



# Educate to Advocate

## Strategies to Advance Disability Public Policies



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**Wednesday, February 17, 2010**

12-1 p.m.

Room 241 Kennedy Center/MRL Bldg

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Whatever our perspective—trainees and students, researchers, health care professionals, service providers, educators, individuals with disabilities or family members, or simply concerned citizens—we see ways that the disability service system can be improved. We see ways to apply knowledge gained through research or innovative practices. One dimension of changing service systems is educating legislators and other public policy makers. Three panelists who are experienced in working with public policy makers will share their strategies in how to advocate effectively to improve the disability service system. Training will conclude with a question/answer session.

### Topics and panelists:

**Moderator—Elise McMillan**

Co-Director, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

**How a bill becomes a law and some do's and don'ts of legislative advocacy**

Doria Panvini, Chair, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center Community Advisory Council

**Disability issues for the upcoming session of the Tennessee Legislature**

William Edington, Public Policy Director, Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Federal disability issues, including health care policy/reform as it affects individuals with disabilities and their families**

Carol Westlake, Executive Director, Tennessee Disability Coalition

**Registration required at:**

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