

UPCOMING NADSP VIRTUAL TRAINING

Community Inclusion: Unplugged

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Will Zoom become the new specter of isolation? That is, when the pandemic ends, will the convenience of Zoom replace the face-to-face rigor of community engagement and connection? Will service organizations, who have an obligation to connect those they support, continue to rely on Zoom as the source for human connection – and running the risk of leaving those they support stuck at home connecting via a screen?

Certainly, if our funders continue to authorize and encourage virtual connections it seems fairly predictable that the I/DD system may continue with this approach. Why not? **With critical staffing shortages and convenience, it is logistically easier and could become the new norm – if this becomes the case, virtual connections could lead to a new form of community isolation?**

So, is this a real problem? And if so, how do we safeguard against it? How can we move back to real human connections, especially when we have had marginal success with before the pandemic?

These questions, and others, are those we need to address now, before it is too late. To this end, the NADSP wants to invite you to a new forum on community engagement in a post-pandemic world. On April 29th, Al Condeluci and John Raffaele will conduct our second Virtual Training, entitled, "Community Inclusion Unplugged."

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