"The class was great and very informative."

"I wish we spend a day on this topic – it was so interesting."

"Discussions were great and I learned a lot"

"Good examples"

"Very pertinent to my job"

Managers

Team Building: A Proven Way to Increase Effectiveness

Princess Davis

Date to be announced

Teambuilding is an essential building block to facilitate high quality employee performance. Participants will learn about cultivating strong cohesive teams that focus on the mission and directing themselves within a positive work environment

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Awards: The Awards Committee, chaired by Simms Lynn and Grady Evans are now taking nominations.

Student Award: Recognized student excellence in the fields of special education or psychology and service to individuals with developmental disabilities. Nominees must be enrolled as students of higher education with emphasis in the field of developmental disabilities. The award requires a minimum of 3.0 overall GPA, based on a 4.0 grading scale. The recipient will receive a \$500.00 scholarship

Statewide Professional Service Award: Honors excellence in research, education and/or training, program management or advocacy on behalf of individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities. Any individual who enhances our understanding of ways to provide innovatively managed supports to, or effectively advances advocacy effort for, individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at the state or local level may be nominated.

Self-Advocacy Award: Honors persons who have in the past or who are currently receiving supports for a developmental disability. Award criteria include membership on related committees or professional boards, conference attendance or presentations, and advocacy with state or national leaders. Nominees should be members of a self-advocacy organization. The award recipient will receive a \$200.00 scholarship.

Service to the Field Award — Direct Support Professional: Recognizes excellence in education or training of individuals with developmental disabilities. Nominees must provide direct supports to individuals with disabilities. They may be employed in any relevant setting and serve any age group.