



Fair Shake Network (FSN)

Annual Legislative Training Day March 16, 2021 By ZOOM
Disability Advocacy Day March 17, 2021 By ZOOM

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Lowe has spent the past twenty years focused on furthering public policies that promote the socioeconomic empowerment of low-income working families, individuals with disabilities, seniors, children, immigrants, refugees, and other at-risk populations. In 2009, Dr. Lowe launched Anere S Strategies LLC, a dynamic government relations consulting enterprise that worked with private industry, community based organizations, national nonprofit entities, and state/federal government agencies on various initiatives aimed at improving the socioeconomic advancement of individuals with multiple barriers to the economic mainstream. This critical work included developing innovative public

policy strategies and sophisticated systems-change initiatives focused on improving the quality and outcomes of publicly-financed long-term supports and services for at-risk populations. During this time, Dr. Lowe also served as the first Executive Director of the Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination (CPSD), a coalition of national disability organizations and state associations committed to developing innovative policy strategies for reforming America's long-term care system for youth and adults with disabilities so as to promote inclusive education, competitive integrated employment, independent living, and full participation in all aspects of typical community life. From 2012-2019,

Dr. Lowe has served as a Senior Policy Adviser for both the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), and more recently at the Administration for Community Living within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. While serving at both agencies, Dr. Lowe was responsible for leading a number of cross-agency systems-change initiatives focused on improving the quality of life outcomes for individuals with disabilities, the aging, low-income working families, immigrant populations, and other at-risk populations. Dr. Lowe has recently relaunched Anere S Strategies LLC (in January 2020) upon her transition from public service in the federal government. Additionally, Dr. Lowe took an interim role as Executive Director of TASH, an international disability rights organization focused on inclusive and equitable communities for all people. In less than 90 days, Dr. Lowe was able to help the organization solidify new leadership and secure a new five-year federal contract averaging \$350,000 annually in additional funding for the organization's core programs. Earlier in her career, Dr. Lowe served in a variety of leadership roles in the field of federal government relations, working for a Fortune 100 global biopharmaceutical company, a top 20 national lobbying firm, and two former Members of Congress (focusing on budgetary and policy priorities related to health care reform, entitlement restructuring, rural community revitalization and economic development).

Dr. Lowe has also lived for short periods of time in three countries outside of the United States and has held policy positions working for leaders within the British House of Commons and the Israeli Ministry of Health. Dr. Lowe received the Winston Churchill Scholarship to attend Westminster College in 1993, and completed a B.A. in International & Public Affairs in 1997. During this time, Dr. Lowe was also the 1995-96 recipient of the Cranshaw Scholarship, which she used to study at an academic program in England jointly led by Cambridge University and the London School of Economics. Dr. Lowe was later awarded the prestigious Harry Truman National Scholarship in Public Service, which she used to complete a joint-graduate degree (M.P.H. in International Health Policy and M.A. in International Development Policy) from George Washington University. Dr. Lowe also holds a PhD in Public Administration from American University, and teaches part-time on the faculty of Rutgers University's School of Public Affairs and Administration. She has held several volunteer leadership positions for the American Red Cross and has served on the governing boards and in a variety of advisory roles for several local and national non-profit organizations



FSN Public Policy Training Day Agenda

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

By ZOOM

- 10:00 - 10:10 Welcome: Paul Smith, Director FSN**
- 10:10 – 10:55 Bill Tracking / Legislative Website – Chris Marr**
- 10:55 – 11:00 Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00 Keynote: Dr. Serena Lowe**
- 12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 2:00 Keynote: Dr. Serena Lowe**
- 2:00 – 3:00 How to Advocate When You Can't Go to the Capitol
Ann McDaniel and Christy Black**
- 3:00- 3:15 Break**
- 3:15– 4:00 2021 Disability Agenda Discussion Panel**
- 4:00 Evaluations and Closing Remarks**



**Disability Advocacy Day
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. By ZOOM**

9:30

Rally Speakers:

**Kelly Simpson, Fair Shake Network Chairperson- Welcome,
release of 2021 Disability Agenda**

Other Speakers to be announced

Closing and Brief

11:00

Stream Floor Sessions/

**Visit Your Legislators by phone or zoom
(Make your own appointments)**

1:00 – 3:00

**FSN will Stream any Committee Meeting that has issues we
need to know about**

Agenda is subject to change as we get closer to event.

FSN Training/DAD Registration Form

(You must complete a separate form for each registrant)

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Are you an attendant for someone? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes who: _____

Training Day Information: I plan on attending the training ___ Yes ___ No

Registration Fee: (Mark one) _____ \$40 for FSN members _____ \$50 for non-members

Accommodations Needed (Check all that apply):

___ I would like my handout sent Digitally ___ Please send me hard copies of Handouts.

___ CD _____ Audio CD
___ Braille _____ Sign language Interpreter or _____ Closed Caption
___ Large Print _____ Special Diet (please specify): _____

___ Other (please specify): _____

Disability Advocacy Day (DAD): I plan on attending DAD ___ Yes ___ No

If you are a person with a disability or family member not paid to represent an agency or organization, you are eligible to request a stipend to help cover expenses to attend this training. Please go to the next page and complete Stipend Form and return with your registration.

