

Daniel Scarborough

Professional biography

Daniel Scarborough is a long-time national advocate on aging and long-term care support issues for people with disabilities and their families. He is the former Director of the National Aging Family Caregiver Support Project with The Arc of the United States and the US Administration on Aging (AoA) where he directed outreach advocacy training on aging and caregiver support issues for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities around the country. The National Aging Family Caregiver Support Project worked to enhance the capacity of aging and disability provider organizations to plan, coordinate and provide supportive services to older caregivers of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In 1991-92, Mr. Scarborough directed The Arc's National Eldercare Project with the Administration on Aging that worked to develop some of the first successful community coalition models to provide supports to aging families with aging sons and daughters living at home.

Daniel is recognized nationally as a leading consumer authority on accessing Social Security disability, long-term care benefits and work incentive programs for people with disabilities. Since 1986, he has coordinated over 800 workshops for advocacy organizations, public schools, state agencies, rehabilitation programs and aging programs around the United States. His consumer and policy knowledge of the programs is comprehensive and insightful.

Mr. Scarborough's professional background in Social Security disability benefits advocacy and long-term-care programs is extensive. He is the President of the *National PASS Network*, a national nonprofit consumer educational organization on Social Security disability benefits he founded in 1990. He is a consulting partner with *Integrated Disability Benefits Management Systems, Inc* of Austin, Texas working to build organizational and consumer knowledge capacity on disability benefit policy issues. He was the former Director of the Texas PASS Network at The University of Texas at Austin, Center for Disability Studies where he developed and directed a five-year statewide outreach program on accessing Social Security work incentive programs. In 1987-90, Mr. Scarborough directed the National PASS Project with *The Arc of the United States* and the *Social Security Administration* and published the first public materials that standardized consumer and professional public training on accessing the Social Security disability benefit programs for people with mental retardation and their families. The project successfully pioneered the funding of employment supports for people with intellectual and cognitive disabilities through the Plan for Achieving Self-Support work incentive provisions of the Social Security Act.

Mr. Scarborough's training programs have assisted thousands of individuals, professionals and organizations to access the Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and work incentive programs to fund vocational opportunities for students and adults with disabilities. His easy-to-understand, non-technical presentation style uses a positive, person-first, consumer empowerment approach to understanding and accessing the complicated Social Security disability benefit and long-term care programs for adults and children and he uses actual, real-life case examples from more than 23 years of working with the Social Security disability benefit programs.

Mr. Scarborough holds a Master of Science in Hospital Administration. He is a Chartered Lifetime Assistance Planner for Persons with Disabilities (ChLAP) and is an active and highly respected community advocate for people with intellectual and cognitive disabilities, mental illness and blindness.