Sallie Bernard

Sallie Bernard helped start the Ascendigo Extreme Sports Camp ten years ago, designed to provide challenging and fun outdoor adventure sports opportunities to youth across the autism spectrum. This program has now expanded into providing full life community based options for youth and adults with autism. Her newest project with her son Bill is the Yellow House in Carbondale, Colorado. This unique house was fully remodeled in 2014 to accommodate individuals who experience autism with more significant needs in order for them to live independently in their community. Bernard was instrumental in helping create a sensory-sensitive living space, designed to reduce anxiety and increase self-sufficiency, choice, and health for those who live in the Yellow House.

She is on the board of Autism Speaks and serves on its Science Committee, Community Advisory Committee and Family Services Committee. She is board president of SafeMinds and is on the board of Valley Life for All and the Aspen Hope Center.

Aaron Bishop

Aaron Bishop is the Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities. Commissioner Bishop leads the Administration on Disabilities at the Administration for Community Living. Prior to the creation of this federal office, Bishop served for two years as the commissioner of the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Throughout his career, Bishop has fought for the civil rights of persons with disabilities, both as a direct service provider in his home state of Wisconsin and as a policy advisor on Capitol Hill. As a professional staff member for the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, Bishop was instrumental in the creation of the Assistive Technology Act of 2004 and the Traumatic Brain Injury Act. In addition, he led efforts for the inclusion of provisions to support communications access for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community in the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

In 2010, Bishop was appointed Executive Director of the National Council on Disability, advising the president, Congress, and other federal officials on policies, programs and practices affecting people with disabilities. Previously, Bishop served as the project coordinator for the Waisman Center University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and as the director of technical assistance for the National Service Inclusion Project for the Association of University Centers on Disabilities.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bishop holds a master’s of science degree in Social Work (MSSW), with an emphasis in public policy, and two bachelor of science degrees in natural sciences. In 2003, he was the recipient of a Kennedy Foundation Public Policy Fellowship. A committed advocate for inclusion and diversity, Bishop looks forward to combining the resources and expertise of multiple sectors of the disability networks and self-advocacy communities for the benefit of all people with disabilities.
Cathy Bodine
Cathy Bodine PhD, CCC-SLP began her career in assistive technology in 1985. She joined the faculty of the University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus in 1996. Today, she is internationally recognized for her leadership in the field of assistive technology and vigorously pursues her passions for new product design, research, service to families and persons with disabilities, and the professional assistive technology community at large through her leadership of Assistive Technology Partners.

Bodine has served as the principal investigator (PI) for a number of pre-service professional preparation grants, as well as the Colorado Assistive Technology Act. In addition, she has served as the PI for several research and development projects leading to new designs in AT devices. She is the Principal Investigator for the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center for Advancing Cognitive Technologies (RERC-ACT). Bodine serves on numerous national and international boards and is a frequent author and lecturer.

David Braddock
David Braddock, PhD, is Senior Associate Vice President of the University of Colorado (CU) System, Executive Director of the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, and occupies the Coleman-Turner Chair in Cognitive Disability in CU’s Department of Psychiatry. His research focuses on long-term care, health promotion and disease prevention and public financial policy toward disability, particularly intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Prior to coming to Colorado in 2001, he was founding head of the University of Illinois at Chicago’s academic Department of Disability and Human Development and was instrumental in establishing the nation’s first PhD Program in Disability Studies at UIC. He is the founding director of the University’s federally chartered Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. Prior to Chicago, Braddock held research and governmental affairs positions in Washington, DC at the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare’s Secretary’s Committee on Mental Retardation and at the Council for Exceptional Children.

Ruth Brannon
Ruth Brannon, MSPH, MA, is the Director of the Office of Research Sciences at the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). NIDILRR is located in the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in the Department of Health and Human Services. NIDILRR, while a small agency, is a leading funder of disability and rehabilitation research. At NIDILRR, she is responsible for overseeing a research portfolio that covers three domains: health and function; participation and community living; and employment. Included in this portfolio are NIDILRR’s Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers Program, its Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers Program, and its Small Business Innovation Research Program as well as its Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program. Her research training is in public health, and she has over 30 years’ experience in research administration and in conducting research related to delivery of disability and rehabilitation services.
Alice Brouhard

Alice Brouhard is a pioneer of the technology used to enable people with traumatic brain injuries (TBI) to lead more independent lives in the home, the community, and the workforce. Her daughter, Kara, sustained a severe TBI at age five. Despite having many challenges, because of technology, Kara lives in her own home. Brouhard has been an early adapter of technology, using it since 1989 to help support Kara’s independence. Described as an iPad Ninja, Brouhard has broadened her interest and expertise to reach out to those adults who wish to “age in place” and to their families.

Active as an RN and in many technology focused groups, she currently serves on the Assistive Technology Coalition through the University of Colorado School of Medicine and is a sought after speaker at both aging and disability conferences.

Katherine Carol

Katherine Carol and her daughter Mikelle Learned are speakers, authors and innovators. Carol optimizes systems, assisting people to do their best work. Her wealth of professional experience includes involvement in non-profit rehabilitation, for-profit leadership, and management arenas. She is currently Chairperson of the Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities, and a board member for the Washington Initiative on Supported Employment. She is the founding chair of Denver Options, a community centered board for persons with developmental disabilities in Colorado.

Mikelle Learned graduated as outstanding senior from her high-school, pioneering full inclusion and participation in the Denver Public School system. But she wasn’t done there - she started her own business, spoke to Congress and purchased her own home—all with the aid of technology. Carol and Learned have worked as tireless advocates in the disability field. As writers, bloggers and speakers, they continue to advocate for 21st century rehabilitation solutions for today’s evolving community.

