

Conference Agenda at a Glance

Sunday, June 2, 2019

1:30 – 4:30	Registration Open	1:30 – 3:00	Service Provider Exhibit Setup
3:00 – 5:00	Exhibits Open	6:00 – 8:30	Annual Awards Banquet

Monday, June 3, 2019

7:30 – 8:30	Registration Open / Voting Opens/Exhibits Open / Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00	MRA President's Welcome – Kelly Cook (Paradise B/C) VR Central Office Welcome – Tim Gaines, Assistant Commissioner, Vocational Rehabilitation
9:00 – 10:30	OPENING KEYNOTE: <i>Expanding Missouri's Workforce</i> - Mardy Leathers, Director, Division of Workforce
Development	
10:30 – 12:00	Service Provider Recognition/ MRA Update
12:00 – 12:30	Box Lunches (Networking Lunch)
12:30 – 1:00	Networking & Exhibit Showcase

1:00 – 2:00 BREAKOUTS

- **Job Development:** Job Searching- What Efforts Make a Difference? - Darla Wilkerson (Windgate 60)
- **Professional Development:** Professional Development as an Ethical Obligation – Dr. Michael Kiener ((Windward 70/71)
- **Business Engagement:** SkillUp – Jerriane Jaegers-Brenneke and Jennifer Heimericks (Windward 72/73)
- **Mental Health and Employment:** Medical Marijuana in Missouri: What's Next? – Stacie Zellin (Nautical Wheeler)
- **Pre-ETS & Transition:** Highlighting Successful Work-based Learning Experiences for Students with the Most Significant Disabilities – Anna Azevedo, Patrick Brady and Kara Hecht (Windgate 61)

2:15 -- 3:15 BREAKOUTS

- **Job Development:** The Art of Job Creation -Darla Wilkerson (Windgate 60)
- **Professional Development:** Examining the CRCC Code of Ethics for Common Ethical Violations – Dr. Michael Kiener (Windward 70/71)
- **Business Engagement:** Nexus - We're stronger together...a collaboration between community rehab providers, state agencies and employers – Timothy Jackson and Richard Coleman (Windward 72/73)
- **Mental Health and Employment:** Preventing Suicide Amongst the Workforce – Stacey Williams (Nautical Wheeler)
- **Pre-ETS & Transition:** Youth Interagency Partnerships; Growing a Transition Community – Paul D'Amico, Kristin Donze, Rick Harrison, Amy Siekerman and Robin Thomas (Windgate 61)

3:30 – 4:30 BREAKOUTS

- **Job Development:** Employment Retention Strategies - Darla Wilkerson (Windgate 60)
- **Professional Development:** Labor Market Information (LMI) for Employment – Vee Butler (Windward 70/71)
- **Business Engagement:** Demand Side Employment Strategies for Underserved Labor Pools – JW Gibbs (Windward 72/73)
- **Mental Health and Employment:** Peer Support- Rosie Anderson-Harper (Nautical Wheeler)
- **Pre-ETS & Transition:** Missouri Youth Leadership Forum – Rachel Rackers (Windgate 61)

4:30 – 5:00 Networking & Exhibitor Showcase (Paradise B/C)

7:00 -10:00 **Trivia Night** sponsored by the **Southwest MRA Chapter** – Prizes for the winning table! (Paradise B/C)

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

7:00 – 8:00 Networking Hot Breakfast / Exhibits Open (Paradise B/C)

8:15 – 9:15 BREAKOUTS

- **Job Development:** Ingredients for Success – Richard Coleman and Jessica Mahon (Windgate 60)
- **Professional Development:** If You're Happy and You Know It – Jennifer Underdown (Windward 70/71)
- **Business Engagement:** Business Engagement 101 – Lesa Barber, Shiloh Cooper, Marisa Hiatt, and Jennifer Kincaid (Windward 72/73)
- **Mental Health and Employment:** Technology First: Promoting Independence and Autonomy – Duane Shumate and Lisa Turner (Nautical Wheeler)
- **Pre-ETS & Transition:** Transition & Career Exploration - Darla Wilkerson (Windgate 61)

9:30 – 10:30 BREAKOUTS

- **Job Development:** *Cultivating* Natural Supports – Rachel Murphy, Manny Ortega, Margo Hodge, and Mark Satterwhite (Windgate 60)
- **Professional Development:** Learning = Change – Wayne Gillam (Windward 70/71)
- **Business Engagement:** Hiring from an HR Manager's Perspective – Dawn Sweazea and Danielle Thomas (Windward 72/73)
- **Mental Health and Employment:** Justice Reinvestment Initiative Treatment Pilot – Nichole Cleek, Angela Plunkett and Chanee Edwards (Nautical Wheeler)
- **Pre-ETS & Transition:** Job Olympics in the Greater Kansas City Area – Ashley Vlach and Sarah Zung (Windgate 61)

10:45 – 12:00 **CLOSING KEYNOTE: *From Stigma to Success: A Guide to Transgender-Inclusive Employment* - Tyler McClain (Paradise C)**

12:00 – 12:15 Close of conference / two \$50 Cash Drawings