The Alliance of Genetic Support Groups announces

A National Conference on
Peer Support Training

March 30 - April 1, 1990
Georgetown University Conference Center
Washington, DC

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**PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY - MARCH 30, 1990**

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<td>6:30 - 8:30 pm</td>
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**SATURDAY - MARCH 31, 1990**

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<td>8:30 - 8:45 am</td>
<td>SETTING THE STAGE</td>
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<td>8:45 - 9:15 am</td>
<td>Peer Support and the Partnership:</td>
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<td>9:15 - 10:30 am</td>
<td>An important component of quality care for families with a genetic condition</td>
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<td>10:30 - 11 am</td>
<td>Networking Break</td>
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<td>Peer Support and Peer Power</td>
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<td>12 - 1:30 pm</td>
<td>Luncheon</td>
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<td>1:45 - 2:30 pm</td>
<td>Peer Supporting Skills</td>
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<td>5:30 - 7 pm</td>
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**SESSION II**

**PEER HELPING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE BASE**

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**EVENING AND DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

**Optional Evening Session**

Public Law 99:457 - Its impact on services for families with infants and toddlers with special needs. Slide presentation and discussion led by Karen Connors.

**SUNDAY - APRIL 1, 1990**

**SESSION III**

**FUNDAMENTALS OF PEER SUPPORT TRAINING PROGRAMS**

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<td>Basics of a Program: Training, Assessing Needs, Setting Standards</td>
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<td>9:30 - 10:45 am</td>
<td>WORKSHOP &quot;D&quot; (Choose 1)</td>
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<td>10:30 - 11:15 am</td>
<td>Repeat of above</td>
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<td>11:30 - 12:30 pm</td>
<td>Wrap-up: Launching a Network of Peer Support Training Programs</td>
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**About the Speakers**

Florene Poyadue, R.N., is the Executive Director of Parents Helping Parents, a family resource center for children with special needs. Parent of a teen affected with Down syndrome, she advocates parent/professional collaboration and is involved in statewide networks for cross disability parent groups and legislation to benefit the handicapped. Ms. Poyadue has written several peer support training manuals.

Judith A. Tindall, Ph.D., has been a trainer of peer counselors and supervisors in schools and community agencies since 1969. She has provided training in "Beginning a Peer Helping Program" to train peer helpers. She has assisted ongoing peer helping programs to recognize problems, understand alternatives and develop awareness activities. She has authored several books and tapes that contain step-by-step plans for developing and applying Peer Power.
CONFERENCE GOAL:
To promote the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by genetic disorders by encouraging the development of peer support programs with training as the key component.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES
1. To present models of peer support programs that include:
   A. Fundamentals of training
   B. Skill-building
   C. Basic information for peer helpers
   D. Service approaches dictated by specific needs, such as geographic distance or cultural variability
   E. Tools for ongoing evaluation
2. To heighten awareness of the role of the health professional in the training of peer helpers
3. To develop a resource guide for creating, maintaining, and evaluating peer support training programs
4. To explore and encourage the regionalization of peer support training programs
5. To identify trained peer helpers nationwide who are accessible to the consumer and professional community

Together, consumers and professionals can strengthen the critical working relationship needed to insure the availability of appropriate, accessible genetic services for all who need them.

GENERAL INFORMATION
DATES
March 30 - April 1, 1990
Friday evening - Sunday, 1 pm

MEETING PLACE
Georgetown University Conference Center in Washington, D.C. A block of rooms has been reserved. The rate is $85 for a single; $96 for a double not including taxes. Room reservation deadline is MARCH 1, 1990. A reservation form is included.

REGISTRATION
Space is limited.
Early Bird Registration: $50; deadline February 25
Regular Registration: $75; deadline March 15.
Fee includes: Resource Guide, Saturday evening Award Reception, Saturday Luncheon, coffee breaks, materials

TRAVEL
Four Corners Travel Agency is our "official" Ticketing Agency. US Air is offering 5% off any published round trip super-saver fare providing all restrictions are met. US Air will also offer a 40% discount off standard round trip coach fares within the United States. All discount tickets must be purchased by February 25, 1990. To make your reservation, call 301/628-6008. Ask for Lisa or Barbara and identify yourself as attending the "Peer Support Conference." Major credit cards or personal checks are accepted as payment.

The "Art of Listening Award" will be presented to the service provider who best demonstrates that while "hearing is a gift; listening is an art." Nominations deadline: Feb. 15, 1990. Send to the Alliance: 1001 22 St., NW, Washington DC 20037.

SCHOLARSHIPS
A limited amount of funding may be available for partial scholarships. Individuals are encouraged to seek local support through organizations such as the local March of Dimes, volunteer genetic organizations, and service groups such as the Lions, the Elks, and the Rotary.

DISPLAYS
Material relevant to the Conference theme will be displayed during the Conference.

FUNDING SOURCES
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
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The Alliance of Genetic Support Groups is dedicated to fostering a partnership among consumers and professionals to increase awareness about genetic disorders, to improve the availability and appropriateness of genetics services, and to identify and address common concerns of our constituency. Membership is open to individuals, genetic support groups, organizations and associations. The Alliance is funded in part by project #MCJ-111007 from the Maternal and Child Health program (Title V, Social Security Act), Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.