



Fair Shake Network (FSN)

David Stewart Legislative Training Day

February 1, 2022

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center

100 Hodges Road, Charleston, WV 25314

Jan Lilly- Stewart Disability Advocacy Day

February 2, 2022

WV State Capitol Building

Greenbrier Street, Charleston, WV

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- *WV Developmental Disabilities Council*
- *WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities*
- *The Olmstead Office*
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Deadline to register is January 20, 2022

Keynote Speaker



Billy Altom
Executive Director
Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living

My name is Billy Altom and I am the Executive Director of the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL). APRIL is a national membership organization dedicated to advancing the rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities in rural America. APRIL provides leadership and resources on rural independent living through a national network of rural centers for independent living, programs and individuals concerned with the unique aspect of rural independent living.

The goal of APRIL is to work together to find solutions to common problems and to bring rural issues in independent living into focus on the national level.

I have been involved in the independent living movement for almost 40 years. After acquiring a spinal cord injury in 1985, I attended college at the University of Arkansas and received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. My first job out of college was for the Arkansas Protection and Advocacy system in the Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR) program. I quickly transitioned to the Independent Living world by accepting a job at Spa Area Independent Living Services (SAILS) in Hot Springs, Arkansas before becoming the Executive Director of the Delta Resource Center for Independent Living in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

During my career, I have been appointed to councils by three different Arkansas governors, served as chair of the Rail Vehicles Access Advisory Committee for the United States Access Board, appointed by Department of Transportation Secretary Foxx to the Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity and was appointed by former President Obama to the National Council on Disability in 2016.

As a person with a disability, I have an ingrained knowledge and responsibility to promoting and upholding the independent living philosophy. I have seen and experienced the injustices people with disabilities have endured and am committed to the ideals of advocacy and empowerment which will enable people with disabilities to lead self-directed lives.

Other speakers for the day will include:



Don C. Perdue, Former House of Delegates Representative: From 1998-2016 Don served as WV House of Delegates representing Wayne County. While there he served on numerous Committees. He retired from the legislature in 2016 after 18 years of service. After leaving the legislature, he became the Executive Director of the Wayne County Economic Development Authority.

He is currently retired from all paid employment but he still serves on a number of Boards He Resides in rural Wayne County on a small farm with his wife Mary Jo. He is the father of two children and three grandchildren He enjoys gardening, showing poultry and is a rabid golfaholic (albeit deeply engaged in recovery, as his scores confirm). He writes occasional opinion columns for local papers and is working (perpetually) on a book (that likely will never be published).



Roxanne Clay, Director of WVABLE: a savings & investment program administered by the West Virginia State Treasurer's Office. Prior to joining the Treasurer's office, Roxanne worked for the WV Board of Examiners in Counseling for twelve years, where she was the Executive Director for the last three years. Before the Counseling Board, she was the Director of Psychometric Services for Process Strategies, Inc., Highland Behavioral Health. Roxanne earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from West Virginia State University and a master's degree in Leadership Studies with coursework emphasis in Professional Counseling from Marshall University.



Kim Nuckles, WV ADA Coordinator: Kim is a native of Benwood, West Virginia, Ms. Nuckles is a 2001 graduate of the West Virginia University College of Law and a 1997 graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University.

Kim is the State of West Virginia Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator, Kim has served as the ADA coordinator since June 2012. Prior to that, she worked in private sector law for more than a decade. Kim has used her experience as the State ADA Coordinator to continue improving both accessibility and fairness within West Virginia state government for all of its citizens," she continued. "As a native West Virginian, I am thrilled to serve the State that I love so much. I will always strive to continue making West Virginia a better place for my own daughter and for generations to come."

Within state government, Kim also serves in various other capacities, including on the Access to Justice Subcommittee through the West Virginia State Bar, Cultural Facilities and Capitol Resources Grant Committee, Olmstead Council, Capitol Evacuation Team, Capitol Closed Point of Dispensing (CPOD) Committee, West Virginia Access and Functional Needs workgroup through the Center for Threat Preparedness and the National Federation for the Blind. She is also a member of the Leadership Network through the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center and serves as the chair of the Governor's Committee for the Purchase of Commodities and Services from the Handicapped. She was also recently appointed as the EEO director, Kim will work to ensure the state's compliance with equal employment laws and practices to prevent workplace harassment and discrimination; conduct outreach through training, literature, and materials; and collaborate with various other agencies and organizations to promote diversity and inclusion.

David Stewart Legislative Training Day February 1, 2022 Agenda

8:45 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 9:40	Welcome: Paul Smith, Director FSN
9:40 – 10:10	Don Perdue: Speaking with Legislators from a Legislator’s Point of View
10:10 – 10:45	Kim Nuckles, WV ADA Coordinator: State Capitol Access
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	Keynote: Billy Altom:
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH
1:00 – 2:00	Billy Altom:
2:00 – 2:30	Roxanne Clay: WVABLE Update Report
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 3:45	2022 Disability Agenda Discussion Panel
3:45- 4:00	Evaluations and Closing Remarks

Jan Lilly-Stewart Disability Advocacy Day Wednesday, February 2, 2022 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

9:30	Rally Speakers: Sarah Jones, Fair Shake Network Chairperson- Welcome, release of 2022 Disability Agenda Governor’s Office: Proclamation WV State Treasurer, Riley Moore Rally Speaker: Billy Altom Closing Remarks
10:00 – 2:00	Visit Your Legislators (Make your own appointments) Visit Vendor Tables
Noon	Lunch (Lunch tickets required)
2:00 - 3:00	Wrap Up

Agendas are subject to change as we get closer the events.

