



# University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

## Meet the Community Partners Council



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The Community Partners Council (CPC) has served as an advisory group for the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) since October 2005. The council members represent the voices and needs of Oregonians with disabilities and their families, friends, and supporters. They also represent the geographic, racial, ethnic, socioeconomic (income), rural, and urban makeup of the state of Oregon. Through an interactive partnership with the UCEDD, they ensure that individual, group, and community concerns are addressed by the ongoing work of the UCEDD. We all meet on a quarterly basis for about three hours over lunch to dive into a topic or two, or work on some objectives. The group is a great mix of long-time and newer members, older and younger folks, and advocates all so wise!

### **Joe Basey**

Joe is one of the founding members of the CPC, and his enthusiasm shows no sign of wear after 13 years. Joe currently serves as Chair of the CPC. He has a strong interest in working on behalf of, and mentoring, high school youth with disabilities, and has been involved in a variety of trainings that teach individuals about self-advocacy and self-determination. Joe has also been a member of the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and the State Advisory Council for Special Education. He currently works for the City of Eugene in the Adaptive Recreation Program and loves watching Ducks basketball.

### **Jerry Pattee**

Jerry has served on the CPC for 12 years and has held various leadership positions. He is currently the Treasurer. A longtime resident of Portland, Jerry has also serves on the Board of Directors for United Cerebral Palsy Association of Oregon & SW Washington and Self Advocates As Leaders, and as an advisory committee member for the Oregon Office on Disability and Health. He is retired from Quest Communications, Inc. and enjoys his free time by volunteering at church, collecting antique telephones, mentoring others, and spending time with family and friends.

### **Kiersi Coleman**

Kiersi has served on the CPC for four years. She is currently the Secretary. Kiersi has also been working and volunteering for the UCEDD for four years. She will be finishing her Associate Degree at Portland Community College (PCC) and will pursue her Bachelors and Masters of Social Work at Portland State University. Kiersi was a Student Leader at the PCC Multicultural Center and also a Student Educator for the Illumination Project, both projects promoting student equality on campus. Kiersi previously lived in an adult foster care home and is a strong advocate for community living and community integration for people with disabilities, as well as universal design within society. Kiersi lives independently with her cat Rowena. She loves exploring Portland.

### **Jerrid Williams**

Jerrid has served on the CPC for four years. He is a strong advocate for disability policy and disability rights. He also works to help others understand the complicated nature of such rules and laws. Living in Salem, Jerrid is no stranger to our State Capitol building. Beyond studying law, he enjoys reading, writing, being outdoors, and taking long drives.

### **Ted Wenk**

Ted has been with the CPC for over two years. He represents our DD network partner, Disability Rights Oregon (DRO). Ted's 30+ year career as an attorney for people with disabilities shows long-standing dedication to helping people fully participate in their communities throughout Oregon. He lends great perspective and insight into legal and other disability issues. In his free time, Ted enjoys hiking and tennis.

### **Paulina Larenas**

Paulina currently serves as Member-at-Large in her first term on the CPC. Originally from Chile, Paulina has lived in the Portland Metro area for 15 years and has a husband and two children. Her daughter guides Paulina in her commitment to advocate for a better life full of opportunities for her daughter, and for every person with disabilities. Representing a parent perspective on the CPC, Paulina also brings professional experience from her work at Family and Community Together (FACT) Oregon. She also has volunteered for the last three years on several projects for the UCEDD and the OHSU Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC). Paulina and family love going to the coast, to the cinema, meeting with friends, and visiting new places.

### **Ryley Newport**

Ryley is in his first year of membership in the CPC. He has worked alongside the UCEDD as a DD network partner for four years at the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD). Ryley was initially introduced to the disability field as a family member of a person with a disability. He has worked for the past 10 years in the disability field in the role of expanding the involvement of people with disabilities and their families in social and policy change. Ryley has worked for the Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition (OSAC), the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE), U.S. Senator Tom Harkin's office, and with other local, state, and national organizations. When not working, he spends his time exploring and surfing in Oregon with his family.

### **Sherri Osburn**

Sherri is the CPC's newest member. She is an active member of her community and a strong advocate. Sherri also serves as Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for Inclusion Inc., works for Meals on Wheels, has experience as a Healthy Lifestyles Trainer, and recently retired after serving eight years with the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD). Sherri enjoys gardening, staying busy, and helping others get what they need!