

# NATIONAL SPEAKERS

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**David Braddock, Ph.D.**, executive director of the University of Colorado's Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, is nationally recognized for his contributions in the field of cognitive disability research and policy. He has published more than 200 books, book chapters, articles and technical reports. David has received career research awards from The Arc of the United States (1987), the American Association on Mental Retardation (1998) and the University Scholar Award from the President of the University of Illinois (1998). He received The Arc of the United States' Franklin Smith Award for Distinguished National Service to the Field of Mental Retardation in 2000.

**Curt Decker, JD**, is the executive director of the National Disability Rights Network, a membership association comprised of 90 protection and advocacy agencies and client assistant programs that provide legal representation to people with disabilities. Curt is also the chair of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a coalition that includes more than 100 national consumer, advocacy, provider and professional organizations that advocate on behalf of people of all ages with physical and mental disabilities and their families.

**Dale DiLeo**, president of the Training Resource Network in St. Augustine, Florida, is a widely sought-after speaker and consultant, and well-known advocate for people with disabilities. Dale has trained more than 75,000 people over the past 30 years throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe on community inclusion for persons with disabilities. He is the past president of the board of the Association for Persons in Supported Employment (APSE), and is the lead author of that organization's highly respected Ethical Guidelines in Supported Employment. His latest book, *Raymond's Room*, focuses on ending the shameful segregation of people with disabilities from community life.

**Juliette Rizzo**, Ms. Wheelchair America 2005, speaks and advocates nationally about the needs and achievements of people with disabilities. She has proven through her experience that personal dreams and goals are within reach for people with disabilities when the appropriate supports are in place. Juliette currently is director of exhibits and events planning in the U.S. Department of Education, raising awareness of educational opportunities for all Americans. Among a long list of accomplishments and awards, she is most proud of receiving the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) from the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport.

## Partial Presenters List

**Emily Abel**, INDATA Education and Outreach Coordinator, Easter Seals Crossroads

**Peter Bisbecos**, Director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, FSSA

**Sheri Caveda**, Executive Director, Fifth Freedom Network

**John Dickerson**, Executive Director, The Arc of Indiana

**Ric Edwards**, Director of Safety and ADA Compliance, Department of Natural Resources

**Tom Gallagher**, Executive Director, Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services

**Mike Garberg**, INDATA ReUse/Distance Education Technician

**Carol Girt**, INDATA Equipment Specialist

**Amy Hanna**, Vice President, Borshoff

**Chris Karson**, Chair, ArtsWORK Indiana

**Kassie Mills**, Account Associate, Borshoff

**Juli Pains**, Coordinator, Indianapolis Mayor's Office of Disability Affairs

**Vicki Pappas**, Ph.D., Center Director, The Center for Planning and Policy Studies, Indiana Institute for Disability and Community

**Peter Schauer**, Principal, Peter Schauer Associates

**Ewart Solomon**, INDATA Information, Referral and Funding Specialist

**Stefanie Walker**, Account Associate, Borshoff

**Nanette Whightsel**, Director of Family Education and Community Resources, The Arc of Indiana

**Betty Williams**, President, Self Advocates of Indiana