## **BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

## Al Abeson

Alan Abeson, Ed.D., retired in 2008 as the director of Easter Seals Project ACTION. In that position, he also served as the principle investigator for the National Center on Senior Transportation, also based at Easter Seals. During his career, Al worked extensively with many national disability organizations, human service organizations, and transportation groups demonstrating a lifelong commitment to issues that affect children and adults with special needs and their families. His work has included a strong focus on working with government at all levels to advance educational and other opportunities for children and adults with disabilities through improved public policy. Dr. Abeson also served for a number of years as a member and Chairman of the City Council appointed Special Transit Advisory Board in Arlington, Texas providing oversight of the system and policy guidance to the Council. Dr. Abeson and his wife reside in Fort Worth, Texas.