

**ARCH Sustainability Learning Collaborative  
Conference Call Agenda**  
February 8, 2018

**3:00 – 4:30 PM Eastern**

**(2:00 PM Central; 1:00 PM Mountain, 12:00 PM Pacific)**

**Call in Number: 866-546-3377; Passcode: 643869**

- I. **(Re-) Introductions**
- II. **Overview of what will occur on the call**
- III. **Summary of December Call**
- IV. **Brag and Borrow:** *How did you plan for sustainability (and did it work)?*

**Melissa Terry from the Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network and colleagues** will present a case study of their experience planning for sustainability, their experiences, challenges, and how they met these. (20 minutes).

***Growing a State Respite Program from the Ground Up!***

In 1996 United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville realized there were limited respite options for Alabama caregivers and successfully pursued a 3-year grant in 2000 to address the availability and accessibility of respite in the state. UCP staff pulled together a 36-person task force comprised of stakeholders across multiple state agencies, caregivers and other key stakeholders to create a statewide strategic plan. Alabama Respite was born out of this task force and is now legislatively mandated as the main coordination point for all respite initiatives in Alabama. Through relationship building and advocacy, Alabama Respite has obtained annual funding in the state budget and contracts with several state agencies. Presenters will discuss how Alabama Respite has built relationships to assure sustained funding and growth in the program in a way that other programs can replicate.

- V. **Group Questions and Discussion**
- VI. **Follow-up on states using/planning to use The Finance Project Work Book**
- VII. **Next Call**