



Newsletter

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President's Thoughts

By Leisa Pickering, Ph.D.

Dear KY AHEAD Members,

Spring is finally here!

Our KY AHEAD Spring Conference is right around the corner. The theme this year is "Retooling the Disability Services Toolbox." We will have the pleasure of meeting at General Butler State Park on May 20 and 21. Our Conference Committee has really done a wonderful job in planning an informative and meaningful event. Hope everyone has registered and reserved a room. If not, please do so right away. You can call the General Butler State Park at Phone: 866-462-8853 to reserve your room, and register for the conference on our website www.ahead.org/hyahead/index.php. You will find further information later in this newsletter about the outstanding guest speakers and sessions that have been planned.

The Kentucky Primaries will be taking place on May 20. While we want to enjoy our Conference, everyone also needs to vote! I just checked with our local County Court Clerk's office and learned that it is a simple procedure to vote by absentee ballot. It requires going to their office with a picture ID, filling out a brief form swearing that you will not be in your local area on May 20, and submitting your vote. I was told this could happen in Fayette County as early as April 21 and continue up until the day we leave, but every County Court Clerk may have different timelines. Check with your local County Court Clerk. They are listed at <http://elect.ky.gov/countyclerks.htm>.

The Executive Director of National AHEAD, Stephan Hamlin-Smith, has been working on finding affordable liability insurance coverage for AHEAD Affiliate Groups. Many of our Board members have looked into liability insurance over the past couple of years and it has been very expensive. Recently, Stephan worked out a coverage plan for Affiliates that costs \$135.00 per year, as an extended umbrella general liability policy under AHEAD's overall underwriting package. Our Board members have unanimously voted in favor of this offer. We have to respond before 21 April. We will have more information and discussion about this liability insurance coverage for KY AHEAD at our Business Meeting on Tuesday night at the Spring Conference.

Another very important issue we will be addressing at the Business Meeting is the proposed revisions and updates to our By-Laws. Kathy Pendleton chairs this Subcommittee and she will be sending out the draft copy of proposed changes to our By-Laws this week for all members to review prior to the Conference. Members will be asked to discuss and vote on these changes at the Business Meeting on May 20.

Be thinking about the silent auction...

And I would like to pause for a moment to thank our Board Secretary, Dorisa Slaughter, for her outstanding work this year on our Board Meeting minutes and putting together our Newsletters. She has really stayed on top of things and done a great job. If members have ideas or events they would like to publish in the newsletter, please send them to Dorisa at dorisa.slaughter@kctcs.edu.

Best wishes and I'm looking forward to see everyone in May!!

Leisa Pickering, Ph.D.
KY AHEAD President

THIS YEAR'S SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

By Bobby L. Plienis, President-Elect

How would you like to enjoy a relaxing day at the spa, or a nice dinner for two and a hotel stay in a luxury hotel? Perhaps you prefer to kick back and relax while enjoying some Godiva Chocolates, Starbucks Coffee, or Panera Bread? Look no farther! The KY AHEAD Silent Auction will feature these items and more!

Please plan to support the KY AHEAD Scholarship Fund by participating in our Silent Auction on 5/20 & 5/21. There will be items to bid on aimed at every interest. If shopping isn't your thing, then please plan to donate an item for the Auction. You can solicit your favorite local business or donate something as simple as a t-shirt or mug from your institution.

We raised over \$800 last year to support scholarships for students with disabilities in Kentucky. Let's plan to raise \$1,000 this year! If you have any questions, please free to contact me by email at bobby.plienis@louisville.edu.

Remember, bid high and bid often! Looking forward to seeing you on May 20th!

