



## 2021 MRA Conference AGENDA

Sunday-Tuesday, October 3-5, 2021

Tan-Tar-A/Margaritaville Lake Resort

### **THEME: BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE**

#### **Sunday, October 3, 2021**

1:30–4:30	Registration Open
1:30–3:00	Service Provider Exhibit Setup
3:00–5:00	Exhibits Open
5:00–7:30	Pizza and Fun at Frank & Lola's Pizzeria (sponsored by United Access and MWI)
7:00–9:00	Paint and Sip (sponsored by KC Chapter) & Board Games

#### **Monday, October 4, 2021**

7:30–8:30	Continental Breakfast/Registration Open / Voting Opens / Exhibits Open
8:30–8:40	MRA President's Welcome – Elizabeth Smith, <i>MRA President, Director of Independent Living</i>
8:40–9:00	Missouri Moving Forward -- Tim Gaines, <i>Assistant Commissioner</i>
9:00–10:30	Opening Keynote: Wesley Hamilton, <i>Global Empowerment Speaker</i>
10:30–11:00	Service Provider Recognition – Elizabeth Perkins, <i>VR manager, Workforce Implementation</i>
11:00--12:00	Business Meeting -- Chris Clause, <i>VR Coordinator, Performance Management</i>
12:00–1:00	Box Lunches (Networking & Exhibitor Showcase)

#### **Monday Afternoon Breakouts, October 4, 2021**

##### **1:00–2:00 BREAKOUTS**

- ✓ **Job Development:** Best Practices in Job Coaching- Rachel Morgan, Preferred Employment Services
- ✓ **Professional Development:** Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals – Laura Mueth, *Governor's Council*
- ✓ **Human Resources:** Tight Labor Market - TBD
- ✓ **Mental Health and Employment:** Solution-focused Therapy – Mike Kiener Ph.D., CRC, *Director Maryville University*
- ✓ **Pre-ETS & Transition:** Suicide Prevention for Transition Age Youth – Elizabeth Makulec, *Executive Director - KUTO*

##### **2:15--3:15 BREAKOUTS**

- ✓ **Job Development:** Updates on Medical Cannabis – Stacie Zellin, *Community Education Coordinator at PreventED*
- ✓ **Professional Development:** MOAHEAD-Theresa Smythe and Team
- ✓ **Human Resources:** OA Initiatives - Dawn Sweazea, MBA, *SPHR, SHRM-SCP*
- ✓ **Mental Health and Employment:** Trauma-Informed Care – Jamie Wehmeyer, *LCSW, Trauma Informed Care provider*
- ✓ **Pre-ETS:** Independent Living Services to Transition Age Youth – Melinda Cardone, *Executive Direction at ILRC*

##### **3:30–4:30 BREAKOUTS**

- ✓ **Job Development:** Business Engagement – Lesa Barber, *VR Director of Business Services*

- ✓ **Professional Development:** Ethics and Inclusion – Dr. Presberry, *VR Education Consultant*
- ✓ **Human Resources:** Legal Topics – TBD
- ✓ **Mental Health:** Suicide Safety –Elizabeth Makulec, *Executive Director – KUTO (Kids Under Twenty-One)*
- ✓ **Pre-ETS & Transition:** MO Connections – Chrissy Bashore, *Assistant Director of School Counseling DESE*

**4:30–5:00**                    Networking & Exhibitor Showcase

**6:00–8:00 PM**            **AWARD BANQUET**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

**7:00–8:00**    *Hot Breakfast/Networking/Exhibits Open*

**8:15–9:15 BREAKOUTS**

- ✓ **Job Development:** Reentry – Brittany Peterson and Tracy Kirksey
- ✓ **Professional Development:** MI Session 101 – Scott Kerby, LPC, *Clinical Training Coordinator*
- ✓ **Human Resources:** Unseen Disabilities – Renee Carter
- ✓ **Mental Health and Employment:** Resilience – Jennifer Underdown LPC, *VR Corporate Trainer*
- ✓ **Pre-ETS & Transition:** MU Pre-ETS: Best Practices Across Missouri in Pre-Employment Services – Dawn Hesse and Amanda Webb Snell

**9:30–10:30 BREAKOUTS**

- ✓ **Job Development:** LGBTQ Inclusion in the Workplace – Luke Daily, *VR Assistant District Supervisor*
- ✓ **Professional Development:** MI Session 201 – Scott Kerby, LPC, *Clinical Training Coordinator*
- ✓ **Human Resources:** Disability Etiquette – Laura Mueth, *Governor’s Council*
- ✓ **Mental Health and Employment:** ASD — Jaclyn Benigno, *Thompson Center*
- ✓ **Pre-ETS & Transition:** MU Pre-ETS, VR, & Division Youth Services panel

**10:45 – 12:00 CLOSING KEYNOTE: TBD**

**12:00 – 12:15**    **Close of Conference / Two \$50 Cash Drawings**