



## ***2010 SUMMER INCLUSION INSTITUTE***

*HOW DO WE MOVE INCLUSION FROM A GOOD IDEA TO EVERYDAY LIFE?  
HOW DO WE BUILD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THAT REALLY WORK?*

♥Person Centered Planning   ♥Inclusion   ♥Community Organizing

**Faculty for this Learning Community:**

**John O'Brien - Connie Lyle-O'Brien  
Lynda Kahn - Jack Pearpoint**

**Your Hosts: Les Parker - Jan Fitzgerald**

**\*SUNDAY AUGUST 1 – TUESDAY AUGUST 3, 2010**

**Minnowbrook Conference Center**

**Blue Mountain Lake, NY**

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**Minnowbrook Conference Center is in the rural Adirondack region of NYS.**

**\*Starting on Sun. afternoon at 3 p.m. and ending with dinner on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**DEVELOP PRACTICAL SKILLS:**

Building relationships      Identifying strengths  
Planning for the future in an 'Inclusive State of Mind'

**LEARN ABOUT:**

## How agencies can support individuals and groups to be more inclusive MAPS, PATHS, Person and Community Centered Planning

### Accessible recreation

#### **FACULTY:**

Jack Pearpoint, Lynda Kahn and John O'Brien work with individuals, families, organizations and governments interested in positive change through facilitating conversations, planning sessions and offering training workshops.

**John O'Brien** with his partner Connie Lyle O'Brien, spend much of their working lives under the umbrella of Responsive Systems Associates on projects involving a network of people who cooperate in building local capacity to include people with substantial disabilities in all aspects of community life. Projects focus on:

- Facilitating planning for people and their families, agencies, service systems, and governments that improves ability to listen and respond to people with disabilities and their families.
- Assisting innovators to evaluate programs and policies that open new opportunities for community participation and choice.
- Helping people reflect on the meaning of providing personal assistance and the work of designing and leading agencies that reveal and support capacities and mutual contributions.
- Supporting people to communicate what they are learning from their lives and their work. Many of these activities happen through our association with the Center on Human Policy.

Work in several countries has expanded our experience and our network beyond the United States to include people in Australia, Bosnia, Canada, England, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, Spain, and Wales.

**Jack Pearpoint** is an independent Canadian Publisher (Inclusion Press) and catalyst for team work, diversity and change! Jointly with John O'Brien and Marsha Forest (deceased), Jack created person-centered approaches such as PATH, MAPS and Circles of Friends. Jack's forty years of organization experience include seven years in Africa implementing post-war reconstruction; sixteen years as President of Canada's oldest literacy organization, Frontier College; and nearly two decades as a full-time publisher and presenter. Jack is the founding director of the Marsha Forest Centre: Inclusion, Family and Community and remains its Executive Director. Jack with his wife and partner, Lynda Kahn, consult and learn with people with disabilities and their families, and organizations engaging in positive change, through planning events and workshops. Work in several countries has expanded their network beyond Canada and the United States to include people in Australia, England, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, and Uganda.

**Lynda Kahn**, is a co-leader at Inclusion Press International, Toronto, working with individuals, families, organizations and governments interested in positive change. She served in the public sector in the United States, as Rhode Island's Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (1996-2005) and as President of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). Lynda is passionate about leadership, change and personal engagement to realize a more just world where everyone's voice and gifts are welcome. Her experience has taken her from institution to community settings, involving values-based person-centered practice as a means to facilitate individual and organizational change. Lynda, with her partner, Jack Pearpoint, design learning and planning processes created to engage people in action for social change.

#### **Hosts:**

**Janice Fitzgerald's** involvement in disabilities advocacy started 24 years ago when her son, John, was an infant. All of the things a young family takes for granted seemed to evaporate and fear of the future took hold. In addition to typical parenting skills, Jan recognized the need to be a researcher, communicator, record keeper and manager. The first people to be mentors were other parents and that is where her strong belief in the parent to parent program began. As the parent of a young man with multiple disabilities, Janice and her husband, Doug, have worked to support John in reaching his potential and becoming a responsible citizen with a focus on abilities and strengths. This support has included a constant challenge including asking one question: ***how do we know what John can do unless we let him try?*** Janice is Executive Director of Parent to Parent of NYS.

**Les Parker** is the Executive Director of The Adirondack Arc. (Franklin-Hamilton Chapter NYSARC) and has led the organization to support individuals with developmental disabilities with person centered, quality outcome based approaches to services.

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***This is a residence program and is all-inclusive—  
tuition, meals and accommodations. There no partial conference rates.***

***Cost: \$910 Professionals - \$760 Parents and individuals with disabilities***

Mail completed registration to: The Adirondack Arc, Patricia Littlefield, 12 Mohawk St. Tupper Lake, NY 12986,  
Fax 518-359-7820 or e-mail to: [inclusion@adirondackarc.org](mailto:inclusion@adirondackarc.org)

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