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- Heidi Adams ~ marcfirst  
Krescene Beck ~ New Visions  
Jane Doyle ~ Center for Independent Futures  
SandraLee Henry ~ Dungarvin Associates, LLC  
Larry Markin ~ parent, Progressive Services Network  
Pat Meckley ~ Fox Developmental Center  
Vicki Niswander ~ parent, Managing the Art of Living  
Wendy Partridge ~ parent, Illinois Association of Microboards and Cooperatives  
Shirley Paceley ~ Blue Tower Training  
Karen Randolph ~ New Visions  
Janet Shelton ~ Macon Resources, Inc.  
Rosemary Schimansky ~ Macon Resources, Inc.  
Amy Walker ~ Illinois Voices



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Conference features an opening keynote by **Nancy Thaler**, President of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities (NASDDD), and a closing keynote by **Pat Fratangelo**, Executive Director of Onondaga Community Living in New York.

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## Thursday, March 18, 2010

8 - 9am	Registration
9 - 10am	Open Plenary Session "Emerging Trends & Strategic Thinking" featuring Nancy Thaler
10.15 - 11.30am	Breakout Sessions
11.30am - 1pm	Lunch On Your Own
1 - 2.30pm	Breakout Sessions
2.45 - 4pm	Breakout Sessions

## Friday, March 19, 2010

8.30am	Breakfast
9 - 10.30am	"Together We Can" a facilitated session featuring Pat Fratangelo
10.45 - 12noon	Closing Keynote "Changing Lives, Changing Systems" featuring Pat Fratangelo

### 3 Main Conference Tracks with Sessions:

#### Advocating for Change in Illinois

- Person Centered Planning and Living
- Illinois Voices: Lessons Learned
- The Power of Dreams

#### Innovative Practices that are Working in Illinois

- Managing the Art of Living: Micro Boards & Cooperatives
- Together We Can: New Models of Support
- Best Practices in Illinois: A Panel Presentation

#### Using Technology to Enhance Work and Home Lives of People with Disabilities

- Increasing Independence Through Technology
- Low Cost Assistive Technology

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