



Post-Secondary Transition and Students with Visual Impairments

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2015; St Louis, Missouri

Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Drury Inn and Suites at Forest Park (2111 Sulphur Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139, 314-646-0770)

Presenters: Joe Strechay, AFB CareerConnect Program Manager

The workshop will focus on post-secondary transition to work or college of students with visual impairments and will review:

- 1) Current Legislative changes (WIOA & PETS)
- 2) Barriers to youth as they prepare to navigate the employment process and how to put an employment focus in all service areas
- 3) Developing an action plan
- 4) Practical information and resources for college and postsecondary preparation
- 5) APH products related to transition
- 6) The use of networking, social networking and social media in the employment search
- 7) Promising transition practices from around the U.S with emphasis on innovative practices

Schedule

8:00 - 9:30 am	Welcome Introduction of Current Changes (WIOA & Pets) & Renewed Focus on and Opportunity to Support Transition Self-Awareness & Youth Development
9:30 - 10:00 am	Putting an Employment Focus into All Service Areas, Joe Strechay
10:00 - 10:30 am	Bringing the Reality to Action Planning, Joe Strechay
10:30 - 11:30 pm	College & Post-secondary Preparation
11:30 - 1:00 pm	Lunch on Own
1:00 - 1:45 pm	APH Products (Transition Tote System, Quick & Easy ECC, etc)
1:45 - 2:15 pm	Joe's Tips & Advice Around Transportation and Travel
2:15 - 2:45 pm	Networking, Social Networking and the Employment Search
2:45 - 3:30	Promising Practices
3:30 - 4:00	Closing & Evaluations

Presenter Biographical Information



Joe Strechay, a professional who is blind, is currently the American Foundation for the Blind's CareerConnect Program Manager. He works with states and organizations specific to transition, postsecondary preparation, and employment initiatives. Mr. Strechay provides teen and adult employment workshops around the country, and professional development on various topics for professionals. In his work, he works closely with organizations representing businesses and corporations around the hiring of persons who are blind or visually impaired. He has worked for the State of Florida and State of New Jersey's state agencies specific to vocational rehabilitation for

individuals who are blind or visually impaired. His undergraduate work was at East Carolina University and graduate work at Florida State University. He has also consulted for entertainment programs on the portrayal of characters who are blind or visually impaired.