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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

—Margaret Mead

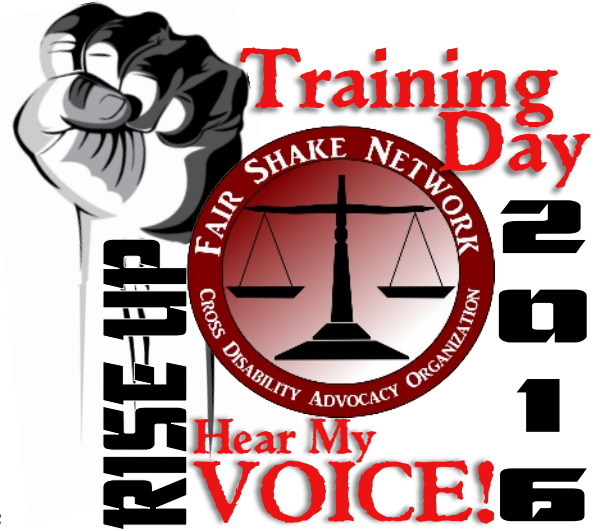
Training Day

Keynote Changes

Due to a scheduling conflict our keynote speaker Roger Howard had to cancel. This has caused us to re-work our agenda for the Training Day. Our keynote speaker now will be Chris Marr. Chris was our keynote last year and he was well received. Chris began his legislative career in the House of Delegates working for both the Committee on Government Organization and the Committee on Finance. Chris spent the last 5 years of his employment in the House as the Assistant to the House Majority Leader, Rick Staton.

Chris left state government in 2003 to begin working as a regional director of state government affairs for Lorillard Tobacco. Chris now oversees lobbyists in 20 states for LTC. Chris also serves as Vice-Chairman of the Community Connect Foundation, a WV-based 501c3 specializing in community-based technology issues.

Chris's understanding of the West Virginia legislative process, as well as observing business and government trends from his regional



work, plays a vital role in CRWMG's success.

Other speakers for the day will include, Tracy White, Kevin Smith and our Disability Agenda Panel.

We have included the registration form and the stipend form in this issue beginning on page 3.

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FSN North Pole Express

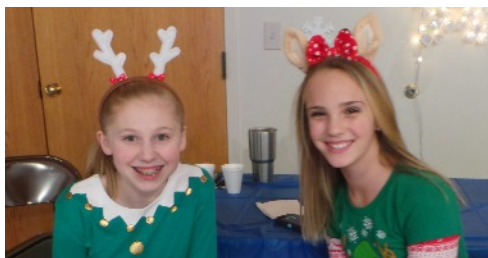
On Friday, December 11th and Saturday, December 12th Fair Shake Network hosted the North Pole Express at Perrow Church in Cross Lanes. Guests boarded a one hour round trip bus ride for a journey viewing lights, singing Christmas Carols, and believing in the Holiday Magic. Children's faces beamed the magic of the season when the North Pole Express arrived at the North Pole to find a Winter Wonderland where children of all ages had their faces painted, decorated cupcakes, made a holiday ornament, and played games. Guests enjoyed cookies, milk, and hot chocolate before going to see Santa himself who with the help of his elves handed out toys to each and every visitor.

On Saturday morning, Santa was also found back at Perrow Church



for a Breakfast with Sensitive Santa where guests enjoyed pancakes and bacon with Santa without all of the hustle and bustle of the crowds. We had several Fair Shake Network members who volunteered their time throughout the weekend which had approximately 900 in attendance. This was a great way to put everyone in the holiday spirit.

We would like to thank Perrow Church for the use of their facility, Cav's Coach for donating a chartered bus on Saturday, all of the sponsors and volunteers who made this event a huge success for Fair Shake Network. It was a very busy weekend and we couldn't have asked for a better group to help. We couldn't have done it without you!



New FSN Board Member



Eric Tissenbaum

Eric is an Independent Living Advocacy/Skills Training Specialist for

the Appalachian Center for Independent Living, Inc. where he primarily serves Calhoun, Jackson and Roane Counties. He has over twenty five years' experience with developmental disabilities, mental health, and physical rehabilitation as a recreation therapist, and clinician. He has a background in EMS, and military law enforcement.

