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NTAR Leadership Center
Announces Membership of its National Technical Assistance Advisory Panel

The National Technical Assistance and Research Leadership Center to Promote Employment and Economic Independence for Adults with Disabilities (NTAR Leadership Center) announced today the eleven distinguished experts chosen to comprise its National Technical Assistance Advisory Panel. The group will advise the NTAR Leadership Center, and play a critical role in shaping its technical assistance and training activities.

"The provision of high quality and appropriate technical assistance and training is at the heart of our Center's efforts" stated Kathy Krepcio, NTAR Leadership Center Project Director, "this advisory panel will ensure that our activities reflect the genuine interests -- and are responsive to the needs -- of state and local policy makers and practitioners as they work to move adults with disabilities to employment."

Members of National Technical Assistance Advisory Panel will help shape technical assistance and training activities conducted by the Center, especially for its new State Leaders Innovation Institute and State Peer Learning Network. The Panel's first meeting is tentatively scheduled for June. The Advisory Panel is co-chaired by:

Megan Juring, Assistant Secretary of Olmstead Activities, California Health and Human Services Agency

MaryAlice Mowry, Director, Pathways to Employment, Minnesota Department of Human Services
David Socolow, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Other members of the Panel include:

Michael Callahan, Marc Gold and Associates

Thomas Foley J.D., Access to Assets Project Manager, World Institute on Disability

Cary Griffin, Senior Partner, Griffin-Hammis Associates, LLC

Karen J. McCulloh, Executive Director, disabilityworks, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Celane McWhorter, Executive Director, APSE

Michael Morris, Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University

Pamela Murray, Dean, Workforce, Economic and Community Development, Portland Community College

Joni Thomas, MIG/Real Choice/PASS Grant Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Support to the advisory panel is provided by Nanette Relave, Director, Center for Workers with Disabilities at the American Public Human Services Association.

For an overview of the NTAR Leadership Center and its technical assistance activities, please visit www.ntarcenter.org.