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You are Invited to the Virtual 2021 Parent Retreat

Person Centered Planning and Circle of Friends

Presented by

Dr. Timothy Hartshorne, PhD

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Hartshorne, a parent of a child with deafblindness and professor at Central Michigan University, is well known for his work and research with children who are deafblind and their families. His areas of interest and investigation include issues related to CHARGE Syndrome, and deafblindness including behavior, sleep, play, anxiety, mindful interventions, and how parents and families cope with a child with severe disabilities.

Presentation Description: Parents want all their children to have a meaningful life within the community. Disabilities such as deafblindness can make this a struggle. Two strategies that can facilitate community inclusion are person-centered planning and a circle of friends. Person-centered planning brings together a team of people committed to helping the child realize dreams and avoid nightmares. A circle of friends creates a friendship group for a child in order to have a social life and support.

Learning Objectives:

1. Articulate the nature of a quality life.
2. Describe the process of conducting a person-centered planning meeting.
3. Describe steps for building a circle of friends
4. Learn how a home was created for one boy who is deafblind through person-centered planning and a social support system

Target audience: Parents, educators, related services providers, agency providers

Date: Saturday, May 1, 2021

Time: 10 am – 12 noon (EST)

Contact hours: Two (2) contact hours upon completion of the session evaluation

Register link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCDBE2021virparentretreat>

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