

**WORKING Together: Changing Employment Experiences for People with Disabilities
Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH**

Monday, September 15, 2014

8:00 am - 9:15 am	Registration & Light Breakfast		
9:15 am - 9:45 am	<p>Welcome Alice Pavey, Superintendent, Hamilton County DD Services and Ilka Riddle, Director, University of Cincinnati (UC) University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>Opening "Ohio Employment First Initiative: Where Are We and Where Will We Go?" John Martin, Director Monty Kerr, Deputy Director of Policy and Strategic Direction, Kristen Helling, Employment First Project Manager, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</p>		
9:45 am – 10:30 am	<p>Morning Keynote "Customized Employment: Best Practice for Today" Katie Wolf Whaley, Project Director, Supported Employment Training Project, University of Kentucky Human Development Institute</p>		
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break & Transition		
	Track 1: Individual and Family Engagement	Track 2: Organizational and Systems Change	Track 3: Best Employment Practices
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Breakout Sessions (choose 1):	Breakout Session:	Breakout Sessions (choose 1):
	<p>"Transitioning from Sheltered Workshops and Day Programs to Community Employment and Integration: The Roles of Individuals and their Families"(Bryan Dague, University of Vermont Center on Disability and Community Inclusion)</p>	<p>"The CMS Rule and Implications for Employment: Where Are We, How Will it Move Forward and What Resources are Available?" (Kristen Helling, Employment First Project Manager, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities)</p>	<p>"Developing Successful Work Experiences: Strategies for Overcoming Common Challenges" ((Katie Wolf Whaley, Project Director, Supported Employment Training Project, University of Kentucky Human Development Institute)</p>
	<p>"Engaging Families: How Families Can Support Successful Transition To Employment" (Erin Riehle, Senior Director, Project SEARCH at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center)</p>		<p>"Tools for Successful Transition Planning" (Susan Beck, Project Coordinator, Realizing Employment First for Youth, Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence)</p>

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Buffet Lunch		
	Track 1: Individual and Family Engagement	Track 2: Organizational and Systems Change	Track 3: Best Employment Practices
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Breakout Sessions (choose 1):	Breakout Session:	Breakout Sessions (choose 1):
	<p>“The Essential Components of Sections 1-6 of the IEP Transition Planning Process” (Patrick Wong; State Support Team13 Regional Consultant, Hamilton County Educational Service Center)</p> <p>“Community Employment: How Does it Impact Benefits and What Supports Might Be Available?” (Amy Tuell; Benefits Specialist, Hamilton County DD Services)</p>	<p>“The Employment First Rule and its Impact on Organizations” (Kristen Helling, Employment First Project Manager, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities)</p>	<p>“Thriving at Work: Best Practice Strategies for Success” (Katie Wolf Whaley, Project Director, Supported Employment Training Project, University of Kentucky Human Development Institute)</p> <p>“Job Development: Strategies for Overcoming Common Challenges” (Carol Buckner, Butler County Board of DD, and Chrissy Perkins, Easter Seals Tristate)</p>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break & Transition		
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<p>Afternoon Keynote</p> <p>“Moving from Sheltered Workshops to Community Employment and Life: Lessons learned from Individuals and their Families/Caregivers”</p> <p>Bryan Dague, Research Associate, University of Vermont Center on Disability and Community Inclusion</p>		
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Evaluation and Wrap Up		
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Debriefing Session for Individuals with Disabilities and Families (Keith Banner, Karen Troup and James Harley, Co-facilitators)		

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9:30 am – 10:30 am	Morning Keynote “Waves of Change: National Trends in Employment” Nancy Gurney, President, Opportunity Services, Minneapolis, Minnesota		
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break & Transition		
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10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Breakout Sessions (choose 1):	Breakout Sessions (choose 1):	Breakout Sessions (choose 1):
	“The Role of Self Advocacy in Helping People Prepare for Employment” (James Harley; John Romer; Hamilton County DD Services and a Panel of Self-Advocates from Across the Region)	“State Transformation Stories: What Ohio Can Learn from Other States” (Nancy Gurney, President, Opportunity Services)	“Post-Secondary Education Options for Students with Disabilities: Supporting a Path to Employment” (Heidi Brett Mendez, Director, Transition and Access Program, University of Cincinnati (UC) and Karen S. Troup, Special Education Program Faculty ,UC)
	“The Roles of Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) and the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) in Community Employment” (Susan Pugh; Deputy Director, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities)	“DiscoverU: A Boots on the Ground View from Fairfield County” (Ray Schmidt, Director of Quality, Innovation and Planning and Doug Mitchell , Manager, Job Fusion, Fairfield County Board of DD)	“Transportation to Your Job: How Do I Get There?” (Amy Clawson, Family Support Coordinator, and Brady Sellet, Self-Advocacy Representative, University of Cincinnati University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and panelists)

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	“How Community Experiences and Network-Building can Help on the Path to Employment” (Joe Wenning, Historical Re-enactor, Kathy Wenning, Parent, and panelists)	“Part Time Work in a Full Time Life: Strategies for Making it Work” (Nancy Gurney, President, Opportunity Services)	“Discovery: Exploring Interests, Strengths ,and Supports for Employment Success (Julie McComas, Independent Employment Consultant)
	“How Schools, Families and the Community Can Support Transition-Age Youth to Secure a Path to Employment” (Susan Hughes, Transition Coordinator Forest Hills School District, Deborah Stroud, Work Study Coordinator, Oak Hills Local School District)	“Sheltered Workshops: How to Plan and Carry Out Strategies for Positive Change” (Laurie Zureich, Superintendent, Champaign and Shelby County Boards of DD and Michael Beasecker, Superintendent, Darke County Board of DD)	“Success at Work: Ideas from Employers about What it Takes” (Scott Osterfeld, Butler County Board of DD and & Mark Miller, Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley and Panel of Employers)
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break and Transition		
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Closing Panel “WORKING Together: Voices of Experience” Julie McComas, Nakiea Spaulding, Tiona Boyle, Jeannine Tyree and Kevin Tyree		
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Evaluation , Next Steps and Wrap Up Alice Pavey, Hamilton County DD Services and Ilka Riddle, Director, University of Cincinnati (UC) University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities)		