

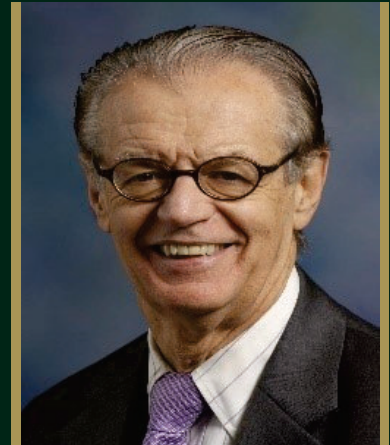
CENTER FOR HEALTH PRACTICE, POLICY, AND RESEARCH (CHPPR) DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER



DR. LOU VISMARA

**FRIDAY, OCT 14
3:00-5:00 PM**

 **CARLSEN CENTER
(LIBRARY 1520)**



**PRESENTERS: DR. LOU VISMARA, GARRETT BROADBENT,
LORI BANALES, AND KRISTIN WRIGHT**

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Hey Hornets! October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

In the spirit of this year's theme ("Disability: Part of the Equity Equation), The College of Health and Human Service's Center for Health Practice, Policy and Research (CHPPR) invites you to a Distinguished Speaker event on October 14th from 3PM to 5PM in the Carlsen Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Library 1250).

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TITLE: Innovative Solutions to Improve Quality of Life for Individuals with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities and Their Families

LOCATION: Carlsen Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship-Sacramento State (Library 1520)

DATE: October 14th, 2022

TIME: 3-5 PM

PRESENTERS: Dr. Louis Vismara, Garret Broadbent, Lori Banales, Kristin Wright

LEARNER

OUTCOMES: As a result of this event, participants will be able to:

- 1) **Explain:**
How to support individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families to improve quality of life
- 2) **Identify:**
The skills needed for and developed within careers working with individuals with disabilities
- 3) **Discuss:**
How to get involved in the community to support individuals with disabilities and their families
- 4) **List:**
Resources for individuals with disabilities and their families
Scholarships that help Sac State students who support individuals with disabilities

AUDIENCE: Students, Staff, Faculty, Community Members

ALL ARE WELCOME!
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Speaker Bios:

Dr. Louis Vismara is a physician (retired interventional cardiologist) and a parent of four children. Since his son, Mark, was diagnosed with autism in 1995, he has dedicated himself to issues of child development, learning differences, diversity, and access to health care for under-served populations. Lou is a founding member of the [UC Davis MIND Institute](#), the State of California's [First Five Commission](#), and the [California Legislative Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism](#). From 2000 to 2015, Lou worked as a senior policy consultant for three consecutive leaders (Senators Burton, Perata, & Steinberg) of the California Senate. Dr. Vismara established the [Senate Select Committee on Autism & Related Disorders](#) and spearheaded a variety of healthcare issues, including [California's landmark Autism Insurance Mandate](#) (SB 946 enacted in 2011) which has the State over \$200 million annually. Lou is the recipient of numerous advocacy awards and was honored by the California Senate with a resolution acknowledging his “lifetime achievements and meritorious service to humanity and the people of California.” Dr. Vismara is currently serving as a consultant for AKT Investments, which with the UC Davis Health Systems, is seeking to establish an integrated, health-focused community for individuals of all abilities across the lifespan. Lou has also been retained by the CA Community College Chancellor’s Office to establish an innovative employment/vocational training program for neurodiverse students, which will provide services and supports for older adults. Lou has recently served as a member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission; UCD School of Education Advisory Board; Eskaton Senior Living Advisory Board; Friends of Sacramento Arts Board; & Meristem Board of Directors. Lou is currently employed as a consultant for [AKT Investments, Inc.](#); and as an advisor for the [Sierra College Foundation](#). In addition, he serves as an [Adjunct Professor of medicine at Stanford](#) University; a member of the [UC Davis MIND](#) Emeritus Board; [PRIDE Industries Foundation](#) Advisory Board; [Creative Living Options](#) Board; The [Sacramento State Center for Health Practice, Policy and Research](#) Advisory Board; & the [California Statewide Education Workgroup on Alternative Pathways to A High School Diploma](#). Dr. Vismara is the co-author of [“The Autism Full Employment Act.”](#), a recent and highly rated book (Amazon 5 stars) that shows how there can be a place in the job world for the wide range of adults with autism, ADHD, and other learning and mental health differences—many of whom are not employed today. Lou (who was born in Italy) received a B.A. in Biology from Stanford University (1960) and his M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine in 1968.

Garrett Broadbent is CEO of Creative Living Options (CLO), a non-profit dedicated to providing in-home, community-based support services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Before joining CLO, he oversaw services at a selective transitional program for young adults with IDD as Vice President, designed one of California’s first acute crisis residential facilities for adults with IDD (Community Crisis Home), and worked at every level of IDD support organizations including a Deaf-only vocational program. His educational background includes a BA with High Honors from UC Davis, a graduate diploma from Crossfields Institute UK in integrative education leadership, and an MA in Special Education (Autism Spectrum Disorders) from Arizona State University. Since 2019, he has served on the statewide Crisis Safety Net Workgroup for the DDS Developmental Services Task Force.

Kristin Wright is the Executive Director of Equity, and Prevention and Early Intervention at the Sacramento County Office of Education, a role she has held for the past two years. Previously, Wright served as the California State Director of Special Education at the California Department of Education (CDE). Her most challenging and rewarding job, however, has been that of mom and advocate to Shelby (24) and Violet (20), both who have disabilities. Kristin was raised by two Sacramento public school teachers (both Sac State Alumni), but didn’t find her passion for education until the birth of her daughter Shelby, who was born with multiple physical and intellectual disabilities. It was her Senate appointment to the CA Advisory Commission on Special Education that solidified her passion for trying to help improve the system for supporting students with disabilities. Kristin holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology, and a master’s in education and a mod/severe ed specialist credential - all from Sac State.

Lori Banales has worked in the field of Developmental Disabilities for nearly 30 years. As an Independent Living Skills Instructor, Lori was introduced to this amazing service industry where she provided individualized instruction and support to those who lived in places of their own. Following a couple of years of direct service, Lori transitioned to the regional center where she continued to support clients of all ages in a variety of capacities. The regional center has provided her with many opportunities that have nurtured and developed her advocacy, passion and commitment to enhance the lives of people served. Working as a service coordinator, she was able to jointly develop plans that facilitated person centered thinking and maximized client choice. Working as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) and a Service Coordinator have provided the foundation of skills and understanding that she would draw upon as a Client Services Manager, Director of Client Services, Deputy Executive Director and most recently, as the Executive Director of Alta California Regional Center. This service system has provided more than professional development and opportunities, it has provided her with the satisfaction that the work that she does, contributes to a community where all people with developmental disabilities as valued members of their community.