



Foothill Autism Alliance, Inc.

Family Resource Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

*Family Resource Meetings are Free
and Open to the Public!*

COMMUNITY LIVING OPTIONS

Emerging Approaches For Providing Support For Adults To Live In Their Own Homes

Mike Danneker, Executive Director of the Westside Regional Center Foundation (WRC), and **Olivia Patterson**, Executive Director of H.O.M.E., will discuss emerging approaches to providing support to enable adults with developmental disabilities to live in their own homes. WRC has been at the forefront of facilitating home ownership and inclusive community living arrangements. **Various kinds of housing arrangements will be discussed, from home ownership, housing bought or rented by a parent or guardian, cooperative living arrangements, and life-long leasing options for people with developmental disabilities.** You will also hear success stories about WRC clients who live in their own homes with support.

Mike Danneker is currently Chairman of the Association of Regional Center Agency's Housing Committee, and he has been the Executive Director of WRC for over 20 years. He has been involved with the developmentally disabled population in a variety of capacities for many years, including working on both independent and supported living in California since the mid-70s. A strong advocate for equal access to education, he initiated the Integrated Consortium, which works towards integrating the school systems. He created a housing development corporation called H.O.M.E. (Home Ownership Made Easy), which buys low-cost property and converts it to affordable housing for clients. He spearheaded Achievable, a non-profit fund-raising group whose mission is to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities from very low-income families by focusing resources on safe and affordable housing and also on adaptive equipment. More recently, he was instrumental in forming the California Affordable Housing Institute dedicated to persons with developmental disabilities.

Olivia Patterson is the Executive Director of Home Ownership Made Easy, a nonprofit affordable housing corporation which provides housing for the developmentally disabled. She has worked 10 years in the real estate industry buying, selling and rehabbing properties and originating mortgage loans. Olivia has spent her most recent years involved with the Regional Center System advocating and promoting affordable, safe housing for the developmentally disabled in communities of their choice. She is currently serving as co-chair for housing on the California Senate Select Committee on Autism and Related Disorders.

When: Wednesday, February 10, 2010
Networking 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Speakers 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Pasadena Child Development Associates (PCDA)**
620 North Lake Avenue, 2nd floor
Pasadena, CA 91101
(Just north of the 210 Freeway)

FAA is a non-profit **501(c) 3**, all-volunteer organization of parents, professionals, and care givers who are dedicated to providing education, resources, and support to the autism community.

For more information on the FAA, visit www.foothillautism.org or call (818) 66-AUTISM.

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Out of respect for the speaker and fellow attendees, please do not bring any young children.