



**Fair Shake Network  
Training and Disability Advocacy Day  
March 7 and 8, 2017  
Dunbar Rec. Center, Dunbar, WV  
and the State Capitol**



**Deadline to register is February 20, 2017**

**Funding for this Fair Shake Network training is provided by WV Developmental Disabilities Council, WV Division of Rehabilitation Services, WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities, Olmstead Office and Disability Rights of WV, along with membership dues and contributions. In-kind Contributions provided by WV Statewide Independent Living Council**

## Speaker Bio

### Keynote Speakers for Training Day

#### **Chris Marr:**

Chris Marr's deep roots and extensive background in West Virginia politics began more than 20 years ago when he served as a member of the House of Delegates leadership staff. Chris worked with members of both the majority and minority parties to ensure efficient management and administration of the legislative process and various policy initiatives. In addition to maintaining multiple clients within the state of West Virginia for the past 13 years, Chris has served as a regional director for a major corporation covering legislatures in more than 20 states and the District of Columbia.

Chris has served a variety of community organizations, and founded the Community Connect Foundation (CCF), a 501c3 non-profit organization focused on community technology initiatives promoting the use and adoption of broadband and related technologies. CCF has successfully obtained more than \$1 million in grant awards public and private sectors funders since its inception.

Chris attended West Virginia State University where he studied accounting and business management. Chris has been married to his wife Lisa for 22 years, and has 2 children.

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#### **Don Perdue:**

Don is a former Democratic member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, representing District 19 from 1998 to 2016. He served as House Assistant Majority Whip from 2007 to 2016.

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#### **Disability Agenda Panelists:**

**Full Implantation of the Olmstead Plan:** Vanessa VanGilder, Olmstead Coordinator

**Medicaid Expansion/Community First Choice Act:** Nancy Tyler, M.S.W., J.D.

**IL Funding:** Ann McDaniel, Executive Director of the WV Statewide Independent Living Council

**I/DD Waiver:** Steve Wiseman, Executive Director of WV Developmental Disabilities Council

**Out of State Placement/Behavior Health:** Dave Sanders, Self-Advocate/Peer Mentor

**Employment:** Jim Womeldorff, Executive Director of Job Squad, Inc.

**Education:** Brenda Lamkin,, Executive Director, West Virginia Parent Training & Information, Inc.

*This panel of disability experts will review the 2017 Disability Agenda and answer questions on each topic area.*



# **FSN Public Policy Training Day Agenda**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

**8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.**

**Dunbar Rec. Center**

**2601 Fairlawn Ave Dunbar, 25064 WV**

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration/Refreshments**
- 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome: Jeannie Elkins, FSN Chairperson**
- 9:15 – 10:30 Don Perdue: "Talking to the Legislature from the Legislator's Perspective"**
- 10:30 – 11:00 Dave Sanders: Self-Advocate "Legislative Advocacy 101"**
- 11:00 – 11:30 Delmar Davis: Self-Advocate/My Story**
- 11:30 – 12:00 Melissa Southall: Self-Advocate/My Story**
- 12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH / 25 Years of Advocacy**
- 1:00 – 1:45 Nancy Tyler: "Affordable Care Act"**
- 1:45 – 2:45 Chris Marr: "Speaking to Your Legislators"**
- 2:45 - 3:00 Break**
- 3:00 – 4:30 Panel Discussion**  
**Dave Sanders                      Steve Wiseman**  
**Nancy Tyler                        Ann McDaniel**  
**Vanessa VanGilder            Brenda Lamkin**  
**Jim Womeldorff**
- 4:30 – 5:00 Evaluations/Door Prizes and Closing Remarks**

**This Agenda is subject to change**

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# **Disability Advocacy Day at the State Capitol**

## **Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

### **8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

- 8:00 - 9:00**                      Set-Up Displays
- 9:00 - 2:00**                      Visit Displays/Exhibits - **Upper Rotunda**
- Visit Legislators (**Make your own appointments**)
- 9:30 - 10:30**                      Release of the 2017 Disability Agenda & Rally  
**Lower Rotunda**  
**Rally Speakers:**  
Jeannie Elkins, Fair Shake Network Chairperson  
Delmar Davis, Self-Advocate  
Ann McDaniel, Executive Director, of WVSILC
- 11:00**                                Attend Floor Sessions/Proclamations read in both the  
House & Senate
- 12:00 – 1:00**                      **Lunch immediately Following the Floor Session**  
**(must have ticket)**
- 1:00 - 2:30**                      Visit Your Legislators  
**(Make your own appointments)**
- 2:30**                                **Wrap up and Grand Prize Give Away**  
**(must be present to win)**

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# **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)  \$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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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 other disabilities and family members through funds from the WV Division of Rehabilitation Services, WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities, Disability Rights of WV and The Olmstead office.

**Deadline for Registration 5:00pm February 20, 2017**

**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.*

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 and must live 50 miles from Charleston)**

**I need an accessible room Y/N \_\_\_\_\_**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Parking, Tolls                                      \$\_\_\_\_\_ Meals (up to \$10 for Breakfast) per day  
(up to \$10 for Lunch) (up to \$20 for Dinner)

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

\$\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Feb. 20, 2017. Requests made after 5:00pm on Feb. 20, 2017 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](mailto: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 March 1, 2017, you will 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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