Josh Christianson

In his role as Project Director for the Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology (PEAT), Josh Christianson marshals the collective resources of the PEAT community to promote the development, adoption, and promotion of accessible technology. He is also a consultant at Ethos Strategic Consulting where he works with government agencies to design and implement initiatives related to the talent economy. Prior to joining Ethos, Christianson worked at Deloitte Consulting, leading change management, technology, and human capital initiatives at the Department of Health and Human Services as well as at the Department of Veterans Affairs. While at Deloitte, he was a lead author of the report:

Opening the Federal Talent Economy.

Prior to Deloitte, Christianson was a member of the senior leadership team of The Posse Foundation, a college access, diversity, and inclusion and youth leadership program where he helped build the career prospects of (Continued on following page)
Posse graduates. Before joining Posse, he served on the leadership team of CentroNia, a nationally recognized learning community that pioneered responsive approaches to education with a diverse, multilingual group of clients. He received his BA in Sociology from the University of Colorado and a master’s of science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University.

Claudia Coleman

For most of the past decade, Coleman’s energy has been focused on various volunteer, charitable, and philanthropic activities, including the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities. She is secretary of the Coleman Colorado Foundation Board, a board member of CEN (Center for Excellence in Nonprofits), past chair of the El Camino Hospital Foundation Board, and co-chair of the Los Altos Community Foundation Board. In 2001, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Colorado. She is a past member of the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities where she served as chairperson of the Assistive Technology Subcommittee.

William “Bill” T. Coleman III

Bill Coleman was named CEO of Veritas at the August 11th announcement of Carlyle’s acquisition of the Company from Symantec.

In 1995, Bill founded BEA Systems. Bill was Chairman and CEO of the company from its founding through October 2001, during which time BEA became the fastest software company to reach a billion dollars in annual revenue. Following BEA, Bill was Founder, Chairman and CEO of Cassatt, Inc. an enterprise cloud software company which was acquired by CA, Inc. in 2009, and has been a partner with Alsop Louie Partners, an early stage Silicon Valley venture capital firm, since 2010. During this time, he was also Chairman and CEO of Resilient Network Systems, a cyber-security software company from Feb 2012 until Dec 2013. Prior to BEA, Bill held various management positions at Sun Microsystems, Inc., where he co-founded Sun Federal; founded Sun Professional Services; and was VP of System Software, where he led the initial development of Solaris and related products. Before Sun, he co-founded and was VP Engineering at Dest Systems. Prior to that, he was the director of product development at VisiCorp during development of the first spreadsheet, VisiCalc; the first office suite of pc applications, the VisiSeries; and the first personal computer window system, VisiOn. He began his career in the USAF as chief of satellite operations, Office of the Secretary.

Coleman holds a bachelor’s degree in computer science from the U. S. Air Force Academy and master’s degrees in computer science and computer engineering from Stanford University. He also holds an honorary doctorate (Continued on following page)
from the University of Colorado, where he founded the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities. He is a member of the boards of directors of Seagate, Avni Networks, Sapho, Virtual Power Systems, Dreamfactory, and iControl. Bill is a Commissioner of the Trilateral Commission and a Trustee of Santa Clara University.

**Jeanette Cordova**

Jeanette Cordova is the Executive Director of El Grupo VIDA, the only Spanish speaking organization supporting Hispanic/Latino individuals with disabilities and their families in the state of Colorado. She has developed and maintained relationships with the Spanish speaking community in the area of disabilities for over ten years. Through her work at Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association (RMDS), Cordova started the first Spanish speaking support group, “Cromosoma Del Amor,” for parents of children with Down syndrome in Denver. El Grupo VIDA and JFK Partners collaborated on two grants that will help families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Cordova has over 20 years’ experience in non-profits and over ten years of advocacy for children with disabilities. She is Puerto Rican American and has lived in Colorado for 23 years. Born in NYC and raised in Miami, Florida, Cordova graduated in December 2014 with her Bachelor of Science in Human Services.

Cordova is the proud mother of a 13 year old teenager who she describes as chromosomally enhanced and having a lot of charm to spread around. She knows first-hand the challenges and wonderful journey it is being a parent of a child with different abilities. In addition to being a mother and Executive Director Cordova volunteers her time as an educational surrogate parent for the Colorado Department of Education, providing advocacy for children with disabilities whose parental rights were severed and who need a representative in their individualized education plan meetings.

**Laurie Dale**

Laurie Dale is the Senior Leader of Assistive Technology Solutions for Ability Beyond, a leading non-profit that provides services and programs that promote independence and community integration to over 2,600 individuals with disabilities in Connecticut and New York.

Dale’s professional commitment to serving people with disabilities brought her to Ability Beyond in 1987, where she began her career as a direct care staff supporting individuals in a group home setting. Since then, she has filled the roles of information systems analyst, information systems project manager and director of information technology, overseeing the evolution of the agency’s technology infrastructure and pioneering the use of assistive technology to improve the everyday lives of the people in Ability Beyond’s care.

Dale has created new bridges between technology and the individuals supported by the organization, identifying and determining what will best allow them to increase their independence. Throughout her career, she has spearheaded many initiatives including growing the agency’s technology networks, as well (Continued on following page)
as implementing a healthcare compliance system that serves upward of 2,000 people each year, meeting rigorous legislative requirements.

She is a member of the Connecticut Technology Council, the New York Inter-Agency Council Technology Committee and the Best Practices Provider Group, as well as the Information Technology Advisory Committee of the Western Connecticut United Way and the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits’ IT Committee. She serves as the chairperson for the New York State Association of Community and Residential Agencies (NYSACRA) IT Advisory Committee. She is a frequent speaker at national conferences, working to better the lives of people with disabilities through technology.