FSN Training/DAD Registration Form

(You must complete a separate form for each registrant)

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Are you an attendant for someone? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes who: _____

Training Day Information: I plan on attending the training ___ Yes ___ No

Registration Fee: (Mark one) _____ \$45 for FSN members _____ \$60 for non-members

Accommodations Needed (Check all that apply):

_____ CD _____ Audio CD
_____ Braille _____ Sign language Interpreter
_____ Large Print _____ Special Diet (please specify): _____

_____ Other (please specify): _____

Disability Advocacy Day (DAD): I plan on attending DAD ___ Yes ___ No

Lunch Choice: ___ Turkey ___ Ham ___ Vegetarian ___ Special Diet ___ None

(Please specify any special dietary needs) _____

Please note: Add \$7.50 to your registration payment/check if you plan to have a boxed lunch on Wednesday.

If you are a person with a disability or family member not paid to represent an agency or organization, you are eligible to request a stipend to help cover expenses to attend this training. Please go to the next page and complete Stipend Form and return with your registration.

*Stipend funds are being made available to people with developmental disabilities and family members of people with developmental disabilities through funds from the WV Developmental Disabilities Council. The funds are to be used to cover or partially cover actual expenses incurred (i.e.: registration, lodging, travel, food, child care, personal assistance service) for eligible individuals who require such support to attend the training. Stipend funds are also being made available to people with other disabilities and family members through funds from the WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities and FSN.

Deadline for Registration 5:00 pm January 20, 2022
Submit registration form with check or stipend request to:

Fair Shake Network, Inc.

P.O. Box 354, Institute, West Virginia 25112-0354 or Fax: (304) 766-4721

Fair Shake Network Stipend Application Form

(You must complete a separate form for each person requesting a stipend)

Except for the registration fee & lodging, all expenses must be paid by the participant and will be reimbursed in accordance with our stipend policy. Receipts are required for all expenses covered by your stipend, including meals. Be sure to save all your receipts. *Expenses without receipts cannot be covered by your stipend. Receipts must be turned in within 5 days of the event. (This form is to determine an estimate of funds needed. You will fill another one out to with the exact reimbursement amount along with receipts.)*

Name: _____

Disability (ies): _____

Self: _____ Family Member: _____ Developmental Disability: Yes _____ No _____

This information is necessary to determine eligibility by our stipend funding sources.

*The term developmental disability is defined as a severe, chronic disability is attributable to a mental or physical impairment, or combination of mental and physical impairments; manifested before the individual attains age 22; is likely to continue indefinitely; results in substantial functional limitations in **3 or more** of the following areas of major life activity: (1) Self-care; (2) Receptive and expressive language; (3) Learning; (4) Mobility; (5) Self-direction; (6) Capacity for independent living; (7) Economic self-sufficiency; and reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated. A child from **birth through age 9** who has a substantial developmental delay or specific condition either from birth or acquired, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting 3 or more of the above criteria if the child, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life'

I am requesting a stipend to pay for the following costs:

\$ _____ Registration fee \$ _____ Respite Care/PAS (up to \$75 per day)

\$ _____ Boxed Lunch (For DAD)

\$ _____ Parking, Tolls \$ _____ Meals (up to \$40 for per day with receipt
\$10 Breakfast \$10 Lunch \$20 Dinner)

\$ _____ Hotel Room

Accessible Room _____ or Regular Room _____ (For those traveling 50 miles or more.)

\$ _____ Transportation Costs
(Gas up to \$50 with receipt)

\$ _____ Other _____

Total amount requested \$ _____

I verify that the information I have provided on this stipend application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

**Please return stipend request form with your registration form by 5:00pm January 20, 2022
Requests made after 5:00pm on January 20, 2022 WILL NOT be eligible for stipends**

Fair Shake Network Stipend Policy

The Fair Shake Network will provide stipends for items including registration fees, meals, transportation, lodging, personal assistance services (PAS), and respite care. **The amount and number of stipends will depend on availability of funding.**

The amount of stipends available for each event will be determined by the Stipend Committee. The Director may determine the amount of funding each applicant receives based on the information provided on the Fair Shake Network Stipend request form with or without input from the Stipend Committee. **Partial stipends may be approved.**

There are no restrictions on the number of times a person can apply for a stipend (if the applicant is in good standing).

All requests must be submitted in writing on a Fair Shake Network Stipend Application Form to be considered for approval.

All requests must be received by the application deadline and must be in the office by 5 p.m. on that day or it will not be considered. Faxed or email applications will be considered as long as they are received by 5 p.m. on the application deadline. Stipend request forms can be mailed to Fair Shake Network, P.O. Box 354, Institute, WV 25112, faxed to 304 766-4721 or emailed to fsn@fairshake.org

All persons receiving stipends will be notified of their acceptance or denial within 5 business days of the application deadline.

All participants receiving stipends must attend the entire event. In addition, all participants must complete an evaluation form to be turned in at the end of the event. If a person does not meet the attendance requirement or fails to submit their evaluation, stipend money will be withheld and the participant may not be eligible for future stipends. Additionally, if you do not attend and do not cancel your registration by January 28 2022, you may be billed for the registration fee, hotel, and your meals. This will include your attendant as well.

Receipts are required for all expenses covered by the stipend, including meals and transportation. **Expenses without receipts cannot be covered by a stipend. Receipts must be turned in within 5 business days of the event.** The Fair Shake Network retains the right to verify all receipts. **Reimbursement will not be made for meals provided as part of training or incidentals such as phone calls, movies, room service, etc.**

Exceptions to the stipend policy can be approved by the Director and/or the Board of Directors for the Fair Shake Network.

If you have questions or need assistance with this application, please call

Fair Shake Network office at 304-766-0061 or toll free at 1-800-497-4746

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