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10:31:53 From Laura Kelly to Everyone:  
LUV THE INTRO!! GREAT UPBEAT MUSIC

10:32:57 From Scott Feltes to Everyone:  
You're muted

10:33:07 From Scott Feltes to Everyone:  
Better!

10:42:41 From Marian frattarola-Saulino to Everyone:  
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the end. They will be read so that all questions may be asked. Those that are not  
answered will be recorded and answered and posted on the Collaborative's website:  
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10:44:00 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:  
Love Partners in Policymaking!

10:44:13 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:  
What was Tom's last name?

10:44:32 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:  
Thank you.

10:48:58 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:  
Power of the Powerless - Christopher de Vinck

10:57:23 From Nina Goins to Everyone:  
I am sorry for your loss

10:57:29 From Godwin Edwards to Everyone:  
Sorry for your loss.

10:57:41 From Cassandra Delatour to Everyone:  
sorry for your loss

10:57:54 From Jennifer Boyle to Everyone:  
I'm so sorry for you loss, Sue. Thank you for sharing Charlie's story so  
beautifully!

10:58:52 From Selena Howard to Everyone:  
Very sorry for your loss. You are a very special parent.

10:59:14 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:  
So sorry for your heartbreak. Charlie is still teaching us.

11:07:21 From Selena Howard to Everyone:  
Thank you Sue for your inspiring story. Kindness Matters. I have to pick  
up my daughter from school.

11:10:46 From Cyndy Hayes to Everyone:  
If your adult child has life-threatening behaviors and requires 2 staff to  
keep him safe - it requires the large budgets - remember we should not think for a  
moment that if you've met one person with autism - really offended by comments  
by the speaker that suggests that everyone's needs are the same as her sons -

speaker should be better vetted

11:11:48 From Ragini to Everyone:

Name of George's book, please?

11:13:36 From Mercedes Witowsky, NJCDD to Everyone:

Making Homes That Work [https://iacc.hhs.gov/meetings/iacc-meetings/2011/services-workshop/september15/homes\\_that\\_work\\_091511.pdf#:~:text=Most%20people%20with%20Autism%20Spectrum%20Disorder%20%28ASD%29%20can,behavioral%20challenges%2C%20most%20conventional%20housing%20does%20not%20work.](https://iacc.hhs.gov/meetings/iacc-meetings/2011/services-workshop/september15/homes_that_work_091511.pdf#:~:text=Most%20people%20with%20Autism%20Spectrum%20Disorder%20%28ASD%29%20can,behavioral%20challenges%2C%20most%20conventional%20housing%20does%20not%20work.)

11:18:21 From Laura Kelly to Everyone:

THANK YOU CYNDY HAYES. I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT. I THOUGHT THE SUBJECT MATTER WAS THE HISTORY OF SELF-DIRECTION, NOT A PERSONAL STORY WITH BIAS.

11:20:57 From Laura Kelly to Everyone:

MAYBE SHE CAN SPEAK OF THE CHALLENGES OF SD AND THE HUGE COMMITMENT FROM FAMILY MEMBERS.

11:23:30 From Laura Kelly to Everyone:

PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THE FUNDING SOURCES, STAFFING HIRING. FIRING, TRAINING, FINDING MEDICAL & BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS

11:25:07 From Michelle Marigliano to Everyone:

What are your thoughts/vision on models and/or strategies for professionalizing the field of self hired employees? For example, are there any states/countries that provide access to pensions, retirement benefits?

11:25:31 From Jennifer Lawes-Arias to Everyone:

she didn't

11:25:43 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:

Resource: <http://www.supporteddecisionmaking.org>

11:29:00 From Julia Simko to Everyone:

Goodness guys! Breathe and take this offline, please. I'm sure it's incredibly hard for your kids as well.

11:29:16 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:

Did you mention something called gentle training? Haven't heard of it.

11:29:21 From ann martinelli to Everyone:

Yes, please take this offline.

11:29:45 From Amy Lerner to Everyone:

How does self-direction continue when parents die

11:29:59 From Monica Iacobino to Everyone:

Good question Amy!

11:30:44 From Monica Iacobino to Everyone:

Assuming revert to CCP with Emergency Placement, unless a plan is made prior to the passing of guardians.

11:30:45 From Jennifer Boyle to Everyone:

Sue, thank you for your informative and thoughtful presentation. I'm learning a lot!

11:30:53 From Christina Rappisi to Everyone:

Gosh, Sue, I wish you could talk to every single person accepting supports in New Jersey. I appreciate your response to the negative comments. All we can hope is that you get through to people. Keep doing what you are doing!

11:31:26 From Julia Simko to Everyone:

I agree with Christina.

11:31:44 From George krops to Everyone:  
can you unmute me?

11:31:47 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:  
Agreed

11:32:30 From Lorraine D'Sylva-Lee to Everyone:  
Our sons and daughters also have a right to a have life with experiences that don't also include their parents.

11:32:31 From Cassandra Delatour to Everyone:  
100% Christina!

