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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

You are invited to participate in the Department of Human Services' (DHS)

STATEWIDE POSITIVE APPROACHES & PRACTICES MEETING

Jointly hosted by

**The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and
the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)**

The Department of Human Services' (DHS) Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) host a quarterly Statewide Positive Approaches & Practices Meeting. This meeting aims to provide the most recent research and resources for people with mental health and behavioral challenges, intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities to live an everyday life.

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2023

TIME: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

TOPIC: Employment

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

State of Employment

The Department of Human Services- Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), Director Bureau of Policy, Jeremy Yale will discuss the state of employment and initiatives.

Employment is a Must! Hear me as a Father and an Advocate!

A father will discuss the need for advocacy in employment and the support he has provided for his son to obtain various jobs.

Basics of Employment

Community Integration Services (CIS) will share the highly individualized approach to employment where jobs are developed based on individual preference and include both traditional and non-traditional types of employment via case stories and discussions of cross-systems.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation/Labor & Industry

The presentations will provide an overview of OVR services. The goal for all individuals with disabilities who are eligible for OVR services can help one overcome or lessen the disability; others can directly help in preparation with a career.

AGENDA

- 9:00am – 9:15am **Welcome and Announcements**
Dale Adair, MD, Acting Deputy, Medical Director/Chief Medical Director, OMHSAS
Gregory Cherpes, MD, Medical Director, ODP
- 9:15am – 9:30am **State of Employment**
Jeremy Yale, Director, Bureau of Policy and Quality Management, ODP
- 9:30am – 10:15am **Employment is a Must! Hear me as a Father and an Advocate!**
Vision for Equality
- 10:15am – 10:30am **Break**
- 10:30am – 12:00pm **Basics of Employment**
Susan Schonfeld, Executive Director, Community Integrated Services & staff
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm **Lunch Break**
- 1:00pm – 2:45pm **The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation/Labor & Industry**
Ryan Hyde (OVR Acting Executive Director) – **General OVR Update**
Kim Robinson (Division Chief - Transition Services) - **Pre-ETS Update**
Dana McKinney (Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist) – **My Work**
Dana Barone (Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist Supervisor) – **SWTCIE**
Beth Ann Fanning (Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist) – **Supported Employment and WEXA Service**
- 2:45pm – 2:50pm **Survey**
- 2:50pm – 3:00pm **End of Day Reflection**
Next meeting: April 6, 2023, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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TO REGISTER: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6729696585626785630>

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