

EMPLOYMENT & AUTISM

This conference provides examples, tools, and resources to use to explore and prepare for employment. Presentations will be led by members of the Iowa Coalition for Integrated Employment using methods and materials to increase the use of an individual's strengths and people who know the individual best.

- 8:15** Registration
- 8:50** Welcome
- 9:00-10:15** Expectations and Essential Elements: Employment Experiences, Successes, and Challenges from those on the Autism Spectrum and Family Members.
Presented by a panel of those with autism spectrum disorders and family members, facilitated by Becky Harker.
- 10:15-10:30** Break
- 10:30 - 11:30** Exploring and Preparing: Self Directed and Family Directed Discovery
What is discovery and how can it be used as a tool for gathering deeper information for employment planning. We will discuss how you can use the information collected from the discovery process to begin to develop an action plan.
Presented by: Becky Harker, Mary Jackson, Michelle Kreft, and Ashlea Lantz
- 11:30- 12:15** Lunch - Table Topics
- 12:15-1:30** Approaches to Job Placement: Traditional, Customized, and Self-Employment
There is an array of employment options to consider. Information gathered during the discovery process can help guide individuals in an employment direction. Identifying what needs to happen next is part of the employment planning process. Some examples of next steps may include: developing contacts within the community, exploring "outside the box" opportunities, possible job negotiation, and engaging employment supports.
Presented by: Becky Harker, Mary Jackson, Michelle Kreft, and Ashlea Lantz
- 1:30-1:45** Break
- 1:45- 3:00** Employment: What Comes Next?
What is needed to move your plan forward? Finding and securing the right job can sometimes be difficult. We'll discuss resources, tools, and strategies you can utilize to keep you going in the right direction.
Presented by: Iowa Employment Coalition

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**THE 2ND ANNUAL
AUTISM & EMPLOYMENT
CONFERENCE**

Monday, June 22, 2015

9:00 - 3:00

Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines

*Examples, Tools, and Resources
to use to
Explore and Prepare for Employment*

SPEAKERS

BECKY HARKER

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

There is no cost to attend this conference, but registration is required to assure that there are adequate hand outs and lunches. If you register and then cannot attend, please call or email the Autism Society of Iowa by June 16, 2015, so a lunch is not purchased for you.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Sheraton Hotel of West Des Moines
1800 50th Street

West Des Moines, IA 50265

Phone: 515-223-1800

Rooms have been reserved for the conference participants under the Autism Society Group Block. Rooms will be held until May 31, 2015.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

4.75 hours will be credited for social Work CEU's

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

If ADA accommodations are needed for you to attend this conference, please contact ASI by May 31, 2015.



REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE

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Name _____

Address _____

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Please select a lunch:

Chicken Caesar Wrap, deli salad, and chips

Chicken strips/ fries

Gluten free lunch

Vegetarian lunch

I will not be eating lunch at the conference

