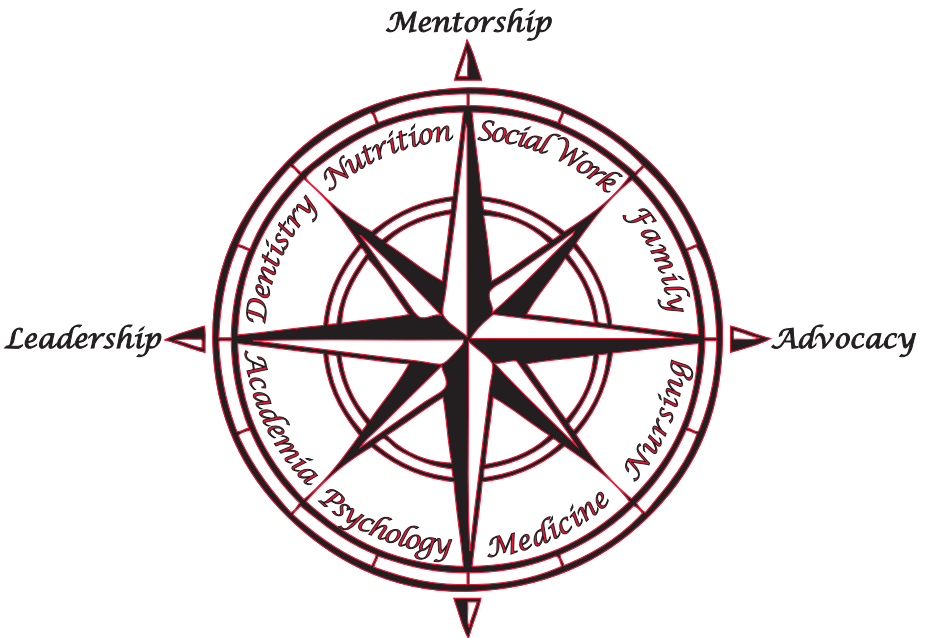


NJLEND Maternal and Child Health Leadership Symposium & NJLEND Graduation Friday, May 5, 2017



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SUE SWENSON



Sue Swenson served the Obama administration from 2010-2017 in the US Department of Education as deputy assistant secretary for special education and rehabilitative services, and as acting assistant secretary twice during that time. She previously directed The Arc US and the Joseph P Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, as well as serving as commissioner for developmental disabilities in the Clinton administration. Sue was a Kennedy fellow in the US Senate in 1996, and previously was the marketing director for professional services firms in academic, medical/surgical, and environmental science fields in Minnesota. She joined the disability movement because her middle son Charlie had lifelong profound disabilities. She was educated at the University of Chicago (AB, AM) and holds an MBA from the University of Minnesota. She currently serves in a volunteer capacity as the president-elect of Inclusion International, the UN-recognized disabled people's organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

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NJLEND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Friday, May 5th, 2017

- 9:00AM – 9:30AM Networking Breakfast & 1st Poster Gallery Walk:
NJLEND Leadership Projects Poster Session
- 9:30AM – 9:35AM Welcome
Deborah M. Spitalnik, PhD
Executive Director, The Boggs Center
Director, NJLEND
Professor of Pediatrics, RWJMS
- 9:35AM – 9:40AM Welcome from Children's Specialized Hospital
Christopher J. Haines, DO, MBA, FAAP, FACEP
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- 9:40AM – 9:50AM NJLEND: Our Inaugural Year 2016-2017
Deborah M. Spitalnik, PhD
Executive Director, The Boggs Center
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- 9:50AM – 10:10AM Introduction of 2016-2017 NJLEND Fellows
Carrie Coffield, PhD
Interdisciplinary Training Coordinator, The Boggs Center
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- 10:15AM – 10:30AM Defining Leadership
NJLEND Fellows
- 10:30AM – 11:30AM Keynote Address
Sue Swenson, MBA
Vice President, Inclusion International and former
Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education
and Rehabilitative Services, US Department of Education
- 11:30AM – 12:00PM 2nd Poster Gallery Walk:
NJLEND Leadership Projects Poster Session
- 12:00PM Adjournment

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