

## DIRECTIONS

Four Points by Sheraton Meriden

275 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT (203) 238-2380

### From East

Take Interstate 84 West into Hartford, then take Exit 56 Interstate 91 South. From I-91 South, take Exit 17, to East Main Street and turn left. Take a right at the second light onto Pomeroy Avenue. The hotel is 0.5 miles on the right.

### From West

Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 27, then take Interstate 691 East. Take Exit 10 and stay in the right-hand lane until you reach Exit 67 West, East Main Street. Turn right onto Pomeroy Avenue. At the second light. The hotel is 0.5 miles on the right.

### From South

Take Interstate I91 North to Exit 16. Take a right at the end onto East Main Street. Take a right at the first right onto Pomeroy Avenue. The hotel is 0.5 miles on the right.

### From North

Take Interstate 91 South to Exit 17. Turn left at the light. From there take a right at the second light onto Pomeroy Avenue. The hotel is 0.5 miles on the right.



# SCHOOL DAYS TO PAY DAYS

**A CONNECTICUT DDS CONFERENCE**

**MARCH 31, 2011 8 AM - 4 PM**

**FOUR POINTS SHERATON HOTEL, MERIDEN, CT**

Sponsored by Connect-Ability and APSE.



## SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

**Registration and Continental Breakfast  
Exhibit Areas Open**

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**OPENING REMARKS:** DDS Self Advocate Coordinator and Amy Porter, Director Bureau of Rehabilitation Services/Connect-Ability

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**EMPLOYEMENT IDOL VIDEO & PRESENTATION**  
People with Intellectual Disabilities working in real jobs for real pay

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**BREAK**

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**WORKSHOP SESSION I**

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**LUNCH AND PANEL PRESENTATION:** Effective Collaboration between Families, Schools and Adult Services - Kathryn du Pree, Deputy Commissioner, CT Department of Developmental Services  
Ann Louise Thompson, Special Education Bureau Chief, CT Department of Education, Jennifer Carroll, CT Family Support Network Coordinator

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**BREAK**

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

**WORKSHOP SESSION 2**

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**BREAK**

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**APSE PRESENTATION & RAFFLE**

## **SESSION 1** 10:30-11:45

### **(1A) PREPARING STUDENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT: AN EMPLOYER'S PERSPECTIVE**

Joe Wendover, Walgreen's Distribution Center, Outreach Manager, Rich Lacoss and Marc Senia, Walgreen Training Specialists

### **(1B) DEVELOPING A PASSION FOR EMPLOYMENT FROM AGE 1 TO 100**

Brandon Wallace, Consumer Kelly Wallace, Parent Lisa Just, DDS Case Manager

### **(1C) HELPING ENTREPRENEURS FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS**

Lynette Poprovo, Director of Program Development, NEBAWORKS, Inc.

### **(1D) POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Jaime French, Director of Step Forward Program, Gateway Community College

### **(1E) EMPLOYMENT EXPOSURE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL YEARS**

Carrie O'Connell, Ability Beyond Disability Valerie Reyher, VP of Rehabilitation services, Kennedy Center, Inc.

### **(1F) TRANSITION SERVICES AT COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND COMMUNITY-BASED SETTINGS**

Ann Mallin, Program Coordinator, Transition Academy, Wesleyan University

### **(1G) CONNECTING YOUTH WITH EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES THROUGH THE CONNECT-ABILITY WEBSITE:**

Patti Clay, Education Consultant Connect-Ability, Jo Ellen Wickwire, Program Coordinator

### **(1H) WRITING IEP TRANSITION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Jay A. Brown, Education Service Specialist, Department of Education

## **SESSION 2** 1:30-2:45

### **(2A) SELF ADVOCACY: STUDENT MOTIVATION & SELF DETERMINATION WITHIN THE CAREER EMPLOYMENT PLANNING PROCESS**

Jo Ellen Wickwire, Program Coordinator, SERC

### **(2B) DOL...? WHAT OTHER EMPLOYMENT SYSTEMS DO, AND HOW CAN THEY HELP PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

Karen Quesnel, Business Services Specialist, Department of Labor Jill Larmett, Disability Program Navigator, CT Works, Department of Labor

### **(2C) DDS TRANSITION PLANNING AND EMPLOYMENT**

Mary Stark, Susan Paul, Anthony Zaino, DDS Transition Coordinators

### **(2D) MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MONEY: HOW YOUR BENEFITS CAN HELP YOU SUCCEED IN THE WORKFORCE**

Joyce Armstrong, Project Director, Connect to Work Center, Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Project

### **(2E) THE REALITY OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND EMPLOYMENT**

Carol Barans, Transition Coordinator, Autism Spectrum Resource Center

### **(2F) EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR EXITING STUDENTS**

Karin McMahon, Education Consultant, Luddy & Associates Chris Librandi, Transition Coordinator, Fairfield Public Schools

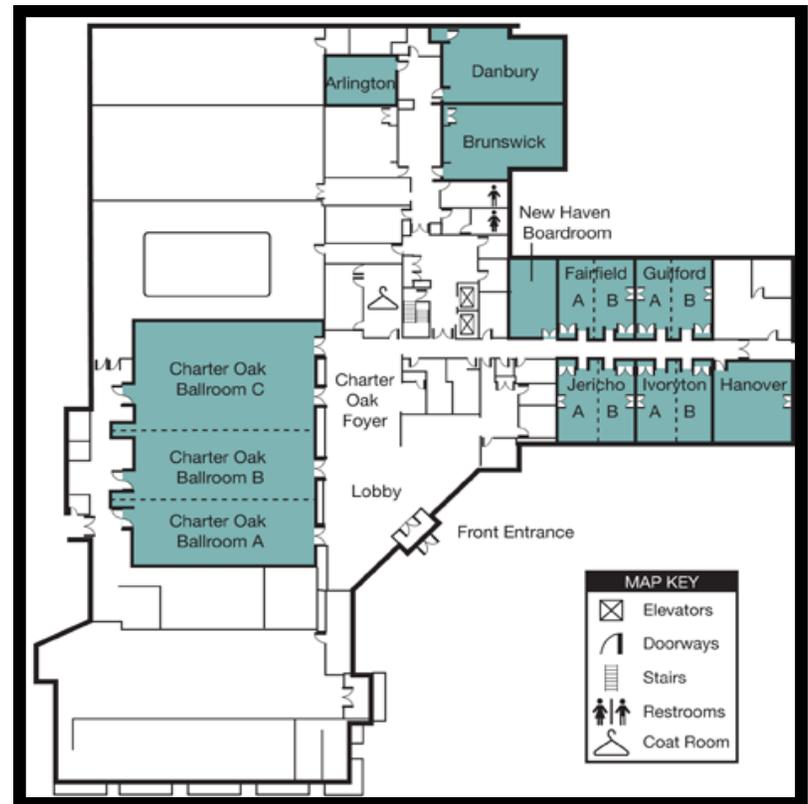
### **(2G) JOB DEVELOPMENT**

MaryJane Biase, Employment Specialist, Connect-Ability

### **(2H) WRITING IEP TRANSITION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Jay A. Brown, Education Service Specialist, Department of Education

## **FLOOR MAP**



### **Exhibitors:**

Connect-Ability  
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services  
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services, Self Advocacy  
Connecticut Department of Labor  
Connect to Work Center, Work Incentives Planning and Assistance  
The State Education Resource Center  
Transportation Resources  
Connecticut Tech Act Project  
Connecticut APSE  
Connecticut DDS Family Network  
Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center

### **CEU Information**

CEU Equivalents are available at the end of the conference. Documentation will be provided for participants seeking other forms of continuing education credit.