

Summary of Conference Sponsorship Grantees; expired on July 31, 2013
Grantees awarded per a competitive grant process

Arizona Center for Disability Law; Award: \$10,000

ACDL conducted the second annual African-American Conference on Disabilities. The conference was held on March 1, 2013, with approximately 230 participants attended. The full day Conference was broke out into various workshops that covered five areas: Legal, Healthcare, Employment, Community Issues, and Education. State Senator Leah Landrum Taylor was the keynote speaker during lunch. Approximately 230 participants attended the Conference. Community partners include ABIL, Sonoran and NAU/IHD UCEDDs, SILC, AZ DES/DDD, AZ Commission for the Hard of Hearing, AZ Governor's Council on Spinal/Head Injuries and Magellan Health Services. Partners assisted ACDL with conference planning, developing and reviewing materials, and selecting conference speakers.

Dads 4 Special Kids; Award: \$10,000

Thirty (30) mini-workshops were conducted during the contract period, reaching out to 230 individuals. Some of the participants were from Native American tribes, agencies that provide services to persons with developmental disabilities, senior recreation centers, and being invited at various disability conferences. Each participant received a manual on how to develop their emergency and disaster preparedness plan. In addition, workshop discussion also stressed the need to create a support network that will enable persons with developmental disability and their families/caregivers to maintain their independence. Lesson plans also provide information and techniques for working with their local first responders in emergency preparedness.

Native American Disability Law Center; Award: \$10,000

NADLC conducted special education workshops in conjunction with the Hopi Office of Special Needs for their second annual Hopi Disability Conference held on March 12-13, 2013. By partnering with the Hopi Office of Special Needs, 252 participants attended the conference, including students with disabilities, their parents, service providers, educators, vendors and volunteers. The overall goal of the Conference was to educate individuals with disabilities, their families, service providers and educators who work them regarding their rights and responsibilities in their schools and communities and under the law. Parents learned techniques on how to advocate on behalf of their child, so that vital special education supports can be obtained. Educators and other service providers learned their responsibilities and the types of services and supports that are available to help students with a developmental disability.

Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC); Award: \$10,000

SEAHEC sponsored the third annual Border Conference on Disability in Nogales, Arizona, held on April 13, 2013, with 63 participants. The purpose of the Border Conference on Disability was to provide individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and service providers living along the Arizona-Sonoran Border with the information and training they need to increase their community participation and enhance their quality of life. Workshops during the conference focused on understanding the ACA for persons with disabilities, transition from school, behavioral support and management, assistive

technology, and access to community resources and services. A panel of local individuals with disabilities and their families discussed the challenges and strengths of their communities along Arizona's southern border. Workshops were also provided in Spanish. Community partners include Sonoran and NAU/IHD UCEDDs, ACDL, ADDPC, and DES/DDD; they assisted SEAHEC in conference planning, selecting speakers, and outreach to participants, developing conference materials and offering in-kind support.

Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center; Award: \$10,000

SARRC sponsored a two-day conference, on April 26-27, 2013, that addressed bullying, harassment, intimidation and victimization across the lifespan and in various contexts (at school, community, workplace, online, etc), for persons with developmental disabilities. The Conference title was *Bullying & Autism: What We Know & What Can Be Done*. SARRC conducted a literature review of bullying and then a more comprehensive review in the context to bullying and autism spectrum disorder and other disabilities. Through this review process, speakers were identified. 220 professionals, individuals with autism spectrum disorder, family members and community partners attended the Conference.

Southwest Institute for Families and Children; Award: \$10,000

SWI sponsored a self-advocacy conference for persons with developmental disabilities between the ages of 18-30 and their families and caregivers, held at the DEC on May 4, 2013, with 70 participants attending. The Conference theme was on Self-Advocacy with various workshops that addressed special education and transition, employment, health care and social living/community participation. Conference planning included input and collaboration from the ACDL, ABIL, STARS, AzTAP, DHS Office for Children with Special Needs. A main highlight was that over 30 vendors set up throughout the conference site for participants to gather information on programs and supports.

Other Grants –

A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health; Award: \$21,172

ATSU/ASDOH was awarded a one year contract for A Day for Special Smiles. The event A Day for Special Smiles took place in November 2012 providing dental services to 45 individuals with special needs and trained 53 third and fourth year ASDOH students. A number of pre-dental students from University of Arizona and osteopathic medical students from ATSU-School of Osteopathic Medicine volunteered and were exposed to serving this vulnerable population. Patients were treated in the ASDOH Special Needs Care Unit, the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Unit and the Pediatric Dental Clinic. Patient treatment plans were developed and patients continue to be served after the event at both ATSU/ASDOH's campus and at the Dental Care West facility. The second objective of this grant is training 10 community dentists to provide care to persons with special needs, which took place on June 13-14, 2013 with 16 dentists and 2 dental hygienists participating. The third objective is the development and publication of the Oral Health Resource Guide for persons with developmental disabilities and their family members/caregivers. This last objective is under development.