

# DiscoverAbility NJ

WORK. EARN. THRIVE.



## 2009 EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE For People With Disabilities

Tuesday October 20, 2009  
Hyatt Regency New Brunswick  
2 Albany Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901



## Conference Schedule

Time	Activity
7:00 AM	Exhibitor Set-up
8:00 AM	Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM	Opening Remarks
10:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibitors
10:20 AM	<b>Concurrent Workshop Session 1</b>
11:30 AM	LUNCH
12:45 PM	Visit Exhibitors
1:00 PM	<b>Concurrent Workshop Session 2</b>
2:00 PM	BREAK
2:20 PM	<b>Concurrent Workshop Session 3</b>
4:00 PM	Conference Ends

## WORKSHOPS

\* The numbers (1) (2) and (3) indicate the session when workshop is available

### WORK INCENTIVES (TRACK 1)

Do work and Social Security benefits mix? Come find out! Many Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) beneficiaries are afraid to explore the possibility of work for fear of losing benefits. These workshops will provide an overview of various programs that will allow you to work and continue to receive benefits:

**Workshops in this series include:**

- The Social Security Administration's Secret Toolbox (1) and (3)
- Work Incentives Panel (2)

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP (TRACK 2)

Ever wondered if self-employment is for you? The workshops in this track will teach you successful self-employment strategies that can help you establish and maintain your own business or freelance career.

**Workshops in this series include:**

- Is Entrepreneurship for You? (1)
- Small Business Financing (2)
- Small Business Success Stories: A Panel Discussion (3)

### EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER (TRACK 3)

This series of workshops will focus on career and job search strategies and employment resources.

**Workshops in this series include:**

- A Path through the Door: Navigating the Hiring Process as a Job Seeker with a Disability (1)
- One-Stop Career Center Job Search Supports and Resources (2)
- Post Employment Panel Discussion (3)
- Interview Tips for Individuals in the Visual and Performing Arts (3)

### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS (TRACK 4)

These workshops will teach you about your legal rights during the hiring process and once you're working. You will also learn about access to transportation options for getting to and from work.

**Workshops in this series include:**

- Demystifying Your Rights (1)
- Expanding Mobility Opportunities in New Jersey for People with Disabilities (2)

### EDUCATION (TRACK 5)

Learning never ends! Discover how education and specialized training programs can lead to good jobs and satisfying careers.

**Workshops in this series include:**

- Learn, Do, Earn (1)
- Lifestyle Preparation: Transition from School to Adult Life (2)
- Post-Secondary Education Options (3)
- JFK/JRI Laboratory Assistant Program (3)

### TECHNOLOGY (TRACK 6)

Technology is having an amazing impact in the workplace. New assistive technologies are being created every day that can help people perform a wide array of work-related tasks.

**Workshops in this series include:**

- Assistive Technologies for People with Hearing and Visual Impairments (1)
- Technology in the Workplace: Helping You Reach Your Goals (2)

# Directions

**Public Transportation:** Access Link: If you are registered call 1-800-955-2321 (TT 1-800-955-6765) NJ Transit Train Station: Located 2 blocks from hotel. Middlesex County (MCAT) will provide accessible shuttle service to the Hyatt from the corner of Somerset and Wall streets (at the rear of the train station)

**From the NJ Turnpike:** Take Exit 9 and proceed on Route 18 North approximately 3 miles to Route 27 South. Travel 2 blocks to Nielson Street and make a left. The Hyatt will be on your left.

**From the Garden State Parkway North/South:** Take exit 129 to the NJ Turnpike and follow directions from the turnpike above.

**From Route 287:** Take exit 10 (Easton Avenue). Follow Easton Avenue for approximately seven miles until it ends and make a left onto Albany Street (Route 27). At the second light, make a right. The Hyatt will be on your left.

**From Route 1:** Exit onto Route 18 North, approximately 3 miles to Route 27 South. Travel 2 blocks to Neilson Street and make a left. The Hyatt will be on your left.

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**This conference is for any individual with a disability and/or family member seeking information about...**

- \* Finding a job and marketing yourself to potential employers
- \* Developing a resume
- \* Improving interviewing skills
- \* Understanding your employment rights and effectively advocating for yourself with employers
- \* Exploring educational options
- \* Pursuing a career in the arts
- \* Finding transportation for work or school
- \* Learning how you can continue to maintain your Social Security benefits



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