11:32:35 From Cyndy Hayes to Everyone:  
I was thinking this going to provide real guidance to families - and as you speak more you become more patronizing

11:32:42 From Jennifer Lawes-Arias to Everyone:  
I love what your saying

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11:33:43 From ann Martinelli to Everyone:  
Thank you, Sue, for your presentation. We, as parents, have a lot to learn and digest.

11:33:53 From Cyndy Hayes to Everyone:  
My email address is [cyndyhayes@gmail.com](mailto:cyndyhayes@gmail.com)- if anyone would like to collaborate and support each other please reach out

11:34:03 From E Jennifer Brown to Everyone:  
<https://gentleteaching.com>

11:34:07 From Julia Simko to Everyone:  
Yeah. That asexual assumption is dangerous.

11:34:35 From Colleen McKay Wharton to Everyone:  
You have referenced supported decision making — can you speak to how some states have made this a more 'official' approach ?

11:35:41 From Colleen McKay Wharton to Everyone:  
Thank you....

11:35:54 From NJ Self Direction C/O Collaborative NJ to Jennifer Lawes-Arias(Direct Message):  
HI Jennifer — Please add your question or comment to the chat. Thank you

11:35:56 From Alice Hirsh to Everyone:  
Candy I would like to connect I am alice hirsh my email address is [alicemhirsh@gmail.com](mailto:alicemhirsh@gmail.com) . I live in Clifton NJ my daughter is 42 w autism. Also, Laura kelly would love to connect with you.

11:36:12 From Dinah Fox to Everyone:  
Sue, Thank you so much for your stories and for describing your son's life so beautifully. I have been Self Directing my daughter's life for 12 years and SADLY DDD has made it increasingly difficult -- as some of the others have started to describe -- and there is a HUGE opportunity for DDD to focus on Self Direction and make it easier... and possible for more families.

11:36:35 From George krops to Everyone:

I have worked in developmental centers and the staff they had was unmatched and provided the greatest care. self-determination is not for all. As the family grows older the individual's needs grows. the center's provided individual goals and included the residents in all community aspects of life, most importantly medical care.

11:37:38 From Benson Michaud to Everyone:

George 👍

11:37:54 From E Jennifer Brown to Everyone:

Here is a resource for The Culture of Gentleness

11:37:55 From E Jennifer Brown to Everyone:

<https://www.morcinc.org/training/video-library/>

11:38:05 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:

Thank you

11:44:44 From Godwin Edwards to Everyone:

Wow to Jennifer! I am not going to say what a sacrifice as it relates to leaving your career/job, but what LOVE exhibited! I trust that everything works out for you and your son. Your family on a whole. KUDOS

11:45:15 From NJ Self Direction C/O Collaborative NJ to Everyone:

yes

11:47:28 From Subha Bolisetty to Everyone:



11:49:21 From Sue Swenson, Inclusion International to Everyone:

You are all brave. You will need it. Courage comes from connection.

11:50:30 From Jennifer Boyle to Everyone:

This has been excellent and thought-provoking! Thank you, Sue!

11:50:54 From Sue Swenson, Inclusion International to Everyone:

Thanks, Jennifer!

11:51:15 From NJ Self Direction C/O Collaborative NJ to Everyone:

<https://inclusion-international.org/>

11:51:48 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:

Connection is everything - for everyone. Belonging to a community. Thank you for your presentation and to the Collaborative and NJ CDD. I'm now in NC (from NJ). We need your help down here!

11:51:56 From NJ Self Direction C/O Collaborative NJ to Everyone:

<https://njcdd.org>

11:52:55 From Marian frattarola-Saulino to Everyone:

Sarah, we'd love to connect with you, thanks for being here

11:53:04 From NJ Self Direction C/O Collaborative NJ to Everyone:

<https://www.thecollaborativenj.org/self-direction-conference.html>

11:53:18 From Sue Swenson, Inclusion International to Everyone:

Thanks, Mercedes, for your leadership.

11:53:26 From NJ Self Direction C/O Collaborative NJ to Everyone:

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11:53:27 From Sarah Potter to Everyone:

Thk you Marian

11:55:52 From Colleen McKay Wharton to Everyone:

This has been a very valuable session, in how it 'set the stage' for future sessions ... looking forward to those!

11:56:18 From Donna Schierman to Everyone:

This has been an awesome kick-off. THANK YOU SUE! Thank you all for

joining and being open to share your thoughts today and as Mercedes said to being open to listen. We look forward to seeing everyone next to hear how it all started in New Jersey and what is happening today. Register for Feb. 23rd and then for so much more to come in March. Kudos to all participants today!

11:56:54 From Cassandra Delatour to Everyone:

Thank you all for this very informative conference!

11:57:58 From Lorraine D'Sylva-Lee to Everyone:

Thank YOU Sue, Marian & Mercedes! For creating the grace and space for this conversation.

11:58:05 From Scott Feltes to Everyone:

Thank you! lots of great info!

11:58:37 From M. Creamer to Everyone:

Thank you ... wonderful... looking forward to the next

11:58:49 From Julia Simko to Everyone:

Thanks!

11:58:52 From Ken Ficon to Everyone:

Thank You!