



THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PARENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

OCTOBER 23-26, 1997 IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

There are over 8 million disabled parents in the United States.

Attend this historic conference to hear the latest in research and practical advice about parenting with a disability. This is a broad-based forum for practitioners, researchers and parents from the United States and abroad to present their work and exchange information. Special pre-conference workshops include topics on **assistive technology**, **parents with cognitive disabilities**, and **disabled women in the reproductive health environment**. International experts will lead conference workshops on (a partial list):

Custody

Legal implications of parenting with a disability

Adaptive parenting equipment

Cross-cultural issues

Intervention models

Pregnancy and birthing

Adoption and foster care

Reproductive health

Violence and abuse

Recreation

The conference is hosted by **Through the Looking Glass**, the California based internationally recognized leading research, advocacy, and service organization for parents with disabilities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- disability advocates
- early intervention specialists, parenting educators
- independent living program staff
- legal personnel and practitioners
- mental health professionals
- nurses, childbirth educators
- occupational therapists
- parents with disabilities
- public policy makers
- protective services staff
- rehabilitation counselors
- reproductive health workers
- social workers

CONFERENCE GOALS

- to improve practice in the delivery of services to parents with disabilities and their families
- to promote more expert, appropriate and sensitive public policy regarding parents with disabilities and their families
- to establish a National Task Force on Public Policy relating to families with disabilities
- to establish the International Network on Parents and Families with Disabilities

To register or for more information, contact **Through the Looking Glass** at:

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Web Site: www.lookingglass.org

Voice Phone: (800) 644-2666 x123

Outside U.S. (510) 848-1112 x123

Large print and Braille versions available.

ACCESS

The Conference and Hotel are wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreters will be provided on request. Braille and large-print are available with advance notice.

THE HOST AGENCY: THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Parents with disabilities have been the focus of research and clinical services since 1982 at Through the Looking Glass (TLG), a community nonprofit organization serving families in which a family member (whether parent or child) has a disability or medical condition. In 1992, the national Research and Training Center on Families of Adults with Disabilities was established at TLG, funded by the National Institute of Disability Research and Rehabilitation (NIDRR). This national Center coordinates numerous research, training, and dissemination projects focused on parents with disabilities, their family members and professionals working with these families. Co-sponsors of the conference to date are NIDRR, the California School of Professional Psychology, the Disability Institute at San Francisco State University, the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention, and the California Family Health Council's ADA Project.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS -- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997, 9AM - 5PM

Workshop #1: Assistive Technology and Parenting

This workshop is designed especially for occupational therapists and physical therapists

TLG's approach to adaptive baby care intervention with disabled parents: occupational therapy intervention informed by infant mental health and family systems approaches; advanced knowledge about evaluations, design and fabrication. The implications of infant growth and development on techniques and baby care equipment. Videotape illustrations.

Workshop #2: Parents with Cognitive Disability

This workshop is designed especially for intervention specialists and program staff and administrators

Overview and practical information about TLG services for parents with cognitive disability and their children. Case presentations illustrating adaptive techniques and home-based teamwork by specialists in infant development and specialists in infant/parent and family relationships. Includes videotapes illustrating issues.

Workshop #3: Multiplying Choices: Developing Practical Skills and Knowledge to Serve Disabled Women in a Reproductive Health Environment

This workshop is designed especially for nurses and reproductive health workers.

Covers sexuality and reproduction in the disability culture; bioethics of reproduction and disability; performing an accessible exam; disability, fertility and birth control; and educational and legal dimensions of informed consent.

CONFERENCE FEES

NOTE: Fee includes 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, & 1 dinner

Early Registration must be received before **May 31, 1997**

Regular Registration must be received before **July 31, 1997**

Late Registration for any fees received after **August 1, 1997**

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

(all fees are in U.S. dollars)

- a) Pre-Conference Workshop &
Early Conference Registration..... \$325
- b) Pre-Conference Workshop &
Regular Conference Registration..... \$350
- c) Pre-Conference Workshop &
Late Conference Registration..... \$375
- d) Early Conference Registration \$250
- e) Regular Conference Registration \$275
- f) Late Conference Registration \$300
- g) Pre-Conference Workshop Only \$175

CONFERENCE LOCATION

In the beautiful **San Francisco Bay Area**
at the Oakland Marriott Hotel
Oakland, California, USA

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY
WITH THE HOTEL

Marriott Toll-Free No. (800) 228-9290
Hotel Phone: (510) 451-4000
Hotel FAX: (510) 835-3466

ROOM RATES:

1-2 people per room: \$89 per night.
3 people per room: \$100 per night.
4 people per room: \$110 per night.