

Conference Agenda at a Glance

Sunday, May 20, 2018

- 1:30 – 4:30 Registration Open
1:30 – 3:00 Service Provider Exhibit Setup (Salon B/C)
3:00 – 5:00 Exhibits Open (Salon B/C)
6:00 – 8:30 **Annual Awards Banquet** (Salon B/C)

Monday, May 21, 2018

- 7:30 – 8:30 Registration Open / Voting Opens (Registration Desk) Exhibits Open / Continental Breakfast (Salon B/C)
8:30 – 9:00 **MRA President's Welcome** – Starla Starke (Salon B/C)
VR Central Office Welcome – Dr. Jeanne Loyd, Assistant Commissioner (Salon B/C)
9:00 – 10:30 **OPENING KEYNOTE: Supporting Job Seekers with Criminal Backgrounds** - Christa Martin, MRC, CRC (Salon B/C)
10:30 – 12:00 **Service Provider Recognition/ MRA Update** (Salon B/C)
12:00 – 12:30 **Box Lunches (Networking Lunch)**
12:30 – 1:00 **Networking & Exhibit Showcase** (Salon B/C)
1:00 – 2:00 BREAKOUTS
 - ✓ **Job Development:** *A Taste of Customized Employment* – Chris Clause (Room 60)
 - ✓ **Professional Development:** *Unconscious Bias: Overcoming Ethical Obstacles* - Christa Martin (Room 61)
 - ✓ **Business Engagement:** *Change One Thousand, a Good Job is a Great Start* – Mary Ann Rojas (Room 62)
 - ✓ **Mental Health and Employment:** *Different Aspects of IPS in Missouri* - IPS Panel (Room 63)
 - ✓ **Pre-ETS & Transition:** *MO ABLE: A New Way To Save for Individuals with Disabilities*– Andrew Dzedzic and David Pearce (Room 64)

2:15 -- 3:15 BREAKOUTS
 - ✓ **Job Development:** *Vocational Rehabilitation: The Untapped Resource in Diversity & Inclusion* – Christa Martin (Room 60)
 - ✓ **Professional Development:** *Career Scope Online Presentation* – John Reeves (Room 61)
 - ✓ **Business Engagement:** *Reverse Job Fairs: Turning the Tables on Hiring Events* – Jennifer Kincaid and Kevan Rutledge (Room 62)
 - ✓ **Mental Health and Employment:** *Pre-Vocational Services* – Judy Grainger and Jessica Mahon (Room 63)
 - ✓ **Pre-ETS & Transition:** *Two Tools for Transition* - Kristin O'Hara, Jason Salas and Pat Bauer (Room 64)

3:30 – 4:30 BREAKOUTS
 - ✓ **Job Development:** *Job Seekers & Social Media: Implications for Employment Specialists and Ethical Practice* - Christa Martin (Room 60)
 - ✓ **Professional Development:** *Pause for One's Inner Resources* - Mary Lenihan (Room 61)
 - ✓ **Business Engagement:** *Work Based Learning Experiences: An Introduction of Social Services to Diversity and Inclusion* – Mike Cubon (Room 62)
 - ✓ **Mental Health and Employment:** *Beyond Repair: From Dealing Dope to Dealing Hope* – David Stoeker (Room 63)
 - ✓ **Pre-ETS & Transition:** *Braiding Services for Creative Work Experiences* – Rachel Morgan and Brittany Ramo (Room 64)

4:30 – 5:00 Networking & Exhibitor Showcase (Salon B/C)
Dinner on your own
7:00 -10:00 **Trivia Night** sponsored by the **Southwest MRA Chapter**

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

- 7:00 – 8:00 Networking Hot Breakfast / Exhibits Open (Salon B/C)
8:15 – 9:15 BREAKOUTS
 - ✓ **Mental Health and Employment:** *Substance Use Overview and Trends* – Stacie Zellin (Room 60/61)
 - ✓ **Professional Development:** *The Kaleidoscope of Communication and Technology* – Cathy Wolford (Room 62)
 - ✓ **Business Engagement:** *We're Stronger Together...A Collaboration Between Community Rehabilitation Providers, State Agencies, and Employers* – Lesa Barber and Richard Coleman (Room 63)
 - ✓ **Pre-ETS & Transition:** *Pre-Employment Skills During Transition: A New Horizon for Students with Most Significant Disabilities* - Anna Azevedo and Becky Romine (Room 64)

9:30 – 10:30 BREAKOUTS
 - ✓ **Mental Health and Employment:** *Medical Marijuana: Snake Oil or Science?* – Stacie Zellin (Room 60/61)
 - ✓ **Professional Development:** *Unlock Your Superhero Leadership Potential* – Jennifer Emory (Room 62)
 - ✓ **Business Engagement:** *Apprenticeships – VR as a KEY Registered Apprenticeship Partner* - Suzanne Richards (Room 63)
 - ✓ **Pre-ETS & Transition:** *Planning Your Transition Kickoff Event to be a Win/Win* – Tamara Cress, Amy Hastings, Amy Siekerman and Kristin Donze (Room 64)

10:45 – 12:00 **CLOSING KEYNOTE: Vision Without Sight** - Christine McDonald (Salon C)
12:00 – 12:15 Close of conference / Two \$50 Cash Drawings (Salon C)