

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Supporting Parents with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Their Children



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Bernadette Irwin, M.A., was one of the founders of The Association for Successful Parenting (TASP). Ms. Irwin served as co-president for several years and worked with children with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families for over 30 years. She worked at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, Family Support Services for 28 years before retiring in 2015. [Click](#) to read presenter's full bio.

Sue Jones, M.A., is one of the principal founders and former co-president of TASP and is currently a senior board member. For over 36 years, Ms. Jones has specialized in supporting parents with intellectual challenges. [Click](#) to read presenter's full bio.

Susan Yuan, Ph.D., (Emerita, CESS) is a founding member and past president of TASP. Dr. Yuan is mother of a man with intellectual disabilities. She has been a leader in the family support movement for three decades and served as associate director of the Vermont UCEDD until she retired in 2008.

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: Free but registration is required

Where: Live Interactive Webinar

Registered participants will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to join the session.

Objectives: This session is designed to help participants:

1. Increase their awareness on the impact of supporting parents with IDD and their children.
2. Address negative perceptions by professionals on parenting by persons with intellectual disabilities.
3. Describe barriers to effective parenting and facilitations needed to empower effective parenting in this population.
4. Discuss programs and resources available for supporting parents with IDD and their children.

*The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities emphasized the need to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities in all matters relating to marriage, family, parenthood and relationships. This includes providing adequate supports and appropriate assistance to persons with disabilities in the performance of their child-rearing responsibilities (CRPD, article 23). Although the need to support parents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) has been widely recognized, there remains a gap in both practice and policy goals to achieve the desired outcomes. Programs that demonstrate positive practices in supporting parents with IDD (e.g., the former Growing Together program at PACT) lack sustainable funding sources. This session aims to increase participants' knowledge on need to support parents with IDD and their children, and discuss programs and resources available for supporting this population. **Instructional Level:** Introductory*

Who Should Attend? Psychologists, Social workers, Counselors, Educators, Parents and Caregivers, Nurses, Clinical and Medical Staff, Community living providers, Direct Support Professionals and other Community Service Providers, Speech/Physical/Occupational therapists, Students/Trainees

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