**Daniel Davies**

Daniel K. Davies, Founder and President of AbleLink Technologies, Inc., has been closely associated with issues important to individuals with disabilities and their families all his life, since his oldest brother John lived with severe intellectual disability and several significant physical disabilities. Davies has been actively involved in research and development of assistive technology for individuals with cognitive and other disabilities for over 20 years. He has served as principal investigator on numerous research projects. He has authored over 75 journal articles, book chapters, and reports specifically on the use of assistive technology for individuals with cognitive disabilities and is invited to present at conferences nationally and internationally.

**Michael Decker**

Michael Decker is Chief Operating Officer at AHRC New York City, a 66-year-old, family-governed organization that serves about 15,000 people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in New York City’s five boroughs. The agency is supported by over 4,000 dedicated and talented professionals offering residential, clinical, day, vocational, educational (schools), in-home, recreational, family support, and care coordination services.

Prior to joining AHRC New York City, he served as chief executive officer of Liberty, an organization which supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and others in need in New York State’s Montgomery County, the state of Delaware, and the Fort Lauderdale, Florida area.
Cathy Enfield

Cathy Enfield is a self-advocate who serves in leadership roles with both People First of Missouri and with Self Advocates Becoming Empowered at the national level. She is active in a number of organizations that promote the rights of people with disabilities. She was awarded the Anita Carroll Self-Advocate of the Year Award in 2005 by People First of Missouri and her advocacy efforts have been further recognized in Missouri House Resolution 2836 and by other organizations including from the prestigious Roland Johnson Memorial Award for Self-Advocacy by SABE and being selected to be a member of the Self Advocacy Leadership Circle of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), both in 2014.

Enfield is a 2004 graduate of Partners in Policymaking. She is also a member of the National Advisory Council for the AIDD sponsored Community of Practice Grant for Supporting Families. Cathy is honored to be one of a group of twenty-four national advocates assembled by the Coleman Institute to help develop and disseminate “The Rights of People with Cognitive Disabilities to Technology and Information Access.”

Enfield is a lifelong resident of the Kansas City area. She currently lives in her own home in Independence, Missouri, and is active and accepted as a member of her community. With the assistance of support staff she is able to pursue her desire to help others by education and advocacy for the rights of people with disabilities.

David Ervin

David Ervin is CEO of The Resource Exchange, a Colorado-based non-profit serving children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). He has extensive professional experience in the IDD field, having worked in and/or consulted to organizations in the US and abroad. He is a published author and speaks internationally on healthcare for people with IDD and on other areas of expertise. He is a contributing author to the Rubin, et al. (Eds.) seminal book, Health Care for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities across the Lifespan (in press). Ervin is currently co-PI for the POWERS for ID, A Telehealth Weight Management System for Adults with Intellectual Disability project in the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Developmental Disabilities and Health (RRTCDD). He is associate editor for the journal Frontiers in Child Health and Human Development, and serves on the editorial panel for the International Journal on Disability and Human Development; Ervin is also an appointed member of the state of Israel’s International Advisory Committee for the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development.
Justin Gentry

Justin D. Gentry is a Researcher at The Resource Exchange, a Colorado Springs-based non-profit serving children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and the Developmental Disabilities Health Center, a multidisciplinary clinic serving adults with IDD through primary care and behavioral health. Gentry’s research background has focused on integrated health care for older adults with cognitive impairment and the use of technology to improve quality of life. He has clinically mentored young adults with autism to improve health, independent living skills, and social skills. Gentry earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs in 2012 and is intending to pursue graduate work focused on technology and intellectual disability in the near future.

Matthew Gerst

Matthew Gerst, JD, is Director of Regulatory Affairs at CTIA — The Wireless Association. Gerst leads the association’s efforts before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on a variety of policy matters, including universal service, 9-1-1 and emergency communications, and access for persons with disabilities. He also represents CTIA on the FCC’s Disability Advisory Committee and North American Numbering Council.

Gerst is a graduate of Ohio University and received his JD from New York Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of Media Law & Policy and participated in the Advanced Communications Law and Policy Institute. He is admitted to the bars of New York and Washington, D.C.. Gerst served as an adjunct professor of law in the scholarly writing program at the George Washington University School of Law focusing on the Federal Communications Law Journal.

Larry Goldberg

Larry Goldberg is Director of Accessible Media at Yahoo. In this role, he is responsible for assuring that Yahoo’s many media offerings are as accessible as possible to people with disabilities, starting with closed captioning of thousands of videos hosted on mobile apps and web sites. Yahoo produces dozens of original programs - all of which are captioned - and provides captions for thousands of partner videos, including content from the New York Times, CNBC, Hollywood movie trailers, the Discovery networks and more. Goldberg joined Yahoo in June 2014, having previously worked at WGBH Boston where he founded and directed its National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM). The NCAM focused on research and development, public policy initiatives, and strategic partnerships for global impact on inclusive media and technology. Goldberg was directly involved in such ground-breaking legislation as the TV Decoder Circuitry Act, The Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act. He led efforts to create standards adopted by media organizations and the FCC to implement legislated mandates for accessible technology.

Before starting NCAM, Goldberg directed WGBH's Media Access Group and its Caption Center and Descriptive Video Service. He holds a patent for "Rear Window," a theatrical movie captioning system, and developed the market for captioning in movie theaters.

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Goldberg majored in Cinema Studies at SUNY Binghamton and received a BA with honors in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Southern California.

