

Aging and I/DD: Planning for Growing Older

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As we grow older, we should continue to grow and develop our skills and interests, and we can continue to live well, happily, and healthfully. But, getting older also creates challenges that we should plan for. These challenges may include staying active and engaged, paying our expenses when we stop working, and addressing changes in body and mind. In addition, people should plan for how decisions will be made in this part of life and make sure that they have the skills and support they need to age successfully.

In this webinar, Dr. Kathie Bishop will review the aging process and discuss what successful aging looks like for people with I/DD. Kathie will address planning and skill-building to support people with complex medical needs and adults with I/DD who experience cognitive or functioning loss, possibly related to dementia. Dr. Bishop will also describe how people with I/DD and their families can work together to advocate to and with health care professionals to make sure that they receive needed medical care and that their wishes are carried out.

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Speaker Bio:

Kathleen M. Bishop, Ph.D. has over 40 years of experience in the developmental disabilities field and over 20 as a Gerontologist with a specialty in aging with developmental disabilities. She has a Bachelors and Master's Degree in Special Education and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University in aging with disabilities.

Dr. Bishop works as a consultant for many organizations in the aging and IDD networks to assist with program and support planning as well as teaches at Utica College's Gerontology program's on-line courses including a course on aging with disabilities. She is retired from the University Of Rochester School Of Medicine and Dentistry as well as the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities. She continues to present nationally and internationally on topics related to aging and developmental disabilities. Areas of expertise include environmental modifications and developmental disabilities, caregiving for adults with dementia and IDD, and women with disabilities.

Dr. Bishop is co-chair of the NTG Group T curriculum development committee. She has been an active member of the NTG since the inception and is a member of the NTG Steering Committee. Currently Dr. Bishop is presenting the 2-day NTG Dementia Capable Care for Adults with ID and Dementia around the US along with the Third Day Train-the-Trainer component.