

Workshop Coordinators

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living

Empowering People with Disabilities for over 30 Years: 1981 - 2011

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL) is Arizona's largest center for Independent Living. ABIL offers and promotes programs designed to empower people with disabilities to take personal responsibility so they may achieve or continue independent lifestyles within the community.

Arizona Center for Disability Law

The Arizona Center for Disability Law advocates for the legal rights of persons with disabilities to be free from abuse, neglect and discrimination and to gain access to services, maximizing independence and achieving equality.

Our vision is a society that focuses on people's abilities rather than disabilities.

Collaborative Partners

- Arizona Bridge to Independent Living
- Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

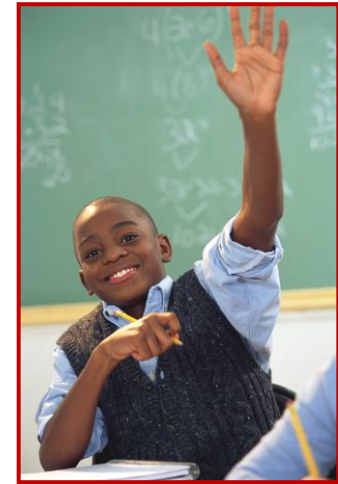
DD Network Partners

- Arizona Center for Disability Law
- Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
- Northern Arizona University Institute for Human Development
- University of Arizona Sonoran UCEDD

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FREE 1st Annual African-American Conference on Disabilities

February 28, 2012
Disability Empowerment Center
5025 E. Washington, Phoenix, AZ



Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL) and Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL) are presenting this FREE Day-Long Conference on Feb. 28, 2012 from 7:30 am to 4 pm.

Sponsored by the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Conference Schedule and Workshop Sessions

Schedule

Registration.....	7:30-8:30 AM
Opening Panel Discussion.....	8:30-8:50 AM
Session 1	9-10:15 AM (<i>Select One Workshop from List at Right</i>)
Break.....	10:15-10:30 AM
Session 2	10:30-11:45 AM (<i>Select One Workshop from List at Right</i>)
DEC Agencies' Presentation	12-12:25 PM
Lunch	12:30-1 PM <i>Guest Speaker – Hon. Leah Landrum Taylor Arizona State Senator</i>
Session 3	1:15-2:30 PM (<i>Select One Workshop from List at Right</i>)
Break.....	2:30-2:45 PM
Session 4	2:45-4:00 PM (<i>Select One Workshop from List at Right</i>)
Conference Ends.....	4:00 PM

**Registration Deadline is Tuesday,
February 21, 2012**

Register early – space is limited!

Register online at:

[http://africanamericanoutreachconference.
eventbrite.com](http://africanamericanoutreachconference.eventbrite.com)

**For assistance, contact David Carey at
ABIL at (602) 443-0723.**

Workshops

Session 1 Workshops – 9:00 to 10:30 AM (Select One Workshop Only)

Employment – This workshop provides info relating to employment integration, reintegration and vocational rehab services.

Cultural – This workshop examines the unique aspect of culture and disabilities within the African-American community.

Evaluation – Discussion of impact of culture on the evaluation process and services for African-American students with special needs.

Session 2 Workshops – 10:30-11:45 AM (Select One Workshop Only)

Financial 101 – What you need to know about managing your money!

Legislative Advocacy – Participants will learn about the legislative process and the importance of citizen participation.

IEP/504 Evaluation – This workshop will provide info on the educational laws relating to students with special needs and the unique challenges faced by African-American students with special needs.

Session 3 Workshops – 1:15-2:30 PM (Select One Workshop Only)

ADA Employment – Presentation of recent changes to the ADA including Amendments Act of 2008, reasonable accommodations, confidentiality, and rights of a job applicant or employee with a disability.

Corrections – This workshop will give interesting statistics about the incarceration of individuals with disabilities. Participants will learn how to have their rights restored upon release from incarceration including employment and voting rights.

Mental Health – This workshop examines some of the unique cultural aspects and challenges providing mental health services in the African-American community.

Session 4 Workshops – 2:45-4:00 PM (Select One Workshop Only)

Wellness Issues – Addresses diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes, breast cancer, and others impacting the African-American community.

Work Incentives – How employment affects Social Security beneficiaries' cash and medical benefits.

Legal Options – An overview of various legal options available when individuals with disabilities need the assistance of someone else in legal matters. Training includes such examples as powers of attorney, guardianships, and conservatorships.