

“Unmask your Talent” Speaker Topics & Schedule

Tuesday October 23rd

Time: 12:30 – 4:15

Presenter - *Michelle Uetz, Independent contractor with Rocky Hill Parent Peer Specialists and former Special Ed Teacher*

Topic: Understanding and breaking through barriers of mental health for employment success. Information on identifying and implementing supports to people with mental illness. Experience mental health from several different perspectives.

Time: 10:00 - 4:15

Presenter - *Placement 101*

Topic: meet the learning needs of newly hired job placement/job development staff employed in Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Community Rehabilitation Programs and other partners and referral sources. It is designed to provide a basic, introductory level of knowledge and skills on best practices when providing job placement services for individuals with disabilities. The program will address the following key objectives:

- Partnering with the Job Seekers team
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- Partnering with Business
- Job Offer and Placement Follow-up
- Challenging Cases
- Workload Management and Self-Care

Time: 6:00-9:00

President’s Fundraiser Fun Dinner

Where: Olde Brick House Irish Pub

Note: You will need to RSVP so we may communicate with the restaurant accordingly about our numbers. More details to come.

Wednesday October 24th

Time: 8:30-10:00

KEYNOTE Presenter - *Dr. Fred Schroeder Director of the National Rehabilitation Association and former RSA Commissioner*

Topic: Competitive Integrated Employment: Structural Challenges and Their Relationship to the CRCC Code of Ethics. Explaining changes to the Rehabilitation Act that prioritize integration for youth and adults with disabilities and the mechanical and ethical challenges they present for rehabilitation counselors.

Time: 10:15 – 11:30

Presenter - *College Disability Services Panel — St. Cloud Technical and Community College, St. Cloud State University, St. Benedict and St. John's University.*

Topic: Discussion of what accommodations students can expect in a college setting, what documentation is needed to apply for accommodations, other supports offered, successful AT use.

Presenter - *Dr. Michael Massey*

Topic: Opioid Addiction and Rehabilitation

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Time: 11:30 – 1:00

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Time: 1:00 – 2:15

Presenter - *Dr. Fred Schroeder Director of the National Rehabilitation Association and former RSA Commissioner*

Topic: State of the union for people with disabilities

Presenter - *Josh Dean, Customized Employment Specialist, Vocational Rehabilitation Services*

Topic: Visual Resumes: how to create them and how to use them

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Presenter - *Colleen Heffernan, VR Counselor, Vocational Rehabilitation Services*

Topic: Transition Age Youth and Career Development: Working alongside your client's aspirations, inspirations, and career dreams.

Time 2:30- 3:45

Presenter - *Dr. Skovholt, author and U of M professor in Educational Psychology*

Topic: The Resilient Practitioner: helping develop resilience in the helping fields and coping with the challenges of working in the field.

Presenter - *Independent Living Skills Panel, MN Association of Centers for Independent Living.*

Topic: A discussion of ILS: success of consumers, not only in their day-to-day life, but preparing for vocational success, creative ways to use IL to help consumers achieve their goals.

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Time: 4:00 – 5:00

Division Meetings

Time: 5:30 – 7:00

Dinner & Awards

Time: 7:30 – 11:00

Costume Party and Celebration

Thursday October 25th

Time: 8:15 – 9:45

KEYNOTE Presenter: *Frank Weber,*

Topic: Guiding Individuals with Mental Illness and Sexual Issues into Employment

Time 10:00 – 11:15

Presenter - *Christa Martin, Placement Specialist, Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation*

Topic: Job Seekers & Social Media: Implications for Employment Specialists and Ethical Practice. Ethics credit for CEU's

Presenter - *Eric Ringgenberg and Lucas Scott, MCIL*

Topic: Autism & Employment

Time: 11:15 – 12:45

LUNCH Provided

Time 12:45 – 2:00

Presenter - *Christa Martin, Placement Specialist, Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation*

Topic: Unconscious Bias: Overcoming Ethical Obstacles While Increasing Multicultural Competencies. Ethics credit for CEU's

Presenter - *Eric Ringgenberg and Lucas Scott, MCIL*

Topic: Autism, Executive Function Strategies

Presenter - *Pat Moore, Partner at Joslin & Moore Law Offices*

Topic: Special Needs Trusts: what are they, knowing how and when to set one up.