Amy Goldman

Amy S. Goldman, is the Co-Executive Director of the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, Pennsylvania’s University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. She is an associate professor in the Department of Psychological, Organizational and Leadership Studies. She directs the Commonwealth’s statewide program under the federal Assistive Technology Act of 2004 (Pennsylvania’s Initiative on Assistive Technology [PIAT]) as well other local, state, and federal projects related to assistive technology across the life span (early intervention through aging). Goldman has specialized in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) throughout her long career as a speech-language pathologist, conducting pre-service training, professional development, and consulting with families and people with disabilities regarding assistive technology. Recent work has included consultation with UNESCO on accessible information and communication technology (ICT) competencies for educators. She is the co-coordinator for the AAC strand for the Assistive Technology Industry Association, facilitator for the Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) Special Interest Group on Technology, and past chair of the steering committee of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (ASHA) Special Interest Group on AAC. She has a master’s of science and Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC/L).

Katie Grange

Katie Grange has distinguished herself with a unique blend of determination and fierce advocacy. She currently serves as a member of the Colorado Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities and is Chairperson of their Planning and Grants Committee. Her most important qualification and experience come from advocating for her 27 year old son, Max, a young adult with significant physical disabilities. Grange has applied those struggles and success into being a leading voice for people with disabilities. In her community of the Roaring Fork Valley, she is involved with community building and affordable housing. Her past experience includes serving on boards which advocate for inclusive education, community, recreation, and long-term care.

Emily Haley

Emily Haley lives in Danbury Connecticut. She loves how the TIP Squad can help technology to enhance other people who have disabilities connect to things that they never thought they could even do. She is honored to be part of the TIP Squad; it makes her happy to see people succeed in life.
Tamar Heller

Tamar Heller, PhD, Distinguished Professor heads the Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago and its University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. She also directs the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Developmental Disabilities and Health, and is co-PI of two other national centers concerned with disability policies: the RRTC on Community Living Disability Policy and the Family Support RRTC. Her research focuses on health and long-term services and supports policies and practices and their effects on individuals with disabilities and their families across the life course.

Richard Hemp

Richard Hemp has served as Project Coordinator and Analyst on the State of the States in Developmental Disabilities Project since 1984. He is also Project Coordinator and Analyst on the cross-disability data set (data for 1997-2011) for the project Public Spending and Services for People with Disabilities: A 50 State Study. He contributes to ongoing technical assistance for families, public officials, advocacy and provider organizations and other researchers. He has co-authored, with David Braddock, 15 special analyses of intellectual/developmental disabilities long-term care services and supports in California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Wyoming. Hemp has written or co-written 38 books, journal articles, and book chapters and 55 monographs and special reports on family and individual support services, accreditation, managed care, and the public financing of long-term services and supports for persons with IDD, mental health needs, and physical and sensory disabilities. Hemp was awarded the 2011 Annual Distinguished Researcher in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Award by The Arc/United States. He received his MA in human development/health policy in 1974 from Governors State University, and completed doctoral coursework at the School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Amy Hewitt

Amy Hewitt, PhD, is the Director of the Research and Training Center on Community Living, Training Director of the Minnesota LEND, and Senior Research Associate at the Institute on Community Integration, all at the University of Minnesota. Hewitt has worked in various positions over the past 30 years to improve community inclusion and quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and their families. She directs several federal and state research, evaluation and demonstration projects that focus on community living, autism prevalence, direct support workforce development, person centered planning and thinking, and positive behavior support. Hewitt has authored and co-authored many journal articles, curriculum, technical reports, and a book entitled, Staff Recruitment, Retention and Training. She is on the editorial board of Inclusion and a guest editor of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, both journals of the AAIDD, and is currently on the board of directors for Arc Greater Twin Cities, Arc Minnesota, the Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD), and the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD).
Jeffery Hoehl

Jeffery Hoehl is a doctoral candidate in computer science at the University of Colorado Boulder, a Coleman Institute graduate research fellow, and a software engineer at Google. His research is focused on inclusive design for the web and understanding how combining technologies from existing online communities into novel applications can improve access for people with cognitive disabilities, especially those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As a software engineer at Google he works to improve the accessibility of user-facing products including Docs and Drive. Previously, he developed web-based solutions for the Department of Defense, federal government, and hospitality industry; and client-based solutions for the biotechnology industry. Hoehl holds a MS and BS in computer science and a BA in psychology from the University of Colorado Boulder.

Andrew Imparato

Andrew Imparato has served as executive director of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) since September, 2013. As a disability rights lawyer and policy professional with more than two decades of experience in government and advocacy roles, Imparato has worked with bipartisan policymakers to advance disability policy at the national level in the areas of civil rights, workforce development, and disability benefits. Prior to coming to AUCD, he was senior counsel and disability policy director for Senator Tom Harkin on the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Before that, he spent 11 years as President and CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities, a national membership organization working to grow the political and economic power of the disability community. Imparato’s perspective is informed by his personal experience with bipolar disorder.

Imparato currently serves on two bipartisan panels developing recommendations for reform of the Social Security Disability Insurance program and has spearheaded a national “Six by ‘15” campaign, www.sixbyfifteen.org designed to leverage this year’s milestone anniversaries of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to focus public attention on the areas where the disability community wants to see more progress.