He currently serves on the Kanawha Putnam Emergency Planning Committee Board of Directors as the Training Chair. He also was a member of the work team that produced the Mental Health Crises Guidelines currently in use by the WV Department of Education. He also worked with the Kanawha Putnam Emergency Planning Committee Board of Directors, Partnerships in Assistive Technologies Inc. (PATHS), and WV Assistive Technology System in 2013 to turn a Tap to Talk ® program into a communication tool for first responders. In 2014 it won the FEMA Community Innovative Technology Award and the Whitehouse's Champions of Change Award. He has presented at local state and National conferences. He is married and has three children.

Registration Form Training Day and/or Disability Advocacy Day
(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) ___ \$45 for FSN members ___ \$55 for non-members

Accommodations Needed (Check all that apply):

- ___ CD ___ Audio CD
___ Braille ___ Sign language Interpreter
___ Large Print ___ Special Diet (please specify): _____
___ Other (please specify): _____

Registration fee includes a boxed lunch on Tuesday during our training day.
Box lunch includes Sandwich, Chips, Fruit, Cookie and Drink. Please indicate your choice
___ Chicken Salad ___ Turkey ___ Pimento Cheese ___ Special Diet

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

Lunch Choice: ___ Turkey ___ Ham ___ Vegetarian ___ Special Diet ___ None
(Please specify any special dietary needs) _____

Please note: Add \$6.50 to your registration payment/check if you plan to have a boxed lunch on Wednesday.

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 disabilities and family members through funds from the WV Division Rehabilitation Services.

Deadline for Registration 5:00pm January 21, 2016
Submit registration form with check or stipend request to:
Fair Shake Network, Inc.

P.O. Box 354, Institute, West Virginia 25112-0354 Phone: (304) 766-0061 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.

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)

\$ _____ Lodging FSN will make reservations for individuals receiving a stipend (You will be asked to share a room)

I need an accessible room Y/N _____

\$ _____ Parking, Tolls

\$ _____ Transportation Costs (Gas up to \$60 with receipt)

\$ _____ Meals (up to \$10 for Breakfast) per day (up to \$10 for Lunch) (up to \$20 for Dinner)

\$ _____ Other _____

\$ _____ Box lunch at Disability Advocacy Day (\$6.50)

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 Jan. 21, 2016

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 1, 2016, you will be billed for the registration fee and your meals. This will include you and 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

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.

Stipend funds are also available to people with other disabilities and their family members through grants from West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services.

Vendor Registration form for
Disability Advocacy Day at the Legislature
Upper Rotunda Both Side and Well - WV State Capitol

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Set up displays
12:00 -1:00 p.m. Lunch (See Boxed Lunch Details Below)
2:00p.m. Take Down Displays

Exhibits should be set-up by 9 a.m. and we request that you do not take them down until 2 p.m.

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Please list the names of those attending the display table(s)

- 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Due to the limited number of electrical outlets in the capitol, we can not guarantee that electricity will be available to everyone. When choosing your table, please remember! You can not run extension or other electrical cords across doorways.

Cost: Organizational Members: \$40.00 Non-Members: \$80.00

Each exhibitor will receive one boxed lunch included with their exhibit registration fee. The box lunches will include a sandwich, cookie, chips and a drink.

Please check your choice for your free box lunch:

___ Turkey ___ Ham ___ Vegetarian ___ I do not want any box lunches.

Additional lunches are available for \$6.50 each. (Please indicate how many extra lunches you need)

___ Turkey # ___ Ham # ___ Vegetarian

The Fair Shake Network reserves the right to deny exhibitor participation based upon whether the organization reflects the Mission and values of the Fair Shake Network.

Please return this form with your payment by January 29, 2016. We do not accept Credit Cards. Please make checks payable to Fair Shake Network, Inc. and send payment to:

Fair Shake Network P.O. Box 354 Institute, WV 25112-0354

Directed Public Access at W.Va. State Capitol Begins Jan. 8**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Dec. 30, 2015**Directed public access at W.Va. State Capitol begins Jan. 8**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Starting Jan. 8, 2016, all visitors to the West Virginia State Capitol building must enter through a screening checkpoint, the Division of Protective Services has announced.

The main public access point for the State Capitol, also known as Building 1 of the W.Va. Capitol Complex, will be the west entrance to the West Wing, opposite the state Culture Center. This is the building's closest entrance to the new Bus Turnaround Loop as well as to metered public parking north of the W.Va. Veterans Memorial.

