



## Changing Employment Experiences for People with Disabilities

September 15 - 16, 2014  
Great Wolf Lodge  
2501 Great Wolf Drive  
Mason, OH 45040

This conference will bring families, providers, county board staff, and people with disabilities together to learn from national and state leaders in expanding employment options for people with disabilities. Registration information is below; the conference schedule is listed on the following page.



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**Registration:** \$200 - includes Continental Breakfast & Buffet Lunch both days\*\*

Lodging: Special Group Rate available at Great Wolf Lodge. Those interested should call 1-800-913-WOLF and ask for rooms with the Group Reservation #1409INTE. Discount available only until August 14.

Registrations are accepted online at [www.swocog.org](http://www.swocog.org).

**Registration Deadline:** September 1, 2014 (After September 1: \$250)

Questions? Contact Shirley Riggs at: [Shirley.Riggs@swocog.org](mailto:Shirley.Riggs@swocog.org) or 513-559-4413.

**\*\*A limited number of scholarships** are available on a first come/first serve basis for people with disabilities and their families/caregivers. To request a scholarship, please contact Emily Beltz at [Emily.Beltz@cchmc.org](mailto:Emily.Beltz@cchmc.org) or (513) 803-0653.

Scholarship requests **MUST BE MADE** by **AUGUST 8, 2014**.

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# Conference Schedule

For details on breakout sessions, see conference website: [www.swocog.org](http://www.swocog.org).

## **Monday, September 15, 2014**

- 8:00 a.m. Registration/Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. **Welcome/Opening** — Alice Pavey, Hamilton County DD Services Superintendent & Ilka Riddle, UC UCEDD Director
- “Ohio Employment First Initiative: Where Are We and Where Will We Go?”**  
John Martin, DODD Director; Monty Kerr, Deputy Director of Policy & Strategic Direction;  
Kristen Helling, Employment First Project Manager
- 9:45 a.m. **Morning Keynote**  
*“Customized Employment: Best Practice of Today”*  
Katie Wolf Whaley, Project Director, Supported Employment Training Project,  
University of Kentucky Human Development Institute
- 10:30 a.m. - Breakout Sessions & Lunch  
2:30 p.m.
- 2:45 p.m. **Afternoon Keynote**  
*“Moving from Sheltered Workshops to Community Employment and Life: Lessons Learned from Individuals & Their Families/Caregivers”*  
Bryan Dague, Research Associate, University of Vermont on Disability & Community Inclusion
- 3:45 p.m. **Wrap-Up & Evaluation**
- 4:15 p.m. **Session for Individuals/Families**

## **Tuesday, September 16, 2014**

- 8:00 a.m. Registration/Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. **Welcome** — Alice Pavey, Hamilton County DD Services Superintendent & Ilka Riddle, UC UCEDD Director
- 9:30 a.m. **Morning Keynote**  
*“Waves of Change: National Trends in Employment”*  
Nancy Gurney, President, Opportunity Services, Minneapolis, MN
- 10:30 a.m. - Breakout Sessions & Lunch  
2:30 p.m.
- 2:45 p.m. **Closing Panel**  
*“WORKing Together: Voices of Experience”*  
Julie McComas, Nakiea Spaulding, Tiona Boyle, Jeannine & Kevin Tyree
- 3:45 p.m. **Next Steps, Wrap-Up & Evaluation**

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