

## RSA Region III Employment Conference

April 4-5, 2006 -- Richmond, VA

### AGENDA

#### OUR OUTSTANDING AGENDA INCLUDES:

Conference presenters include nationally renowned experts in the area of employment for people with disabilities with expertise in disability policy, customized employment, business relationships, and organizational change.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006

- 8:00 a.m. Conference Check-in at Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA -- Welcome and Keynote Presentations
- 8:30 a.m. Paul Wehman -- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: A Report on Employment for People with Significant Disabilities
- 9:30 a.m. Cary Griffin -- Self Employment: It is Not Just for Young Capitalists

#### Employment Strategies that Work (concurrent)

- 10:45 a.m.
  - Resource Ownership and Customized Employment -- Nancy Brookes Lane, Cobb County & Grant Revell, VCU-RRTC
  - Job Negotiations and Job Development -- Connie Ferrell,
- 12:00 noon Lunch on your own

#### More Effective Employment Strategies (concurrent)

- 1:30 p.m.
  - Top Ten List: Social Security Benefits and Employment -- Jennifer McDonough, VCU-RRTC
  - Work Incentives and Self Employment -- Dave Hammis, Griffin-Hammis Associates
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m.
  - Business Development- Rich Luecking, TransGen, Inc
  - Supported Employment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness as an Evidenced-based Practice -- Deborah Becker, Dartmouth Medical School
- 3:45 p.m. Light Snack
- 4:00 p.m.
  - Job Negotiations and Job Development -- Connie Ferrell,
  - A Business Approach to Using the Ticket to Work -- Dan O' Brien, SSA
- 5:30 p.m. Reception

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006

#### Employment Policies and Practices (concurrent)

- 8:30 a.m.
  - The Word from Washington -- Celane McWhorter, APSE
  - Organizational Change -- Ron Rucker and Corey Smith, VIA of Lehigh Valley, Inc.

#### Plenary Session and Conference Conclusion

- 9:30 a.m. Open Forum: Training and Technical Assistance Needs for RSA Region III
- 10:30 a.m. Keynote Panel -- James Rothrock, Commissioner of Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services, Debra Ruh, business owner and her daughter Sara Ruh, and other invited guests

### REGISTRATION

COME JOIN US IN RICHMOND ON APRIL 4-5, 2006!

**Conference Cost: \$65.00**

#### Method of Payment:

- Purchase Order
- Check (made payable to VCU-RRTC)

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### HOTEL INFORMATION

**CONFERENCE HOTEL -- OMNI RICHMOND HOTEL -- (804) 344-7000**

The Omni Richmond Hotel is located at 100 South 12th Street in historic downtown Richmond, nestled in the heart of the city's financial and historical districts, overlooking the scenic James River. The many sights and sounds of the city are within walking distance. The hotel is in what is known as Shockoe Slip home to many popular restaurants and an assortment of unique apparel and unusual gift shops, and galleries for fine art, antiques and crafts.

Sleep Room Rates are **\$125.00 per night**. When making your reservation please let the hotel know you are with the Virginia Commonwealth University CRP-RCEP group.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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