



The Universities at Shady Grove Committee on Collaboration,
Interprofessional and Interdisciplinary Education Strategies (CIPES) presents

THE POWER OF WORDS

The Impact of Labels

A panel discussion focusing on the power of everyday language
to remove barriers for those with disabilities

The journey began when one Maryland family battled for respect and acceptance for their daughter and sister, Rosa. This struggle became a significant milestone in the ongoing battle for dignity, inclusion and respect of all people with intellectual disabilities when United States President Barack Obama signed bill S.2781 into federal law on October 5, 2010. Known as “Rosa’s Law,” the law removes the terms “mental retardation” and “mentally retarded” from federal health, education and labor policy and replaces them with people first language “individual with an intellectual disability” and “intellectual disability.”

PANEL MEMBERS:

NINA MARCELLINO

Parent of Rosa Marcellino – The Inspiration for Rosa’s Law

MADELEINE WILL

Director, Policy Center, National Down Syndrome Society

SAL CAMPO, LCSW-C

Social Work Clinician, National Children’s Center and promoter of “**People First Language**” initiatives.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011
4:30–6:00 pm

One-year anniversary of the signing of Rosa’s Law
Reception immediately following

The Universities at Shady Grove
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Building I - Auditorium

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