

# Announcing Zoom Expert Panel Workshop Series On Intellectual Disabilities, Aging and Dementia

*for Families, Friends, Caregivers, Providers and Advocates  
of Persons Aging with Intellectual Disabilities*

## **Aging with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Hawai'i's Resources: Collaborations, Hopes, Challenges and Accomplishments**

**Friday, February 28, 2025, 10-11:30am via Zoom**

Expert Panel (see p. 2 for detailed bios)

**Kathleen M. Bishop, PhD**, member of the National Task Group on ID and Dementia Practices (NTG) serving as chair of the Education and Training Committee

**Kathryn Pears MMPM**, Chief Operating Officer of the NTG

**Ritabelle Fernandes, MD, MPH**, Associate Professor at the Geriatric Medicine Department of the John A Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai'i

**Daintry Bartoldus**, Executive Administrator of the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities

The presenters will cover:

- The facts about cognitive decline and dementia risk in persons aging with IDD especially with Down syndrome
- What the National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices (NTG) has prioritized
- Hawai'i's collaborations with the NTG <https://www.the-ntg.org>
- The importance of NTG's screening tool designed for persons aging with IDD: NTG-EDSD
- How the NTG-EDSD and knowing a person's life history can help in optimal healthcare
- Notifying physicians of memory screening and life history information
- Catholic Charities Hawaii federal grants to increase resources for persons aging with IDD
- The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Bridging Aging and Disabilities grant
- Hawaii's collaborations to improve the lives of those aging with IDD: accomplishments, challenges and hopes

**Advance Registration is required at this link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aging-with-intellectual-developmental-disabilities-hawaii-resources-tickets-1252272664249?aff=oddtcreator>

**The Zoom link is available upon registration. Handouts will be sent to registrants before the session.**  
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For questions about the workshops or help registering, contact: Jody Mishan (808) 295-2624 or [jmishan@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jmishan@hawaii.rr.com)

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***Kathieen M. Bishop, PhD*** has over 40 years of experience in the developmental disabilities field and over 20 years as a Gerontologist with a specialty in aging with developmental disabilities. She has a Bachelors and Master's Degree in Special Education and a PhD from Syracuse University in Aging with Disabilities. Dr. Bishop is retired from the CNY DSO as Assistant Director of Staff Development and Training and from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. She continues to consultant nationally and internationally and is an adjunct faculty member of the Utica College Institute of Gerontology. Dr. Bishop is a member of the National Task Group on ID and Dementia Practices (NTG) serving as chair of the Education and Training Committee to lead the NTG in the development of a national curriculum on dementia care for caregivers and those who provide supports for adults with ID diagnosed with dementia.



***Kathryn Pears MPPM*** is a dementia expert with over 30 years personal and professional experience. Following a 15-year career with the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter she started her own company, Dementia Care Strategies where she trains and consults with families, health and long-term care professionals and facilities, state and national organizations, and aging and disability community agencies on non-pharmacologic management of the challenging behaviors that occur with dementia. She is Chief Operating Officer of the National Task Group on ID and Dementia Practices and co-chairs their working group that has developed a national model curriculum on dementia-capable care for adults with IDD who are at risk for or have been diagnosed with dementia. A Lead Trainer for the model curriculum, she travels the country conducting NTG workshops.



***Ritabelle Fernandes, MD, MPH*** is an Associate Professor at the Geriatric Medicine Department of the John A Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii. She is Medical Director of Population Health at AlohaCare. She is also a certified Regional Trainer for the National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices. Dr. Fernandes championed memory clinics across the state to provide comprehensive, person-centered dementia care. She has served on the Doctors workgroup for the State Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia. Dr Fernandes is Co-Principal Investigator of the Hawaii Alzheimer's Dementia Initiative, a grant from the Administration for Community Living, awarded to Catholic Charities Hawai'i.



***Daintry Bartoldus, MSW, PhD*** is a highly respected expert in the field of disability advocacy. As the Executive Administrator of the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, she has a significant role in shaping policies and initiatives to support individuals with developmental disabilities. Her leadership involves collaboration with various state departments, community organizations, and self-advocates to address challenges and improve services for vulnerable populations. Given the range of projects Daintry had been involved in, such as facilitating a Disability Hui to address the access and functional needs of individuals with disabilities during an emergency, working on the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program to help individuals with disabilities achieve a better life experience, and organizing community trainings, Daintry fosters an environment of active engagement and forward-thinking advocacy. Her ability to drive important initiatives indicates that she is effective and well-regarded in her role.