Imparato’s work has been recognized by the Secretaries of Health and Human Services and Transportation, the US Junior Chamber of Commerce, the National Council on Independent Living, the National Association of the Deaf, and the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation. He cultivates grassroots activism on social media and is known for seeking out and mentoring emerging leaders with disabilities. He co-authored articles that have been published in the Stanford Law and Policy Review and the Milbank Quarterly, and wrote a chapter on the Supreme Court’s disability rulings in The Rehnquist Court: Judicial Activism on the Right (Hill & Wang 2003). He has been an adviser on accessibility, recruiting and corporate social responsibility to Verizon, AT&T, Time Warner, Walmart, and other leading businesses. Imparato graduated summa cum laude from Yale College and with distinction from Stanford Law School. He lives in Baltimore with his wife, historian Elizabeth Nix, PhD, and their 16 year-old son Nicholas. Their older son Gareth is a writer in Los Angeles.
Maya Israel

Maya Israel, PhD is an Assistant Professor in the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Her primary areas of specialization include supporting struggling learners’ meaningful engagement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with emphases on computational thinking and computer programming. She researches instructional strategies and technologies that promote student engagement, collaborative problem solving, and persistence. She has published in top-ranking journals such as Exceptional Children, Journal of Research on Technology in Education, Journal of Research in Science Teaching, and Computers & Education. She also supports school district initiatives focused on issues related to supporting STEM learning for students at risk for academic failure due to disability or poverty.

Linda John

For many years, Linda John worked independently at Safeway. She recently retired and has joined the Retirement Services program at Community Link, where she spends time with friends and community members she’s known for many years. John enjoys volunteering with these friends, making art and doing other recreational activities. She also enjoys photography and spending time with her family. You’ll often find her making her way around town running errands and getting things done; if you see her around, give her a shout!

Wendy Parent-Johnson

Wendy Parent-Johnson, PhD, is Professor, Department of Pediatrics, and Executive Director of the Center for Disabilities, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, at the Sanford School of Medicine, University of South Dakota (USD). She is responsible for administration and oversight of multiple grants, research, teaching, training, technical assistance, and supervision of approximately 35 staff. She has 30 years of experience in the areas of supported and customized employment, transition from school to work, and Employment First policy and practice. More recently, her research and teaching has focused on health care transition, health disparities, interdisciplinary health science education, and the integration of health and employment. Parent- Johnson is a member of the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) board, the Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) certification council, and editor of the Journal of Rehabilitation.
Shaun Kane
Shaun Kane, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. He directs the Superhuman Computing Lab. From 2011 to 2014, Kane was an assistant professor in the Department of Information Systems at UMBC.

His primary research interests are accessible user interfaces and mobile human-computer interaction. Kane’s work explores ways to make mobile devices easier to use, especially for people with disabilities and people in distracting environments.

Kane received his BS and MS in Computer Science from the University Of Massachusetts. He received his MS and PhD in Information Science, from the University of Washington.

Madjid (MJ) Karimi
Madjid (MJ) Karimi, PhD, is the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) team lead and senior policy analyst. He provides technical advice, assistance, and guidance in the development of plans necessary to the fulfillment of the committee’s mission. Karimi has responsibility for assisting the committee in the collection of epidemiological and statistical data in areas that impact the daily lives of people with intellectual disabilities, including: health, education, housing, community living, individual and family support, and employment and aging. He is also an adjunct professor in Health Education and Behavior at Trident University, Cypress, California. Karimi often works as part of a multidisciplinary team to plan and execute epidemiological surveillance, analytical projects, and behavioral and social health investigations. He consults and maintains liaisons with scientists appointed to PCPID, the National Institutes of Health, and private organizations concerned with a broad range of topics related to intellectual and developmental disabilities. Karimi studied public health epidemiology and biostatistics and is a graduate of the George Washington University, Trident University, and Southern Illinois University (Carbondale Campus). In addition to his PhD, he is certified in public health (CPH).

Jonathan Lazar
Jonathan Lazar, PhD, is a Professor of Computer and Information Sciences, and Director of the Undergraduate Program in Information Systems at Towson University. Lazar also founded the Universal Usability Laboratory at Towson University and served as director from 2003 to 2014. He is involved in teaching and research in the area of human-computer interaction, specifically, Web usability, Web accessibility for people with disabilities, user-centered design methods, assistive technology, and public policy in the area of human-computer interaction. He has previously published eight books, including “Research Methods in Human-Computer Interaction” (2010), “Universal Usability: Designing Computer Interfaces for Diverse User Populations” (2007), and “Web Usability: A User-Centered Design Approach” (2006). His newest book, titled "Ensuring Digital Accessibility Through Process and Policy," co-authored with Dan Goldstein and Anne Taylor, was published in June. Lazar has also published over 130 refereed articles in journals, conference proceedings, and edited books, and has been granted two U.S. patents for his work on designing accessible security features. He currently serves on the (Continued on following page)
executive board of the Friends of the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. From 2010 to 2015, he served on the executive committee of ACM SIGCHI (Computer-Human Interaction) as the chair of public policy. Lazar was the winner of the 2015 AccessComputing Capacity Building Award and the 2015 DO-IT Trailblazer Award, both from the University of Washington; the 2011 University System of Maryland Regents Award for Public Service; the 2010 Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award from the National Federation of the Blind; and the 2009 Outstanding Faculty Award in the Fisher College of Science and Mathematics at Towson University. During the 2012 to 2013 academic year, Lazar was selected as the Shutzer Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University where he investigated the relationship between human-computer interaction for people with disabilities and US Disability Rights Law.

Clayton Lewis

Clayton Lewis, PhD, is Professor of Computer Science and fellow of the Institute of Cognitive Science at the University of Colorado. He is well known for his work (with students and colleagues) on evaluation methods in user interface design, including the thinking aloud and cognitive walkthrough methods. His recent work on technology for people with cognitive disabilities has been presented to the U.S. Access Board Technical Advisory Committee, CSUN, RESNA, ACM ASSETS, and to other forums, and he has served as scientist in residence at the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities. He is a member of the CHI Academy, based on his contributions to human computer interaction. Lewis received his PhD in experimental psychology from the University of Michigan.

