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APSE MISSOURI

LEGISLATIVE OPEN FORUM

During the Pre-Conference, we will have State Legislators and Representatives from city and council governments speak to the importance of increasing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear policy strategies, learn about current policy and how to effectively advocate with elected officials.

**DATE**  
July 19, 2023

**TIME**  
10:00AM-12:00PM

**REPRESENTATIVE**  
Melanie Stinnett  
Bridget Walsh Moore  
Wendy Hausman

**COUNCILWOMAN**  
Heather Hall
Opening Key Note: Kip Kendrick
Boone County Presiding Commissioner
Wednesday, July 19th @ 1:00p

Kip was born and raised in rural northeast Missouri. He came to Boone County nearly 20 years ago for its educational and economic opportunities and, like for so many others, it became home. Kip completed his undergraduate degree at Columbia College and a graduate degree at the University of Missouri. Prior to serving in office, Kip's professional resume included positions with Job Point, Boone County Family Resources, Columbia College, and the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Key Note: Evan Dean
KU Center on Developmental Disabilities
Supporting Self-Determined Careers
Thursday, July 20th @ 11:00am

Evan Dean, Ph.D., OTR, FAAIDD is Associate Director at the Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities. His research focuses on enhancing community participation, employment, self-determination, and supported decision-making for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Evan has been researching effective practices in community settings for over 10 years and has published over 30 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Before beginning his research career, Evan worked for a community support agency, supporting adults with intellectual disability to work in competitive integrated work settings and live self-determined lives.
Key Note: Brenda Simmons  
George Washington University  
A Mindful Approach  
Thursday, July 20th @ 1:15pm

Brenda K. Simmons, M.S., currently serves as a Senior Technical Assistance and Research Analyst with The George Washington University (GWU), Center for Rehabilitation Counseling Research and Education (CRCRE), and the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition: The Collaborative (NTACT:C). Brenda provides training & technical assistance on Pre-ETS and transition services for students and youth with disabilities to State VR Agencies, education agencies, and their partners.

Closing Key Note: Meryl Evans  
Professional Speaker  
Friday, July 21st @ 10:30a

Meryl Evans, CPACC, is a TEDx and professional speaker, trainer, author, and accessibility consultant who was born profoundly deaf. She is a highly regarded speaker on diversity, equity, and inclusion who focuses on people with disabilities and accessibility. She has spoken at many events including TEDx on how the pandemic led to changes in technology, which changed her life. She has appeared in many books, The Wall Street Journal, Morning Brew, AdWeek, AdAge, and The Dallas Morning News.
# Conference Agenda

**2023 APSE MO Employment Summit**  
"Expanding Our Reach"

## Tuesday July 18th

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**APSE MO Social & Trivia Night**

Join us for a night of networking and trivia! Every 30 minutes we will have a round of trivia for guests to participate in for a chance to win prizes! Join one round or all 6. Come and go as you please!

AFTER HOURS AT THE ANNUAL SUMMIT
JULY 20TH
7:00pm-10:00pm
Our Three Pillars

01 Advocate
- Legislative Access Center
- Employment First
- Public Policy Priorities
- Legislative Toolkit
- White Papers
- Position Statement
- Response to Public Comment

02 Teach
- Employment Summit
- Pro Day
- Employment University
- Access to National Conference, webinars, and a multitude of other opportunities, making APSE the leading authority on training surrounding best practices of Employment First in Missouri.

03 Include
- All people with disabilities should have competitive employment in an inclusive workforce.
- APSE-MO is the Missouri state chapter of APSE, a national organization committed to improving and expanding integrated employment opportunities, services, and outcomes for people experiencing disabilities.

When you join Missouri APSE, you join more than a local network. You become part of a passionate national community invested in employment and self-sufficiency for all people. With your membership, you will enjoy benefits focused on helping you create real change.

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- Discounts on Emerging Leaders TA
- Discounts on Rising Stars TA
- CESP CEU Pre-Approval Applications (up to $270)
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- Discounts on Live APSE Webinars
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- Access to JVR
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- Discounts on Emerging Leaders TA
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- CESP CEU Pre-Approval Applications (up to $180)
- 10 Individual Professional Memberships
- Discounts on Live APSE Webinars
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**Bronze**
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- Regional Conference Access for 8
- Discounts on Organizational Transformation
- Discounts on Emerging Leaders TA
- Discounts on Rising Stars TA
- CESP CEU Pre-Approval Applications (up to $90)
- 8 Individual Professional Memberships
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The Institute for Human Development (IHD), located within the University of Missouri–Kansas City, is an applied research and training center for human services.

IHD conducts and collaborates on applied research and training projects to develop, implement, and evaluate new ideas and promote practices that support healthy and inclusive communities.

Home to Missouri’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), IHD supports individuals with disabilities through initiatives and programs designed to promote self-determination and autonomy: enhancing productivity and facilitating inclusion in every aspect of community life.