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12th Kansas Disability Caucus
August 10, 11, & 12, 2011



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2011 KANSAS DISABILITY CAUCUS

The 12th Kansas Disability Caucus will be held in Topeka, KS on August 10, 11, and 12, 2011. People with all types of disabilities, of any age, representing every county of the state are invited to attend. The purpose of the Caucus is to develop new disability leadership in Kansas, to educate Kansans with disabilities about the mechanics of the policy making process and encourage their participation in it, to determine major issues facing Kansans with disabilities and to elicit solutions for issues identified.

The Kansas Independent Living Community is strong and we have much to celebrate. Yet we face widespread challenges to our independence. If we are to achieve full independence, we must remain united and "Fan the Flame of Advocacy, Change, Strength, Employment, Leadership, Hope and our Future"....our theme for the 2011 Kansas Disability Caucus.

In 2009 was our 20th year anniversary. In 1988, ninety people attended the first Kansas Disability Caucus in Salina, KS. It was these voices, uniting in a common cause, that helped to pass the first consumer directed personal care assistance program in Kansas. It was not uncommon in the early years to have founders of the disability rights movement such as Ed Roberts in attendance. From 1993 to the present, the Caucus has been held in Topeka. One of the highlights since it was moved to Topeka was in 1997 when a labor union crossed the street to join the rally at the greyhound bus station, which had been staged to protest the lack of accessibility in public transportation.

More recently, people with disabilities have expressed their desire to work without the risk of losing their health care coverage. In 2002, Kansas implemented the Working Healthy Program/Medicaid Buy-In, as a result of Kansans with disabilities expressing their desire to work.

The 2011 Disability Caucus will be an opportunity to reinforce the resolve that will be needed during the coming years. It is our sincerest hope that you will join us for this event, especially during this crucial time for our community.



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General Information

Due to chemical sensitivity, the Caucus will be a scent and smoke free event!

REGISTRATION

Complete and return the conference and hotel registration form included in this brochure. **The SILCK office will make all hotel reservations.** Confirmation of your registration will be sent directly to you. If you have questions, please call the SILCK office at 800/217-4525 or 785/234-6990 V/TTY.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Adaptive Equipment: Arrangements for shower chairs, TTY's and any other adaptive equipment must be filled out on the registration form. Please be sure to check the appropriate box on the form enclosed.

Personal Assistance Services: The Disability Caucus will provide PA services during the scheduled meeting and conference activities. Anyone requiring additional personal services **MUST** make a request on the registration form.

Interpreters: The Disability Caucus will provide interpreters during scheduled meetings and conference activities. You **MUST** request interpreter services on your registration form to ensure appropriate interpreter service is available for you.

Accessible Formats: Anyone wishing to have Caucus materials in alternate format **MUST** request it on your registration form. These accessible formats include large print, computer disk, audio cassette and Braille.

SOCIAL TIME

Relax and unwind with friends and other advocates on Wednesday evening.

FLAME, the Band from New York will be our entertainment from 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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HOTEL/CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM -- **PLEASE PRINT**

Location: Capitol Plaza Hotel Topeka, KS

Name _____ (M) _____ (F) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Area Code/Phone _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Registration Type: (Rooms include registration fee & meals during Caucus sessions unless otherwise noted)

For the purpose of lodging are you a wheelchair user? ☐

☐=Single room-\$300

☐=Registration only-\$50 (no hotel/no meals)

☐=Double/Share a room-\$175

☐=Registration & Meals-\$100 (no hotel stay)

Roommate Name _____

*Scholarship ☐ *Assistance is available for people with disabilities who require financial aid in order to attend. Partial and full scholarships are available. A \$30 registration fee is required so as many participants as possible may attend. Participants will be required to share a room.

Adaptive Equipment/Room Requests:

Shower chair ☐ TTY ☐ Bathroom door removed ☐

Other _____

Accessible Format:

Audio CD ☐ Assistive Listening Device ☐ Real Time Captioning ☐

Braille ☐ Large Print ☐ CD rom ☐

Other _____

Personal Assistance (PA) Service

Will you need a PA during scheduled events ☐ Will you bring your own PA? ☐

PA Name _____

Interpreter Service

Will you need interpreter service during scheduled events? ☐

Special Diet: Diabetic _____ Vegetarian _____

Return your registration before July 8, 2011 to:
SILCK - 700 SW Jackson, Ste. 212, Topeka, KS 66603
1-800/217-4525 – www.silck.org
(alternate formats available upon request)



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Program Highlights

Welcome **"FLAME"**, the Band

FLAME, a group from upstate New York made up of 10 people with developmental/physical disabilities, including autism, Down's syndrome, and blindness, is capturing the world's attention but their message remains the same. The band from Lexington Center, Fulton County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc., wants to change the world through music. They are a phenomenon that inspires people and changes the way the general public view people with disabilities. People of all ages and backgrounds connect with this special rock band, especially those who have a disability. Parents are often overcome with emotion watching FLAME, seeing that it's possible to have their child achieve great things and, even more importantly, have a fun, fulfilling life.

FLAME began in 2003 from a recreation program at Lexington www.lexingtoncenter.org. The plan was to have the band play at the agency and around town. However the profound effect they have on their audiences made it impossible to keep FLAME within the confines of Fulton County. Word spread and requests for hire began pouring in and FLAME now averages over 70 paid performances per year, including concerts in 12 different states (NY, NJ, PA, Wash DC, ID, MA, ME, VT, RI, IN, CT, TX.) and in Europe. They perform for national and statewide conventions, corporate conferences, civic events, school functions, dances, and private parties. Their song list contains over 100 classic hit rock, country and blues songs from the past five decades.

FLAME is now an international touring band in high demand. They have released 3 CDs, travel on a custom tour bus, and working on releasing a 4th CD.

Recent events have catapulted Flame into the national spotlight. Performances at Manhattan's Gracie Mansion for NYC Mayor Bloomberg, being in "People" magazine and being featured on ABC TV's "Good Morning America" has positioned Flame to greatly expand their scope of influence.

As FLAME continues their quest to change the world, their following of adoring fans and grateful parents continues to grow.

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Tentative Schedule

●Wednesday, August 10, 2011●

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Registration (Lunch on your own)
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	WELCOME - Shannon Jones KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Mark Derry
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	What 's Hot" – What's Not!
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	CAUCUS SESSIONS
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 – 12:00 p.m.	Social Event/Entertainment: "FLAME"

●Thursday, August 11, 2011●

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions (4)
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 -11:45 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions (4)
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 -2:30 p.m.	CAUCUS SESSIONS
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	IGNITE YOUR POWER!
6:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet

●Friday, August 12, 2011●

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast/ Check out by 10:00 a.m.
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Caucus Report Out
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Closing "Blazing the Trail"
Noon	Lunch

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✓ Did you remember to:

- ☐ Print your name so we can record it correctly?
- ☐ Provide us with a phone number and area code if we need to contact you?
- ☐ Let us know when you plan to arrive and depart the hotel?
- ☐ Decide which registration you would like to take advantage of?
- ☐ Mark any adaptive or accessible needs you require to attend the Caucus?
- ☐ Let us know of any special diet needs?

Is the type of registration you need, not listed?? Please specify the type of registration that fits your need so we can accommodate you. For instance will you only attend the Caucus for one day but would like to eat a meal? Please let us know below and we will provide you with an adjusted registration fee.



Don't forget to mail your registration back by **July 8, 2011!!!**

Due to a high volume of participants, the deadline date will be strictly enforced!!

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