



THE CALIFORNIA GATHERING

for Person Centered Practices
2015

Join us at the 8th annual California Gathering for Person Centered Practices.

Our 2015 theme is Contributing: Building a Greater Community through Person Centered Practices.

Our goal this year is to broaden the scope of Person Centered Thinking and Planning to foster a learning environment in which participants will take away information, tools, and strategies that can be applied to one's personal life and assist us to strengthen our communities to support those we serve. This year's gathering will explore the many ways people can contribute and be a part of their communities through the use of their voice, gifts,

skills, and talents. Our activities will encourage self-expression through music, art, and much more!

Keynote Address: "The Winds of Change Are Blowing: Will You Build a Wall or a Windmill?"

The service system for people with disabilities is predicted to change drastically over the next 10-20 years. What does this news mean for families, the people we serve, and providers? Let's discover how to face the wind and adjust our sails.

Keynote Speaker: Laura G. Buckner is a parent with 26 years experience in the disability field. She has invested the last 18 years providing training at local, state and national levels. Laura is a Certified Mentor Trainer in

Person Centered Practices through The Learning Community for Person Centered Practices and currently serves on their Board.

Other Featured Guests:

- Chris Benedict - local self-advocate, presenter, and DJ
- Keri Bowers & Taylor Cross - filmmakers, "Normal People Scare Me," speakers and advocates

Hear inspirational stories of several people pursuing their passions for making a difference in the lives of others. They will share strategies on how people can be their best self-advocates, pursue their passions and dreams and understand the responsibility that goes with this.

Wednesday September 16, 2015 9:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday September 17, 2015 9:00am - 4:00pm

At the Ventura County Office of Education

5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

Who Should Attend?...People who:

- Preferably completed Person Centered Thinking (PCT) training
- Are working to apply PCT in their day-to-day work or personal lives
- Have an interest in gaining skills & knowledge in the area of PCT

Highlights

- Gallery Walk of local artists who have disabilities and contribute to their communities by sharing their creative gifts and talents
- Breakout sessions focus on different areas of interest related to how we are incorporating PCT in our work with a focus on different methods of person centered planning
- Learning Marketplace sessions provide an opportunity to informally share learning

- Large group activities inspire conversation and encourage relationship building with local partners

Registration

Attending Day 1 only: \$65.00

Attending Both Days: \$85.00

- **Click here to register or visit:** <http://bit.ly/cagathering2015>
- Register early, cost increases after August 3, 2015
- A Pay Pal account is required for payment. Create one online for free.
- Some scholarships are available for persons that we serve and their families. For information on scholarships, call Tina Calderaro-Mendoza at TCRC at (805) 823-2304.
- Donations are welcome and will be accepted during registration.

We are pleased to host this event in collaboration with many community partners and the International Learning Community for Person Centered Practices.



Use your smart phone to scan this link to registration. Scroll to bottom and click on "desktop view" for more information.