“These new measures are in line with security procedures at many other state Capitol buildings across the country, and a number of other public buildings in West Virginia including libraries and courthouses,” Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin said. “Our Capitol is one of the most beautiful Capitol buildings in the country, and we want to encourage West Virginians and visitors alike to visit and learn more about our state. We must also do everything in our power to ensure the safety of our employees and visitors, especially our school children, while maintaining open access for all.”

Whenever the Legislature is in session, a second directed public access point will operate at the east entrance of the East Wing, along California Avenue. That access point will be available starting Jan. 10, 2016, when legislators begin the interim meetings that precede their 60-day regular session.

The State Capitol building is the seat of West Virginia's elected government. Representatives of all three branches – the Legislature, the Supreme Court, and the constitutional officers of the executive branch – have advocated for these reasonable safety measures.

“We are blessed to have such a beautiful Capitol building, and I want to make sure everybody who comes through our doors feels safe, whether they're a visitor or a Capitol employee,” Senate President Bill Cole said. “It is critical that we take these necessary steps to increase security and be prepared now, and not wait until it is too late to act.”

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Both access point entrances are wheelchair accessible. Access point hours are Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays, noon to 5:30 p.m. Access point hours will be adjusted when necessary to accommodate state government meetings.

All members of the public, including visiting media, contractors and vendors, must pass through an access point to enter the State Capitol as of Jan. 8. Each visitor will be screened by a magnetometer, and will be asked to empty their pockets into provided containers so those items can be inspected. Briefcases, purses, packages, and similar items will be screened by an X-ray machine.

Visitors will not be allowed to enter the State Capitol with prohibited items. Prohibited items include dangerous or deadly weapons as defined by W.Va. State Code §61-7-2 (<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/WVCODE/ChapterEntire.cfm?chap=61&art=7§ion=2#07>), and personal defense items such as pepper spray and mace.

Other items and materials may be prohibited if they appear to pose a risk to people or property. Visitors are urged to apply common sense and be mindful of this prohibition before they enter the Capitol Complex grounds. It is the responsibility of visitors to ensure that they do not possess prohibited items before they seek to enter the State Capitol. **Prohibited items will not be stored, confiscated or otherwise disposed of by access point personnel. Any visitor who refuses to submit to a screening will be denied access to the State Capitol building.**

State employees and other individuals with electronic card access to Building 1 can continue to enter the State Capitol through the building's other entrances. However, access card holders will be subject to screening if they enter through a directed public access point. **Access cards will be revoked if they are used to allow others to enter the State Capitol.** Propping open building entrance doors is prohibited as well.

The Division of Protective Services, also known as the Capitol Police, is part of the West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety.

<http://www.dmaps.wv.gov/news-announcements/Pages/default.aspx>



FAIR SHAKE NETWORK
Membership Application

Please complete all sections of this form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Day # _____ Evening# _____

E-mail Address: _____

Due to the time sensitivity of some information will be sent by e-mail unless you prefer another method. If you cannot receive information by email please fill out the information below.

- ___ Fax #:
___ I do not have a fax machine, but can receive faxes at Fax #:
___ I do not have access to a fax, please mail me the information.

I need materials in the following alternative format:

This section is optional and is for grant and statistical data purposes only. Please mark all that apply:

- ___ I am a person with a developmental disability (DD)
___ I am a person with a disability (Not DD)
___ I am a parent/family member of person with a developmental disability (DD)
___ I am a parent/family member of a person with a disability (Not DD)
___ I am from an agency/a friend/an advocate/an interested person (Circle one)

DUES/CONTRIBUTIONS:

- ___ Advocate Membership: \$20 per year ___ Independence Membership: \$250 per year
___ Assembly Membership: \$50 per year ___ Freedom Membership: \$750 per year
___ Alliance Membership: \$150 per year ___ Justice Membership: \$1,500 per year
___ Liberty Lifetime Membership: \$5,000 One-time Lifetime payment

** I would like to set up an installment plan – please contact me

I am not interested in joining at this time but would like to make a donation to support the Mission and goal activities.

Your contribution supports the important work/activities the FSN engages in to protect and improve the civil rights of West Virginians with disabilities and to promote best practices in public policies.



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