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Summit for Providers of Special Recreation Services: Issues/Trends/Best Practices

at



July 15, 2010
Navy Pier
600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60611

Summit Overview

The purpose of this summit is to bring together working professionals and college students in the field of therapeutic/special recreation services to confer on relevant topics, including Federal and State legislative issues, innovative programming, common or unique problems/solutions and best practices.

Presenters

Brad Hedrick, Ph.D. - Keynote

Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation,
Director, Division of Disability Resources and
Education Services
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Donna Sebok, CTRS

Veterans Adaptive Services Coordinator
Northeast Dupage Special Recreation Association

John McGovern, J.D.

President
Recreation Accessibility Consultants LLC

Lawrence Reiner, Ed.D.

Executive Director
Northeast Dupage Special Recreation Association

Benjamin Johnson, J.D.

Assistant Attorney General, Disability Rights
Bureau
Office of the Illinois Attorney General

Dan Hibbler, Ph.D.

Chief Program Officer
Chicago Park District

Gerry Henaghan

Special Recreation Manager
Chicago Park District

Special Recreation Staff

Patricia Molloy, B.S.
Michael Benavente, CTRS
Michelle LoCoco, CTRS
Kristi Miller, B.A.
Daniel Ferreira, M.S.
Molly Fitzgibbon, B.A.
Daniel Tun, M.A.

Pamela Redding, M.S.

Director, Paralympic and Disability Sports
World Sport Chicago

Invited Guests

State Senator John Cullerton, J.D.

President
Illinois State Senate

State Senator Don Harmon, J.D., M.B.A.

Assistant Majority Leader
Illinois State Senate

Victor Calise, B.S.

Accessibility Coordinator
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation

Keynote Speaker: Brad Hedrick, Ph.D.



Dr. Brad Hedrick has served as the Director of the Division of Disability Resources and Education Services (DRES) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for ten years. Dr. Hedrick has 31 years of professional experience in the field of rehabilitation, and extensive experience and expertise in the administration of adapted sports and recreation for persons with disabilities. He has coached athletes with disabilities at the local, national and international levels, and authored a wide array of applied research and professional books, chapters, monographs and articles on this subject. He is a recipient of the Tolland Award for Outstanding Achievement in Disability Sports and the

Paralyzed Veterans of America Jack Gerhardt Award. In 2005, he was inducted into the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Hall of Fame for his contributions to the development of wheelchair basketball. He was previously inducted into the National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Hall of Fame. In 2006, he received both the Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence Award, and the College of Applied Health Sciences Academic Professional Excellence Award. He is a past Treasurer of the Association on Higher Education and Disability, and former National Wheelchair Basketball Association Division II Commissioner. He presently serves on the Disability Access Committee of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and is a member of the Illinois State Advisory Committee on the Education of Children with Disabilities.

Schedule

- 9:00-9:30** **Sign-In and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:30-9:40** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Timothy J. Mitchell, Superintendent & CEO, Chicago Park District
- 9:40-10:00** **Keynote Presentation**
Brad Hedrick
- 10:00-11:00** **Session 1: Healthy Minds/Healthy Bodies: A Fitness Initiative for Returning Military Personnel with Disabilities** (.1 CEU)
An inclusion program welcoming home veterans who have been injured, Healthy Minds/Healthy Bodies is a model prototype which all park districts can emulate; including a health club membership, athletic trainer sessions and social activities. Relationships between the special recreation association and the park district will be explained and materials will be handed out. This will enable you to duplicate a health and fitness program for those veterans who so deserve our services but often may have obstacles to overcome, which limits their ability and confidence to join the average health club. Let's jump start this program across the state!
Presenters: Donna Sebok, Larry Reiner
- 11:00-12:15** **Session 2: Legislative and Enforcement Trends Regarding Access and Inclusion in Illinois** (.1 CEU)
The Illinois General Assembly has taken significant steps to allow park districts and municipalities to fund accessible and inclusive recreation. The Office of Attorney General Lisa Madigan, through its Disability Rights Bureau, is also examining whether access to recreation is a reality. This session will highlight important legislative efforts and enforcement efforts.
Presenters: John McGovern, Larry Reiner, Ben Johnson, John Cullerton, Don Harmon
- 12:15-1:00** **LUNCH**
- 1:00-2:00** **Session 3: Around Chicago, Where We Are Now and Where We Are Going** (.1 CEU)
The Special Recreation Unit of the Chicago Park District has taken significant steps in enhancing and expanding the Park District's recreational, employment and cultural opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities. We promote and provide access, inclusion, specialty recreation, leisure education and skills development. This session will focus on the successes and challenges of new programs, collaborations and partnerships.
Presenters: Dan Hibbler, Gerry Henaghan and Special Recreation Unit Staff, Pam Redding, Victor Calise
- 2:00-2:30** **Roundtable Discussion: Issues/Trends/Best Practices**
- 2:30** **Drawing for Lollapalooza 2010 and Chicago White Sox tickets. Winners must be present.**

REGISTRATION FORM

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July 15, 2010, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Navy Pier, Festival Hall A, Rooms 301-305
600 E. Grand Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

****No registration fee! Navy Pier parking pass for first 50 registrants!****

Are you seeking CEUs? Yes___ No___

Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) are available through Chicago State University. A total of .3 units are available for a processing fee of \$5 to be paid at the Summit. Make checks payable to Chicago State University. Cash and credit cards will not be accepted. Please look for the CEU table at the rear of Room 305.

Special Accommodations

CPD is committed to providing access to all individuals attending the Summit. To request an accommodation, please contact Annette Dodaja at annette.dodaja@chicagoparkdistrict.com at least 72 hours in advance of the Summit.

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