Steven Lily

Steven Lily graduated from the State University of New York at Potsdam in 2012 with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Philosophy. Lily has had various jobs supporting people with disabilities of all ages in multiple settings. He moved to Colorado and began working at Community Link in 2015 where he actively supports the inclusion of individuals with disabilities within the communities of Boulder County. Besides being an advocate, Lily enjoys many outdoor recreational activities, reading, playing music, and practicing a sustainable and mindful lifestyle.

Amie Lulinski

Amie Lulinski, PhD, is the Director of Research and Evaluation at The Arc of the US. Prior to joining The Arc’s national office in 2014, Lulinski served as senior research specialist in developmental disabilities at the Institute for Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) where she also earned a master’s degree in Disability and Human Development as well as a PhD in Disability Studies. Additionally, she served as the policy and advocacy director for the Illinois Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program, providing guest lectures on such topics as Medicaid, Olmstead implementation and legislative advocacy, as well as providing policy mentorship to trainees. Lulinski maintains a relationship with UIC, having been recently appointed to the faculty as adjunct assistant research professor.
Amanda Maisels

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Maisels graduated from Harvard Law School and clerked for Judge Henry H. Kennedy, Jr. on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Greg McGrew

Greg McGrew works as a Laboratory Coordinator running a product testing laboratory at Assistive Technology Partners (ATP). He is a rehabilitation engineer by training, with a BS in mechanical engineering and an ME from a biomedical engineering program which focused on the design and development of assistive technologies (AT).

At ATP, he operates and oversees the Product Testing Laboratory. The Lab specializes in usability testing of AT and mainstream products used by people with disabilities. He also provides rehabilitation engineering services in the area of job accommodation and ergonomic evaluation. As a researcher running usability tests on products for people with cognitive disabilities, he currently serves as Vice Chair of the RESNA Standards Committee on Cognitive Accessibility. McGrew’s background includes directing rehabilitation engineering and assistive technology service programs at Helen Hayes Hospital in New York, and at two different state agencies in South Carolina that served people with disabilities.

Since working as an engineer in rehabilitation and AT settings, he has been an active member of the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA), providing rehabilitation engineering leadership within the organization and serving on RESNA’s Board of Directors and its executive committee. He was president of the organization from August 2008 to August 2010, and was named a RESNA Fellow by the organization in 2010. He also currently serves on the Board of FalconWorks, a non-profit technology transfer organization that works with the engineering departments at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO, consulting on senior engineering projects.
Kerri Melda

Kerri Melda is the Vice President of Research and Product Development at CQL, The Council on Quality and Leadership. Melda has three decades of experience in the field of developmental disabilities, and has recently developed CQL’s international online database for analyzing personal outcome measures and basic assurances data toward organizational quality improvement. Her other responsibilities at CQL include project leadership, data analyses, program evaluation, product development, and provision of technical assistance. Her work often focuses on projects related to individual quality of life, family support, performance evaluation, and organizational and systems change. Prior to coming to CQL, Melda served as a senior research and policy associate at the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), a national organization providing research, evaluation and technical assistance toward improving the lives of and opportunities for people with disabilities. Melda holds a master’s degree in public policy and administration and a bachelor’s degree in special education.

Donald Meskimen

Donald Meskimen has spent most of his life speaking out for the rights of himself and others with intellectual disabilities. He is a trusted and valued mentor to others who strive to be self-advocates as well. Meskimen feels strongly that helping others is an important part of life and actively works with several volunteer organizations, including delivering Meals On Wheels and helping a homeless outreach program in Longmont. Meskimen is a talented artist and caring friend. He enjoys listening to all kinds of music and is always ready with a witty comeback in every situation.

Eric Moody

Eric J. Moody is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, and received his doctorate in Social Psychology and Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience from the University of Denver. Moody did a post-doctoral fellowship in autism assessment and public health/epidemiology at the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus. He comes to JFK Partners from National Jewish Health where he was a data analyst studying the impact of psycho-social factors on health outcomes. Moody is currently the co-principal investigator on a grant that is developing and testing a parent based mentoring program to improve well-being in families who have children newly diagnosed with autism. He is also the study coordinator for the Study to Explore Early Development, the largest study of its kind exploring the causes of autism, and is the director of JFK Partners Spirituality Initiative which is exploring how to better serve the spiritual needs of children and families of those with developmental disabilities. Moody's research interests include uncovering the basic mechanisms of social impairment in autism by using psychophysiological methods (e.g., electromyography), exploring novel community based interventions for those with autism, and using observational methods to better understand the causes of autism.
Kim Musheno

Kim Musheno is the Director of Public Policy at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) where she works on federal policy and legislative issues that affect people with developmental disabilities and their families. She also provides national leadership as vice chair of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a coalition of more than 100 national disability organizations. Musheno co-chairs the CCD Task Forces working on fiscal policy, developmental disabilities, and autism, and serves on the education and employment task forces.

Prior to working at AUCD, she was a communications specialist at The Arc of the United States Governmental Affairs Office and research assistant at the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD). During her approximately 15 years working in the field of disability policy, she has monitored or worked on nearly every major piece of legislation that affects people with developmental disabilities and their families, including the Developmental Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, the Work Incentives Improvement Act, Combating Autism Act, and legislation to reform Medicaid such as the Family Opportunity Act, Money Follows the Person Act, Community Choice Act, and most recently, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

During the winter of 2010 Musheno was hired as an adjunct professor by the University of Delaware where she assisted in leading a group of undergraduate students on a short-term (five-week) study abroad program to explore disability issues in diverse cultural contexts: Ghana, UAE, Nepal, and Thailand. She was recently presented with a Special Recognition Award for her work advancing national disability policies by the AUCD during the 2011 Annual Meeting. She earned a BA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in political science and German.

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Margaret Nygren

Margaret Nygren, EdD, is the Executive Director and CEO of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD). Nygren has more than 20 years of service in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her previous positions include associate executive director at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), a fellowship at the Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and director of the Center on Aging and Disabilities at the Lieutenant Joseph P. Kennedy Institute.

