

## INTERACTIVE TOPICS

- ✓ Going to the doctor or emergency room
- ✓ Setting up an appointment
- ✓ Office visits - reception, intake, forms
- ✓ Meeting with the doctor
- ✓ Communicating diagnosis and treatment plan
- ✓ Understanding different types of disabilities
- ✓ New adaptive technologies for nurses, doctors and other staff

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN



### People First Language

Understand the importance of using language that is respectful and empowering, putting the person before their disability.



### Communication Barriers

Learn to recognize the common barriers to effective communication experienced by the deaf and disabled communities.



### Improved Communication

Discover techniques that you can use to improve relationships with all of your patients, not only those who are deaf or dis-



### Use of Technology

See how the technology that you have at your fingertips can be used to help break through communication barriers.



### Role Play

Have fun practicing what you learn with your colleagues, in a safe and open-minded environment and with real-time guidance.



### Gain Confidence

Build the confidence you and your team need to feel comfortable working with one of our most mis-understood populations.

## ABOUT KEITH



Born in Los Angeles, Keith was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy (CP), which was compounded with a moderate to severe hearing loss. Doctors told Keith's mother that Keith would never speak, walk, drive or even graduate from high school.

From the time he came to terms with his own disabilities at the age of 15, Keith had the desire to help others. Having had both positive and negative experiences as an individual living with disabilities, Keith has the unique ability to see both sides of the coin.



**Keith Bonchek**

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Ability Together was created to help Bridge the Gap between disabled and abled-bodied communities

The mission of Ability Together is to provide innovative educational programs to nursing students and other medical professionals so they can provide high quality medical care to patients with disabilities.

25%

1 in 4 people in the US live with one or more disabilities

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE!?



How would you use this intercom if you were deaf or hard of hearing?

How would you approach this desk if you were using a wheelchair?



This is just the tip of the iceberg!

People with disabilities encounter obstacles like this every day.

It's easy to take your abilities for granted. If you don't live this every day, you may not ever think about it!

1 in 6 children in the US is born with a developmental disability

17%

## BOOK A SESSION

- Sessions run for 90 minutes, concluding with additional time for Q&A.
- Additional topics or alternate time frames can be accommodated upon request.
- Please provide at least four weeks notice to book an event.
- ASL interpretation can be provided by request and will be included in your estimate.

Fill out our interest form at  
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*Through humor, stories, cutting edge technology, and real-life scenarios, Keith teaches his audience to be prepared, be aware of people's unique needs, and actively communicate with patients who have a disability.*

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Keith's sharing his experiences and knowledge with the students provided insight and instruction in communication, bridging the gap between the disabled and the able-bodied. Keith kept their attention and their response with questions was great. Keith has a wonderful sense of humor.

**Betty Thomas, RN Clinical Instructor**

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Keith Bonchek is inspiring and passionate in his work of advocacy for those affected by disability. Speaking out of his own life experience, Keith moves people to action through his compassion, knowledge and understanding of disability

**Steve Bundy, Managing Director  
Christian Institute on Disability**

## PAST CLIENTS

- ✓ Azusa Pacific University
- ✓ Concordia University's Nursing Program
- ✓ Department of Rehabilitation
- ✓ El Monte-Rosemead Adult School (nursing school)
- ✓ Modern Support Services
- ✓ People First Conference in Sacramento
- ✓ University of California, Nursing Program, Irvine