

*An invitation to: the staff of Community Link, ACL, EDH Support Co & TC's Community,
Please join us for:*

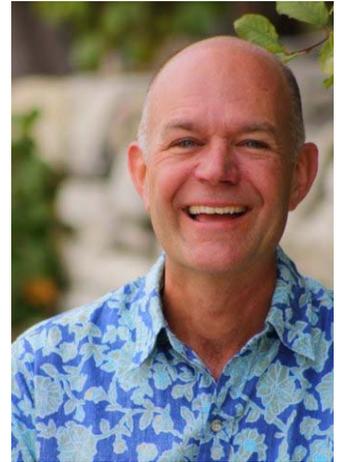
Peter Leidy

Wednesday, August 13 & Thursday, August 14, 2014

Peter Leidy has been learning from people with disabilities since 1983. Peter is a facilitator, listener, learner, and speaker whose focus is on personalized supports and community membership for people with disabilities. He also writes and sings songs about human-service-land and those who find themselves connected because of services. www.peterleidy.com

Peter's message "speaks" to organizations, families, paid support staff and agencies to promote positive support, inclusion, building healthy relationships, and thinking differently about people who are labeled "challenging."

This is Peter's first workshop in Colorado and we encourage you to join us for engaging insight and humor as he shares his perspectives and wisdom regarding person-centered, quality supports to people with disabilities.



Wednesday, August 13

Community Link, 6290 Lookout Road, Boulder, 80301

8:30 am-noon, 1-4:00 pm (lunch provided) *Peter will weave together elements of both sessions throughout the day.*

Doing Our Best Work: 10 Ingredients of Quality Support

What do we really mean by commonly used phrases such as "best practice" and "quality supports"? Through real experiences and stories, we'll examine 10 important ingredients of excellent support, take a good look at how we can measure when we are at our best, and help remind us what matters most about our work.

7 Ways to Cause Prevent a Crisis

Many people labeled with "challenging behavior" spiral into crisis through actions and events that could have been avoided. Many crises are caused – unintentionally by the system, the team or the behavior plan. When people are lonely and disconnected, when life is dull, when a "home" does not feel like home, when a place where someone spends the day is not a good match – the likelihood of unwanted behavior increases. This is not a session about techniques, but rather about how paying attention to quality of life relates to crisis prevention.

Wednesday, August 13

Community Link, 6290 Lookout Road, Boulder, 80301

5:30-7:30 pm Pot luck with Peter!

Hosted by Family Link

Peter shares Family Link's passion for networks! He has spoken with families all over the US (& in other countries) and has insight, wisdom and experiences to share from their stories. Peter invites you to bring your stories, thoughts, struggles and sense of humor while we enjoy an evening of food, fun and inspiration as friends and families who are concerned about a good life now and in the future for loved ones of all ages.

Bring a dish to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.

Thursday, August 14 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1000 West 15th Avenue, Longmont, 80501

9:00 am – 12:30 pm *Whose Life Is It, Anyway?*

This session looks at power and control in relationships with family, friends and paid supports. Teens and adults with disabilities frequently feel others are too often telling them what to do without concern for their input. Many support staff feel that guiding and deciding are expectations of their job or supervisor. We talk about choice all the time, but what does informed choice really look like and how does it vary from person to person? With the system and families moving toward a more person-directed model of service, this will be a timely training on how to problem solve and plan for the future.

12:30-1:15pm Lunch (a light buffet will be provided)

1:15-4:30 pm *Making Connections: Building Bridges to Community Life*

Too often people served are lonely or disconnected. Through real stories we will explore strategies for making connections, fostering relationships and addressing barriers to community connecting in the important work of community building when so many other issues seem urgent. This session is a must for those committed to a good life for family, friends and community members with disabilities.

Join us for one, two or all sessions but please register by August 8 to Cassy Higgins,
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