Julie Petty

Julie Petty is the Chairwoman of the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID). Chairwoman Petty is a project trainer at Partners for Inclusive Communities at the University of Arkansas. She has worked in the violence prevention and intervention field since 2008. Petty was the state coordinator for Arkansas People First from 1998 to 2007. She has served as national chairperson for Self Advocates Becoming Empowered and co-chair of the Alliance for Full Participation. Petty was first appointed to the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities in 2011. She received a BA in Journalism from the University of Arkansas.

Jill Pidcock

Jill Pidcock’s passion is assisting families, agencies and organization to find resources and needed supports for individuals experiencing a disability. As President of JP Consultants LLC, she helps people navigate complicated service delivery systems. She currently serves on several committees, as well as board of directors, for organizations including the ARC of Colorado, the Colorado Coalition for Autism and Other Neurological Disability Options (CO-CANDO), the Living Spectrum, and the family supports and services committee of her local community centered board.

Pidcock is a wife and mother of two sons, the oldest of which was identified with autism at age two. Along with her husband, she works tirelessly to create a lifestyle that is accessible, accommodating and accepting of their son, Sam.
Philip Proctor

Philip Proctor is the Director for Individualized Technology Strategies at AHRC New York City, a 66-year-old, family-governed organization that serves about 15,000 people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in New York City's five boroughs. The agency is supported by over 4,000 dedicated and talented professionals offering residential, clinical, day, vocational, educational (schools), in-home, recreational, family support, and care coordination services.

Prior to joining AHRC New York City, he worked evaluating the impact of information and communication technologies on teaching practices. Proctor carried out studies on the authenticity of technology mediated interactions in online social environments. His current work within AHRC New York City focuses on the operational system requirements needed to support meaningful consumer technology integration into the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Sara Honn Qualls

Sara Honn Qualls, PhD is Kraemer Family Professor of Aging Studies and Professor of Psychology, and director of the Gerontology Center at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS). She has helped develop professional geropsychology as an emerging specialization nationally. At UCCS, she helped develop a doctoral program, a training clinic in the community called the Aging Center, a senior housing collaboration, and an integrated health care model for primary care, nutrition, physical activity, and mental health. Qualls is passionate about helping people age well, helping families navigate the challenges of later life, and about developing university-community collaborations that provide innovative integrated care approaches to training, research, and service delivery. She has published several books, including Caregiver Family Therapy and Aging and Mental Health.

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Abe Rafi is Director of Digital Strategy and Online Services at The Arc of the United States. He is charged with enabling The Arc to achieve its goals in the digital dimension. As the founder of a web design firm, he has organized and led product development teams to create online communities, mobile applications, websites, and business intelligence tools for social change organizations such as Ashoka, Disability Rights International, The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, and for various other clients. Rafi is a long-time advocate for the rights of people with disabilities, having reported on human rights abuses in institutions for people with disabilities and trained human rights activists in Serbia, Turkey, and Russia. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the sibling of a man with an intellectual and developmental disability.
Blake Reid

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Reid earned his LLM in Advocacy with distinction from Georgetown Law and his JD from Colorado Law, where he was the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal on Telecommunications and High Technology Law (JTHTL). He also earned his BS in Computer Science from the University of Colorado School of Engineering.

Mary Kay Rizzolo

Mary Kay Rizzolo, PhD, is the Associate Director of the Institute on Disability and Human Development (IDHD), the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities for the state of Illinois. Rizzolo has published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and monographs on financial and programmatic trends in the states and the nation; state commitments for family support, supported living, and supported employment; HCBS Waiver services, deinstitutionalization outcomes, and assistive technology for persons with cognitive disabilities. Rizzolo received her BA and MA in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina Central University, respectively. She received her PhD in public health from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2005 where her dissertation research focused on the determinants of state use of nursing homes and state-operated institutions for persons with developmental disabilities.

Chris Rolander

Chris Rolander is passionate about self-advocacy and speaking out about the rights of people with intellectual disabilities. Rolander is a long-time resident of Boulder where he lives in his own home with a roommate. He enjoys horseback riding, visiting family in North Carolina and gardening. He also enjoys helping others in his community through volunteer work, and especially enjoys doing work that helps senior citizens. He has a fantastic sense of humor and would love to hear your best knee slapper!
Joiwind Ronen

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Ronen is the president of Ethos Strategic Consulting, which supports government agencies in effectively reaching their mission goals. Previously, she served as executive director of the American Council for Technology and its Industry Advisory Council, the premiere technology organization facilitating communication and collaboration between the IT industry and government.

Additionally, she was director at the Council for Excellence in Government where she started the eGovernment Consortium, spurring the groundbreaking e-Government Act of 2002. Ronen has served as an adviser and member of the Development Gateway of the World Bank, the E-Government Associates Group at the OECD, the Congressional Management Foundation and the Center for Democracy and Technology. She has also advised many foreign governments on their technology policies including: Mexico, Italy, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Thailand, United Kingdom, Morocco, Australia, and the Czech Republic. Ronen received her BA from Pomona College and a master’s of public policy on a Truman Scholarship from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

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Lisa Seeman

Lisa Seeman is a globally-recognized expert in inclusive design, accessibility, web interoperability, and the semantic web. She is currently the facilitator of the Cognitive and Learning Disabilities Accessibility Task Force (COGA) of the Web Accessibility Initiative of the W3C. COGA aims to improve the user experience for people with learning and cognitive disabilities. Seeman is a pioneer on inclusive design across barriers of abilities and neurodiversity such as Cognitive and Learning Disabilities and improving usability for the aging population.

