

# *I.L. Summit 2009*

## Description of Sessions

(Listed alphabetically)

- **Board Member's Role in Fundraising**- The session will outline both the responsibilities and opportunities of Center for Independent Living (CIL) Board Members in meeting the requirements outlined in their annual Independent Living Grant. (Sunday at 2:30pm).
- **CIL Round Table on Programs and Services**- This highly requested session is scheduled three times. Its format is to present and share best practices on innovative programs or services CIL's have developed as well as innovative processes on the delivery of programs and services. (Extended Mon. at 8:30am. Regular sessions Mon. at 2:15pm and extended session Tues at 8:30am)
- **Closing Keynote Luncheon**- You'll remember this emotional and uplifting presentation for a long, long time. Guest Speaker Dennis Atkins is someone who had it all, thought he would lose it, but through his disability has learned how great life really is! Staying through the end of the conference will reward you with an unforgettable experience. (Tues. 12:00 to 2:00pm)
- **Community Awareness/Marketing & Public Relations**- This session will present valuable and useful information about creating awareness in your communities through the use of local radio, newspaper, television and other media as well as participation in networking events in your respective service area. (Mon. at 10:15am, Mon. at 2:15pm and extended session Tues. at 8:30am)
- **Community Needs Assessment**- How do you determine the needs of the disabled community in your catchment area? Find out in this informative session that will also help you create or revise needs assessments for your individual consumers. (Mon. at 10:15am and Tues. at 10:15am)
- **Employment**- Finding employment for consumers is often a collaborative effort. You'll be provided with those referral sources as well and resources your CIL can "employ" to help consumers achieve their employment goals. (Mon. at 3:45pm)
- **I.L. Board Governance**- Subjects in this break-out will include The Sunshine Law, lobbying, positions on political issues/candidates & The Legislation Education Project. (Sun. at 2:30pm)
- **I.L. Refresher Course**- For your staff veterans new staff as well. You'll be reminded of the basic services that CIL's delivered before the arrival of Consumer Directed Services (CDS) and In-Home programs. This will be an excellent "back to basic's course. (Mon. at 2:15pm and extended session Tues. at 8:30am)

- **I.L. Training for New Staff-** It's "Independent Living 101", a capsule of the training you want your new staff to receive, but don't always have the time to provide. Great fundamental information for new staff. (Mon. 10:15am, Mon. at 3:45pm and Tues. at 10:15am)
- **Igniting the Passion-** The name says it all. If you're looking for motivation as you begin a career in the independent living movement, or new inspiration for why we do what we do Tommie Brown will make it happen. This is the motivational fix we all need. (Mon. at 3:45pm and extended session Tues. at 8:30am)
- **Implementing and Complying with Proposition B-** This will be a straight forward and useful panel discussion about the legislation approved by Missouri voters last November. The panel will include CIL, union and Quality Home Care Council representatives. (Sun. at 2:30pm)
- **Identity Theft Prevention-** A very timely session that will make you aware of how to protect not only your consumers, but also yourself from identity theft. You'll learn the dos and don'ts of protecting who you are and what you have. (Mon. at 10:15am)
- **Independent Living Programs and Services-** Primarily designed for Board Members; new and veteran CIL staff will also benefit from the session which will be more of a discussion with input, suggestions and questions from those in attendance. (Sun. at 100 and 4:00pm.)
- **Innovative Assistive Technology-** This panel will offer you their experience and expertise in three areas of technology; Agribility, Communications and Assistive Technology. Take advantage of great information and resources for these three popular programs. (Extended session Mon. at 8:30am)
- **Introduction to Independent Living Philosophy-** This session was scheduled due to many requests from Center Executive Directors who requested a session that will tell the story of the foundation of independent living. This session will give board members an informative look into the roots of our movement. (Sun. at 1:00 and 4:00pm)
- **Monday Evening Networking Event-** Host BJ Davis brings his "Bald Guys are Sexy Too" Concert Tour" to the I.L. Summit. BJ uses his disability to create awareness and great entertainment for his audience. There are some interesting twists and turns planned for this networking and social activity. You're going to sit with strangers, that's all we're going to tell you! (5:30 to 7:00pm)
- **Olmstead Act/Nursing Home transition/Money Follows the Person-** Another session requested by many Centers. Take advantage of presenters who are successfully involved in these sought-after services. Tap the wealth of information and resources of this panel. (Extended session Mon. at 8:30am, Mon. at 3:45pm, Tues. 10:15am)

- **Opening Keynote Luncheon-** Scott Lewis and his “Eagles Wings Foundation” faith based organization have created the blueprint for a unique disaster relief team entirely focused on coordinating volunteer responders. He’s also designed a unique mobile software solution used in searching out and working to resolve unmet special needs. These programs, field tested and proven in response to Hurricane Katrina in Florida and Hurricane Ike in east Texas, have been recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Florida Governor Jeb Bush. Scott brings those programs and technology to Missouri in hopes that the Show-Me State can incorporate them into our emergency management planning and response for the tornadoes, floods and ice storms that frequently impact our state. Scott’s presentation will be the focus of an action packed two hour luncheon.(Mon. 12:00 to 2:00pm)
- **Outreach to returning military Veterans with disabilities-** Where do Center’s for Independent Living find services for our veterans returning home with disabilities? This session will be led by Missouri State Veterans Ombudsman Pat Rowe-Kerr who will give you those valuable resources. Learn about the current services in place to help our citizen soldiers and programs that Pat and other Veterans organizations are creating and pushing for at the state and federal level. You’ll be better able to respond to this growing consumer need as a result of this session. (Mon. at 10:15am and 3:45pm)
- **Outreach to Unserved & Underserved Populations-** This is a very common sense outline on effective outreach to all populations, in rural as well as urban areas. You’ll walk away with a wealth of ideas about creating a well organized outreach plan. A very well-received session during the SPIL Regional Trainings, the session is being presented for those who were unable to attend the regional training in their area. (Extended session Tues. at 8:30am)
- **Payroll Departments-** Payroll department staff will hear from two CIL’s on their varying methods of operating their payroll and data departments for CDS as well and in-home billing. Special emphasis on Medicaid billing and E-verifying as well as IRS tax changes that impact attendants, consumers and your center employees. Bring your questions and suggestions and share in the discussion! (Extended session Mon. at 8:30am)
- **Sunday evening Networking Event-** Join in the fun of three games designed for creating awareness and have a lot of laughs at the same time. First is “Name that Service.” The second contest, in cooperation with Rehab Services for the Blind (RBS), is the “Blurry Obstacle Course.” The third game is another obstacle relay event called “Wheel Chair Relay”. In addition there will be time to network; board members from the Centers will have a chance to get together to ask questions, share information, etc. You’re promised a fun time with delicious snacks wrapped up early enough for you to go out for dinner. (Sun. 5:30 to 7:00pm)

- **Supplemental funding sources, grants and alternative funding for I.L.-** This session is sure to draw a great deal of interest. Centers are always looking for sources for additional funding to support new and existing programs. Now, as CIL's prepare for probable cuts in state and federal funds, you're looking for money to just to maintain core programs and services. Learn about existing sources and how and where to look for more. (Extended session Mon. at 8:30am, Mon. at 10:15am and Tues. at 10:15am)
- **Transportation-** This well rounded panel will present information on transportation issues and solutions are working for their Center's. The panel includes representatives from MODOT, rural transportation and larger cities with transportation programs that serve rural communities as well as their metro areas. Lots of good information and resources for those working on developing transportation programs or trying find methods to continue this vital service. (Tues. at 10:15am)