

**FRED 2012 Conference Agenda**

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7:30 – 8:30	Registration Networking and exhibitor fair Continental breakfast
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome <i>Rose van Wier Hein, Golden Heart Ranch</i>
8:45 – 9:00	Opening conference and agenda <i>Carolyn Ybarra, Special Place Foundation</i>
9:00 – 10:15	“Understanding the Crisis: Adults with Disabilities – Quality Living” <i>Panel of subject matter experts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Elaine Hall, The Miracle Project</i></li><li>• <i>Jerry Horton, Down Home Ranch</i></li><li>• <i>Zoe Mailloux, Pediatric Therapy Network</i></li><li>• <i>David Sponder, Sponderworks</i></li><li>• <i>Mari-Anne Kehler and Christine Motokane, Co-moderators</i></li></ul>
10:15 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:00	“Why Farms and Ranches?” <i>A day in the life of existing residential farms/ranches</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Featured speaker: “Innovation: Harnessing Technology To Improve Lives and Create Futures” <i>Diana O’Brien, Managing Partner, Deloitte University; Founder, Impact Autism</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Keynote address: “Building a Meaningful Life for Adults with Disabilities” <i>Laura Shumaker, Mom; Author of A Regular Guy, Growing up with Autism</i>
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch break – boxed “grab and go” selections Networking and exhibitor fair
1:15 – 2:15	Breakout session A “Building Self-sustaining Communities for Life” <i>Vicki Obee-Hilty, Bittersweet Farms</i> <i>Carolyn Ybarra, Special Place Foundation</i>
	Breakout session B “Hopes, Dreams and Fears – Transitions to Adulthood” <i>Amalia Starr, Autism Motivational Speaker, Independent Living Coach and Author</i>

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**Saturday, March 3, 2012**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
2:15 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 4:30	<p>“Living Communities: 101 – Getting Started: Learning from Those Who Know” <i>Vicki Obee-Hilty, Bittersweet Farms</i> <i>Deirdre Sheerin, Sweetwater Spectrum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What do we need to know to get started?</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Funding</i></li><li>○ <i>Site selection</i></li><li>○ <i>Staffing</i></li></ul></li><li>• <i>Mistakes from the field – what to avoid</i></li><li>• <i>Best practices and innovations</i></li><li>• <i>Sustainability programs</i></li><li>• <i>Programs that really work</i></li></ul>
4:30 – 5:00	<p>Conversation with the audience <i>Open mic Q&amp;A – participants ask the experts</i></p>
5:00 – 5:15	<p>Close: “A Future of Possibilities” <i>Rose van Wier Hein, Golden Heart Ranch</i></p>
6:00 – 9:00	<p>Dinner: Manhattan Beach Marriott <i>(Optional for attendees; cost not included in registration)</i></p>