

Tough Advocacy for Tough Times

August 19 and 20, 2009

Radisson Hotel Denver Stapleton Plaza
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August 19, 2009

8 am – 9 am	Continental Breakfast
9 am – 12 noon	Welcome Introductions General Advocacy – Julie Reiskin, Executive Director, Colorado Cross Disability Coalition
12 noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	General Advocacy, continued Mental Health Advocacy – Julie Reiskin and Amy Smith, Colorado Cross Disability Coalition
4:30 pm – 5 pm	Questions, Conclusion

August 20, 2009

8 am – 9 am	Continental Breakfast
9 am – 12 noon	Housing Advocacy Panel Janice Rodriguez, U.S. HUD Public Housing – presenting information on a variety of housing programs and how to work effectively with HUD David Bolin, Co-Executive Director, Colorado Springs Independence Center – presenting information on how to work effectively with housing development organizations

Tim Thornton, Executive Director, Atlantis Community – presenting information on how to expand housing options for people with disabilities by purchasing housing through the Atlantis Foundation

Dawn Russell , Coordinator, Rental / Homeownership Access Modification Program (RHAMP), Atlantis Community – presenting information on home modifications and housing options for people with disabilities

Bill Bass – Senior Director of Cultural Competency, Denver Center for Independent Living – presenting information on housing options for people who are ex-offenders or have other issues that complicate housing availability

12 noon – 1:00 pm Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Housing Advocacy Speakers

Evelyn Meininger, U.S. HUD, Fair Housing – presenting information on government protections against housing discrimination and how to advocate and work with fair housing on behalf of persons with disabilities

Les Ebert, Colorado Legal Services - Ask a Lawyer session and information on fair housing, evictions and other legal actions

3:30 pm – 4 pm Wrap Up, Evaluations