



2024 Missouri Rehabilitation Association Conference Agenda Wednesday-Friday, June 12-14, 2024

Engage, Equip, & Empower for Sustainable Success

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

12pm -1:30pm	Service Provider Exhibits Setup – Paradise B/C
1:30-4:30pm	Registration Opens
3-5pm-Paradise 3-3:15pm	MRA President's Welcome & Service Provider Exhibits Open Paradise B/C MRA Welcome: Michael Kiener Ph.D., CRC, Maryville University, MRA President & Lesa Allsop, Director, Voc Rehab Business Services, MRA President Elect
3:15-3:45pm	Service Provider Recognition: Elizabeth Perkins, LPC, NCC, Coordinator, Programs, MO Vocational Rehabilitation
3:45-5:00pm	Opening Session: <i>Engage, Equip, & Empower for Sustainable Success</i> , Michael Kiener, Ph.D., CRC, Maryville University
5-5:15pm	Kick Off Pep Talk: Chris Clause, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services, DESE
5:30-7:30pm	Pizza & Fun: Sponsored by Missouri Welding Institute & United Access Paradise

Thursday, June 13, 2024

8:30-8:45am	Registration Open & Hot Breakfast – Paradise B/C
8:40-8:45am	MRA President Morning Welcome Michael Kiener - Paradise B/C
8:45-9:15am	Morning Networking - All group activity
9:15-10:15am	All group activity
	Break
10:30-11:30am	Breakout Session #1: All breakout sessions listed below.
11:35am- 1:05pm	Awards Luncheon: Kimberly Pudlowski, Director, MU Pre-ETS Banquet Lunch Buffett - Paradise B/C
1:15-4:45pm	Breakout Sessions #2-4, All breakout sessions listed below
7:00-10:00pm	Trivia Night -hosted by MRA Kansas City Chapter. Paradise B/C

Friday, June 14, 2024

7:00-8:00am	Hot Breakfast & Morning Business Session- Michael Kiener, MRA President-Paradise
8:15-10:30am	Breakout Session #5-6, All breakout sessions listed below
10:40am	Silent Auction Closes / Conference Announcements Lesa Allsop
10:45am- 12:00pm	Closing Keynote: Mark Irvin, Chief Strategy Officer KCMASS, <i>Promoting Self-Advocacy for Rehabilitation Counselors' Clients</i>
12:00-12:15pm	Close of Conference: Cash Prizes for Crowd Compass App Winners, 'Name Tag' Basket Drawing, Vendor Bingo Drawing, Silent Auction Winners