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Seeman has been an invited expert for the W3C since 1999. In 2006 she became the original author and editor of the Roles for Accessible Rich Internet Applications specification and the States and Properties Module for Accessible Rich Internet Applications which then became the specifications for Accessible Rich Internet Applications (WAI-ARIA) for the W3C.

Previously, Seeman headed a government funded incubator project that culminated into an independent company (UB Access). She currently works for IBM as an accessibility research engineer.

**Karrie Shogren**

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**Timothy Shriver**

Timothy Shriver is Chairman of Special Olympics and in that capacity, he happily serves together with over 4 million Special Olympics athletes in 170 countries, all working to promote health, education, and a more unified world through the joy of sports.

Before joining Special Olympics in 1996, Shriver was and remains a leading educator focusing on the social and emotional factors in learning. He co-founded and currently chairs the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), the leading school reform organization in the field of social and emotional learning. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a non-executive director of WPP plc.

Shriver earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University, a Master's degree from Catholic University, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Connecticut. He has produced 4 films, written for dozens of newspapers and magazines, founded an ice cream company, and been rewarded with degrees and honors which he didn’t deserve but happily accepted on behalf of others.

Shriver lives in Washington, DC with his wife Linda and their 5 children.
Carol Small
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Steven Stock
Steven E. Stock is Vice President of AbleLink Technologies, Inc. of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Stock’s involvement with and commitment to people with intellectual disabilities began at a young age when his uncle with severe intellectual disabilities and spina bifida, Francis Gauthier, came to live at their family home. Stock’s work has been published in refereed journals and academic book chapters on over 40 occasions. His 35 years of professional experience with individuals with intellectual disabilities through work as a behavior specialist, training manager, residential manager, vocational manager, and agency director at organizations in Colorado and Michigan has provided him with first-hand knowledge of the day-to-day challenges common to individuals with intellectual disabilities. He has been involved in many successful Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) projects funded by the National Institutes of Health and U.S. Department of Education, and has served as principal investigator on numerous projects. His experiences have included researching and developing agency staff training programs and skill level and adaptive behavior assessment systems; conducting futures planning quality of life training and implementation programs; designing and managing the transition of agency group homes to apartment programs; managing deinstitutionalization processes; and developing community-based employment programs.
Shea Tanis

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Cathy Ficker Terrill

Cathy Ficker Terrill is President and CEO of CQL, The Council on Quality and Leadership. Her career has included working in government, non-profit organizations, university teaching, advocacy, and supporting and mentoring self-advocates. Before joining CQL, Terrill was CEO of The Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities, an Illinois based organization dedicated to providing leadership and technical assistance to drive public policy and promote best practices for individuals with disabilities. She also served as CEO of the Ray Graham Association, where her efforts reinvented a provider agency to become more community-based and person-centered. Terrill has worked as the vice-president of the Brain Injury Association (BIA). She is the past president of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), a former president of Illinois TASH, and a two-term presidential appointee to the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID). For the past 20 years, Terrill has also volunteered internationally, helping to create services for people with disabilities.

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Jutta Treviranus is the Director of the Inclusive Design Research Centre (IDRC) and Professor in the faculty of Design at OCAD University in Toronto (http://idrc.ocadu.ca). With its origins in the Adaptive Technology Resource Centre, which she launched in 1993, she has established the IDRC as a center of expertise in the inclusive design of emerging digital systems, networks and practices, with a special focus on education. Treviranus also heads the Inclusive Design Institute, a multi-university regional centre of expertise (http://inclusive design.ca). Treviranus founded and directs an innovative graduate program in inclusive design at OCAD University (http://www.ocadu.ca/academics/graduate-studies/inclusive-design.htm). She is the co-director of the Raising the Floor Consortium (http://raisingthefloor.org) that coordinates the Global Public Inclusive Infrastructure project (http://gpii.net). She leads many international multi-partner open source research networks that have created broadly implemented innovations that support inclusion e.g., Fluid Project (http://fluidproject.org), Floe Project (http://floeproject.org). Treviranus and her team have pioneered network-supported personalization as an approach to accessibility in the digital domain. She has played a leading role in developing accessibility legislation, standards and specifications internationally (including W3C Web Accessibility Initiative Authoring Tool Accessibility Guidelines, IMS AccessForAll, ISO 24751, and AODA Information and Communication).

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**Liz Weintraub**

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Weintraub is the immediate past chair of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council. She is a faculty member of The National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities at the University of Delaware and is the past president of the Board of Directors for Shared Support Maryland, a progressive provider organization.

In 2015, Weintraub received the Katie Beckett Advocacy Award from the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry.

**Ashley Williams**

Ashley A. Williams, PhD, received her doctorate in Psychology from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, where the curriculum is focused on aging. Her dissertation focused on late-life planning in aging families of individuals with intellectual disabilities. During her clinical internship, she provided Applied Behavior Analysis therapy for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and conducted neuropsychological testing with children and young adults with learning disabilities.

She is currently the director of New Heights Behavioral Health, a service of The Resource Exchange, a non-profit agency serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She provides behavioral therapy in an integrated primary care setting, the Developmental Disabilities Health Center, and works with caregivers and parents of persons with developmental disabilities. She has also trained and supervised interns, practicum students, and other therapists since she completed her doctoral program in 2009.

Williams did a post-doctoral research project at the Gerontology Center, University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) from 2009 through 2011. In this position she worked on a validation study of a computerized program to detect cognitive impairment and mental health problems in a primary care setting. She also co-authored a book for therapists working with caregivers of older adults.

Williams served a three-year term as a co-convener of the Special Interest Group on Developmental Disabilities at the Gerontological Society of America’s annual meetings.