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Page 1. Trip Report. Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils on Developmental Disabilities (ITACC) Workshop | July 22-23, 2024. National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Annual Conference | July 23-25, 2024. Capitol Hilton | Washington, D.C. Report by: Jermaine Alerta, Executive Director. Photo of Jermaine Alerta on bottom right.

Page 2. ITACC Workshops. Monday & Tuesday. July 22-23, 2024. Four photos of workshop presenters and attendees. 4 Cs and More! Managing Key Aspects Throughout a Project Lifecycle. This workshop was aimed at boosting engagement and learning to manage Council projects. The “4 Cs” included Communication (internal and external), Collection (data), Collaboration (to improve project performance), and Closure (annual and final). State Plan Development Briefing. This workshop shared essential information about the 4-year strategic planning process with particular focus on creating a development timeline, Council member engagement, realistic planning with given resources, and current work moving forward.

Page 3. NACDD Annual Conference Welcome Reception Tuesday. July 23, 2024. Six photos of welcome reception attendees.

Page 4. NACDD Annual Conference - Day One Opening Remarks Wednesday. July 24, 2024. Four photos of attendees. One photo of NACDD Executive Director Jill Jacobs delivering remarks. One photo of NACDD board president Kirsten Murphy delivering remarks.

Page 5. NACDD Annual Conference - Day One. State & Territory Showcase. Wednesday. July 24, 2024. Photo of the State & Territory Showcase booklet cover. Photo of GDDC book entry. Photo of Ray Rotarla and Jermaine Alerta during the showcase event. Staff of the Guam DD Council participated in the State and Territory Showcase. In addition to speaking about Council activities, the GDDC table gave away coconut candy and shared stories about the latte stone, taotaomo'na, and duendes.

Page 6. NACDD Annual Conference - Day One. Executive Directors' Luncheon. Wednesday. July 24, 2024. Four photos from the luncheon.

Page 7. NACDD Annual Conference - Day One. Breakout Sessions. Wednesday. July 24, 2024. Session topics - Empowering Self-Advocates to Lead. Not Just "in" the community but "of" the Community. It's Their Futures: Advancing Alternatives to Guardianship by Expanding State and National Youth Leadership. Self-Direction and the I/DD Community: A Look into the Past and Future. Roses and Thorns: Person-Centered Planning and Home & Community Based Services (HCBS). Sexual Self-Advocacy. Brains at Work: The Invisible Power of Neurodiversity. Promoting the Mental Well-being of Transition Age Youth with DD. Cultivating Strength in Loss for Adults with I/DD. Teaching, Empowering, and Training on Navigating Sexuality and Healthy Relationships.

Page 8. NACDD Annual Conference - Day One. Breakout Sessions. Wednesday. July 24, 2024. Six photos of breakout session presenters and attendees.

Page 9. NACDD Annual Conference - Day Two. Keynote Speaker and General Session. Thursday. July 25, 2024. The featured keynote speaker for the opening session was Rylin Rodgers, Disability Policy Advisor for Microsoft Accessibility. The general session topic was Ending Subminimum Wage and 14c. One photo of Rylin Rodgers. Two photos of the general session panel.

Page 10. NACDD Annual Conference - Day Two. Special Lunch - Champion of Equal Opportunity Awards & Self-Advocacy Leadership Circle. Keynote Speaker. Thursday. July 25, 2024. 2024 Champions of Equal Opportunity Award recipients and new members of the Self-Advocacy Leadership Circle were honored during a special lunch ceremony. One photo of award winners and new leadership circle members being recognized on stage. The keynote speaker for the lunch session was Jose Rosario, a passionate self-advocate whose activism amplifies the mental health stories of minoritized communities and supports systemic & collective change. One photo of Jose Rosario.

Page 11. NACDD Annual Conference - Day Two. Breakout Sessions. Thursday. July 25, 2024. Session topics - Improving Data for Health Equity for People with I/DD. The Benefit of Self-Advocate Story Telling in Medical Education. The Lives of LGBTQ+ People with Developmental Disabilities. Walking the Walk: Building Professional Careers for Self-Advocates within Disability Organizations. A Mother's Perspective: The Special Education Challenge for Immigrant Families and the Power of Diverse Leadership. College & Councils: How Inclusive Post Secondary Education and State DD Councils Make Each Other Stronger. Advocating for and Expanding the Use of Plain Language. North Dakota's Peer Model.

Page 12. NACDD Annual Conference - Day Two. Breakout Sessions. Thursday. July 25, 2024. Six photos of breakout session presenters and attendees.

Page 13. NACDD Annual Conference - Day Three. General Sessions. Friday. July 26, 2024. Annie Ray, a music teacher and winner of the 2024 GRAMMY Music Educator Award, is an advocate for universal access to quality music education for all students. She spoke about her creation of the Crescendo Orchestra program for students with I/DD and their families. One photo of Annie Ray speaking. Sherman Gillums, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Office of Disability Integration and Coordination, spoke about disaster preparedness. One photo of Sherman Gillums speaking.

Page 14. NACDD Annual Conference - Day Three. Breakout Sessions. Friday. July 26, 2024. Session topics - Empowered to Rise. Lived Experience in Leadership: Ability Leadership Program of North Carolina's (ALP-NC) Innovative Advocacy Program. Vamos DC: Supporting the Latino Disability Community Living in DC. Three photos of breakout session presenters and attendees.

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