Breakout Sessions

June 13, 10:30-11:30am	Breakouts # 1
	Workplace Supports: <i>Benefits and Work Made Simple Part 1</i> , Sandy Keyser, Employment First Specialist, MO DMH; Division of Developmental Disabilities
	Recruitment and Retention: <i>Why Don't People Request Accommodations? Strategies for Providers and Employers</i> , Jason Hartsfield, Disability Inclusion Lead Consultant & Katie Fields; Access U Coordinator & Disability Inclusion Consultant, Starkloff Disability Institute
	Youth Services: <i>Demystifying Pre-ETS Services and the Link to VR</i> , Amy Siekerman, Director Youth Services Vocational Rehabilitation, Lindsay Hartzler, Pre-ETS Assistant Director, & Rose Wellborn, MU Pre-ETS Specialist-Horizons
	Workplace Supports: <i>Support Executive Functioning Skills to Extend and Maintain Benefit of the Job Coach</i> , Dr. Cindy Fisher, Smart Steps
	Mental Health: <i>Practical Tools for Identifying and Addressing Suicidal Ideation and Intent in Job Development</i> , Chuck Gilpin, Vocational Rehabilitation, District Supervisor
June 13 1:15-2:15pm	Breakouts #2
	Workplace Supports: <i>Benefits and Work Made Simple Part 2</i> , Sandy Keyser, Employment First Specialist, MO Department of Mental Health; Division of Developmental Disabilities
	Recruitment and Retention: <i>Building Bridges: Creating Inclusive Workplaces Through Diverse Practices, Partnerships, and Strategic Hiring</i> , Ashley McCasland & Marisa Hiatt, Mercy Health System
	Professional Development: <i>Little Actions to Nurture Resilience: A Realistic Approach to Combat Burnout and Compassion Fatigue</i> , Crystal Weaver, MHA, LPC, CRC, MT-BC, Director of Music Therapy, Maryville University
	Youth Services: <i>Work-Ready Behavior Framework</i> , Elizabeth Merideth Pre-Employment Transition Services Specialist and Horizons Team Coordinator
	Mental Health: <i>Further Examination of Factors Influencing Suicide Reattempts Post-Treatment</i> , Dr. Estevan Limon Lopez, Lauren Hacala, & Matthew Underwood, Burrell Cntr
June 13 2:30-3:30pm	Breakouts #3
	Recruitment and Retention: <i>State of Missouri as a Model Employer</i> , Suzanne Stefaniak - Outreach Recruiter & Dawn Sweazea - Director, Talent Acquisition, State of MO, OA
	Professional Development: <i>Professional Engagement an Ethical Imperative</i> , Michael Kiener PhD, CRC, Jessica Doebber, & Rachael Rehagen, Maryville University Rehabilitation Counseling Program
	Workplace Supports: <i>Competitive Employment in Missouri</i> , Stacy Morse, Project Coordinator @ MO Developmental Disabilities Council (MODDC)
	Mental Health: <i>Development of a Brief, Non-Diagnostic Tool to Identify Potential Mental Health-Related Concerns among Law Enforcement Officers</i> , Dr. Estevan Limon Lopez, Lauren Hacala, and Bradley Powers, Burrell Center
	Youth Services: <i>Engaging, Equipping, and Empowering Justice-Involved/Detained Youth for Successful Transition/Re-Entry</i> , Tara Eppy, Superintendent Robert L. Perry Juvenile Justice
June 13 3:45-4:45pm	Breakouts #4 – Partner and Exhibitor Networking, Paradise B/C
	Join at 7:00 PM for Trivia, Paradise B/C

June 14 8:15- 9:15am	Breakout #5
	Workplace Supports: <i>Improving Outcomes by Implementing Client Participation Strategies</i> Dr. Daniel Mayes, Vice President, Firefly Supported Living & Employment Services, Inc.
	Mental Health: <i>Negative Correlation Between Self-Care Strategies and Mental Health Struggles</i> , William Dooley, MS, LPC, CBIS
	Professional Development: <i>What is Employment First</i> , Sandy Keyser, Employment First Specialist, MO Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE)
	Youth Services: <i>Justice Involved Youth- Partnering to Break the Cycle</i> , Michelle Lavonda Young, Assistant Director of Youth Services, Vocational Rehabilitation
	Mental Health: <i>Depression, Anxiety, and Disability: Insights for Providers and Employers</i> , Jason Hartsfield, MSW, Disability Inclusion Lead Consultant, Starkloff Disability Institute
June 14 9:30-10:30am	Breakout #6
	Workplace Supports: <i>Revolutionizing the Workforce: Harnessing AI for Customized Employment</i> , Erik Nelson, Executive Consultant, Provider Strategy, SETWorks
	Professional Development: <i>Learning to Use the USASpends.gov and FPDS-NG EZ-search Data Systems to Identify New Employment Opportunities for Our Clients</i> , Dr. Bill Weber, LPC, CRC, CVE
	Workplace Supports: <i>Connecting the Dots: AT and Employment</i> , Scout Merry, MO AT Program Coordinator & Mary Ross, AD, Rehabilitation Technology
	Mental Health: <i>Dilemmas Decoded: Strategies for Ethical Decision Making</i> , Erica King, LPC, Vocational Rehabilitation & Michael Kiener, Ph.D., CRC Maryville University