*Stipend funds are being made available to people with developmental disabilities and family members of people with developmental disabilities through funds from the WV Developmental Disabilities Council. The funds are to be used to cover or partially cover actual expenses incurred (i.e.: registration, lodging, travel, food, child care, personal assistance service) for eligible individuals who require such support to attend the training. Stipend funds are also being made available to people with other disabilities and family members through funds from the WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities, Disability Rights of WV, The Olmstead office, The Arc of Mid-Ohio Valley, and Nat'l Social Workers WV Chapter

Deadline for Registration 5:00 pm February 28, 2021
Submit registration form with check or stipend request to:

Fair Shake Network, Inc.
P.O. Box 354, Institute, West Virginia 25112-0354 or Fax: (304) 766-4721

Fair Shake Network Stipend Application Form

(You must complete a separate form for each person requesting a stipend)

Except for the **registration fee & lodging**, all expenses must be paid by the participant and will be reimbursed in accordance with our stipend policy. Receipts are required for all expenses covered by your stipend, including meals. Be sure to save all your receipts. *Expenses without receipts cannot be covered by your stipend. Receipts must be turned in within 5 days of the event. (This form is to determine an estimate of funds needed. You will fill another one out to with the exact reimbursement amount along with receipts.)*

Name: _____

Disability (ies): _____

Self: _____ Family Member: _____ Developmental Disability: Yes _____ No _____

This information is necessary to determine eligibility by our stipend funding sources.

*The term developmental disability is defined as a severe, chronic disability is attributable to a mental or physical impairment, or combination of mental and physical impairments; manifested before the individual attains age 22; is likely to continue indefinitely; results in substantial functional limitations in **3 or more** of the following areas of major life activity: (1) Self-care; (2) Receptive and expressive language; (3) Learning; (4) Mobility; (5) Self-direction; (6) Capacity for independent living; (7) Economic self-sufficiency; and reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated. A child from **birth through age 9** who has a substantial developmental delay or specific condition either from birth or acquired, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting 3 or more of the above criteria if the child, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

I am requesting a stipend to pay for the following costs:

\$ _____ Registration fee	\$ _____ Respite Care/PAS (up to \$75 per day) (For those that need to travel for internet)
\$ _____ Parking, Tolls (For those that need to travel for internet)	\$ _____ Meals (up to \$10 for Lunch) per day (For those that need to travel for internet)
\$ _____ Transportation Costs (Gas up to \$40 with receipt for those that need to travel for internet)	\$ _____ Other _____

Total amount requested \$ _____

I verify that the information I have provided on this stipend application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Please return stipend request form with your registration form by 5:00pm February 28, 2021. Requests made after 5:00pm on February 28, 2021 WILL NOT be eligible for stipends

Fair Shake Network Stipend Policy

The Fair Shake Network will provide stipends for items including registration fees, meals, transportation, lodging, personal assistance services (PAS), and respite care. **The amount and number of stipends will depend on availability of funding.**

The amount of stipends available for each event will be determined by the Stipend Committee. The Director may determine the amount of funding each applicant receives based on the information provided on the Fair Shake Network Stipend request form with or without input from the Stipend Committee. **Partial stipends may be approved.**

There are no restrictions on the number of times a person can apply for a stipend (if the applicant is in good standing).

All requests must be submitted in writing on a Fair Shake Network Stipend Application Form to be considered for approval.

All requests must be received by the application deadline and must be in the office by 5 p.m. on that day or it will not be considered. Faxed or email applications will be considered as long as they are received by 5 p.m. on the application deadline. Stipend request forms can be mailed to Fair Shake Network, P.O. Box 354, Institute, WV 25112, faxed to 304 766-4721 or emailed to fsn@fairshake.org

All persons receiving stipends will be notified of their acceptance or denial within 5 business days of the application deadline.

All participants receiving stipends must attend the entire event. In addition, all participants must complete an evaluation form to be turned in at the end of the event. If a person does not meet the attendance requirement or fails to submit their evaluation, stipend money will be withheld and the participant may not be eligible for future stipends. Additionally, if you do not attend and do not cancel your registration by February 24 2021, you may be billed for the registration fee and your meals. This will include your attendant as well.

Receipts are required for all expenses covered by the stipend, including meals and transportation. **Expenses without receipts cannot be covered by a stipend. Receipts must be turned in within 5 business days of the event.** The Fair Shake Network retains the right to verify all receipts. **Reimbursement will not be made for meals provided as part of training or incidentals such as phone calls, movies, room service, etc.**

Exceptions to the stipend policy can be approved by the Director and/or the Board of Directors for the Fair Shake Network.

If you have questions or need assistance with this application, please call

Fair Shake Network office at 304-766-0061 or toll free at 1-800-497-4746

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