



Eric Jacobson Appointed to MARTA Board

Eric Jacobson, executive director of the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD), has been recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, or MARTA. The city’s mass transportation system also provides MARTA Mobility, the paratransit service for people with disabilities and senior citizens.

In his role, Jacobson will provide guidance and insight on decisions about the regional transit system and how it will affect people with disabilities who use or consider using mass transit.

The MARTA Board of Directors is a panel that votes on important decisions affecting the direction of the company made up of representatives from the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, DeKalb County, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Georgia Department of Transportation.



GCDD Executive Director Eric Jacobson participated in a recent panel for the Children’s Freedom Initiative’s 10th Anniversary.



Council Member Selected for Leadership Academy

Brenda Munoz, GCDD Council Member and parent advocate, was selected as one of thirty out of a hundred applicants to receive a full scholarship to attend the Leadership Academy in Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 22-25, 2015.

Hosted by The Georgetown University National Center for Cultural Competence, the Leadership Academy aims to advance and sustain cultural diversity and cultural and linguistic competence in networks supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Through this opportunity, Munoz believes that, “I have a charge to co-create with the GCDD leadership a diversity and inclusion blueprint for Georgia, and will gain access to a year-long professional national expert/mentor in order to provide guidance and technical assistance.”

The Academy is part of the Leadership Institute for Cultural Diversity and Cultural and Linguistic Competence funded by Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Administration on Community Living, and US Department of Health and Human Services.

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