



*A sacred place to be, and to become people of hope, compassion, justice, and service.*



## **A Place at the Table For ALL of us: Using Your Community and Connections to Build Strength For People With and Without Disabilities**

**Janice, Rich, Micah, Emma Fialka-Feldman and Shaun & Wes Nethercott**

**April 21, 2017 to April 23, 2017**

*Come for a Day or Come for the Weekend!*

*Pay What You Will!*

Make friends, tell stories, build advocacy skills, learn about new resources--and have fun! Become a stronger advocate for your family, your clients, and yourself, then create a Connections Storybook. Sessions will take place Friday 5-9pm, Saturday: 9am-9pm, and Sunday: 9am-12noon.

Please bring a photo or drawing of yourself, as well as a photo or drawing of a favorite family activity, to be put in your Family Connections Storybook.

You'll learn how to

- Strengthen your circles of support
- Seek help more effectively
- Identify new resources
- Explore how families can move from protector to guide

Audience

People with disabilities, families, friends, personal assistants, staff who support people with disabilities, professionals--- anyone who wants to strengthen their knowledge and ability to advocate to create a world where ALL BELONG and contribute based on strengths and respect.

**Presenters:**

Janice Fialka, Rich Feldman, Emma Fialka-Feldman, and Micah Fialka-Feldman, longtime disability culture activists, authors, and national presenters and the family featured in the recently published book, *What Matters: Reflections on Disability, Community and Love*. The Fialka-Feldman family will share their "lessons learned" and what values and actions have

guided their journey supporting Micah to live a meaningful, inclusive life, Emma, a second grade teacher, will share effective ways to support the learning of a child with a disability and the critical role of families. To learn more: [www.danceofpartnership.com](http://www.danceofpartnership.com) or [www.throughthesamedoor.com](http://www.throughthesamedoor.com)

Shaun and Wes Nethercott, Playwrights, Authors, and Activists. Founders of Matrix Theatre Company in Detroit, a social justice theatre creating new works rooted in every body's story. Shaun and Wes will help participants use improvisation, creativity, and storytelling to strengthen advocacy and build strong networks of support.

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