SOME AUCTION DONATIONS ALREADY RECEIVED

- Hilton Suites Lexington Green/Deluxe Suite Accommodations for Two
 - Radisson Plaza Hotel Lexington/Luxurious Suite with complimentary parking, use of heated indoor pool, whirlpool, and fitness facility (Children 17 and Under Stay Free in Parent's Room)
 - Raffertys/Entree
 - Pair of tickets for:
 - Keenland
 - ,Dollywood
 - Newport Aquarium
 - KY Horse Park
 - Cookies by Design Basket
 - Jim Bean Gift Basket
 - Starbucks Coffee
 - Godiva Chocolates
 - Panera Bakery
 - Buffalo Trace Basket
 - Ale 8 Soft Drink Co.
 - BCTC/Facials
 - BCTC/Pedicures/manicures
 - BCTC/Hair coloring and waxing
 - More Silent Auction donations to come...
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UPDATE ON SPRING CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2008 KY AHEAD
SPRING CONFERENCE
May 20 & 21

General Butler State Resort Park
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Carrollton, KY 41008-0325
Telephone: 502-732-4384
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RE-TOOLING THE DISABILITY SERVICES TOOLBOX

2008 CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

7:30-9:00am **Registration**
(Reminder: General Butler State Park is in the Eastern Time Zone)

9:00 - 10:30am **Keynote Address**
With Toolboxes of Self-Determination, What Can We Build Together?
- David Parker

Dr. Parker will define self-determination; discuss why postsecondary services that promote self-determination are important to college students with disabilities; describe the 7 habits of highly self-determined disability service providers; and facilitate an interactive discussion of what we as professionals can build together with attitudes and skills that promote self-determination.

10:30am - 12:00noon **Concurrent Sessions**

Conducting A Structured Interview - Lisa Besnoy
(Commonwealth Ballroom)

This interactive session is designed to provide guidelines and practical resources to conduct a structured interview in the field of Disability Services in the postsecondary environment. The presenter will provide tips for creating a customized structured interview and how to create effective professional relationships with students with disabilities. The presenter will address prevalent mental health disorders and how a structured interview can address issues not always resolved in documentation. Session participants will create a sample outline of a structured interview during the session.

How can the KY Office for the Blind Partner with You?

- Chad Hunt & Mike Hall (Bluegrass Ballroom)

The purpose of this presentation is to build strong working relationships with Disability Coordinators and Post Secondary Education institutions. This session will create awareness of the comprehensive services the Office for the Blind provides its consumers and to Secondary and Post Secondary schools. Topics will include available services provided to students who are transitioning from high school to post secondary school and from post secondary school to employment, as well as accommodation and accessibility services offered.

Interpreter Session: Backseat Interpreting: Making Professional Judgments - De Johnston (Kentucky Ballroom)

Not every situation interpreters find themselves in requires an ethical decision within an interpreting setting. However, we must be aware of our feelings about professional standards and ethics in order to decide with more volition. The world is not black and white; it's varying shades of GRAY. There is no one right answer to many of the decisions interpreters make each day. During this workshop, participants will develop skills in problem solving and decision making, in improving professional judgment, exploring the interpreter/consumer relationship, and the impact of cultural mediation. Part 2 will continue from 1:30-3:00.

12:00 noon - 1:30pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:30 - 3:00 pm Plenary Session

Leveling the Digital Playing Field: Infusing Tech Proficiency into Existing Service Delivery Models - David Parker

Dr. Parker will present the traditional model of service delivery for college students with disabilities and describe the need for an updated model in the digital technology age. He will demonstrate how the Principles of Universal Design for Instruction can be infused into strategy instruction using the *Learning Technologies Management System* (LiTMS) model. Participants will be guided through a brainstorming session to consider ways to adapt the LiTMS model on their own campuses.

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Veteran Disability Resource Service Providers Share Experiences

- Cathy Patus & Jake Karnes (Commonwealth Ballroom)

This session, presented by disability services veterans with a combined 63 years of experience, is designed for disability services professionals who are new to the field or who have split job duties that include disability services. Topics will include: a brief historical overview of federal legislation and the evolution of disability services as a profession, the philosophical framework for effective service delivery, an overview of the various areas of responsibility, and sharing of resources that are invaluable to both new and seasoned professionals. Plenty of anecdotal information will be provided along with a touch of humor to assure the audience that each day in the life of the disability services professional brings new challenges and opportunities for learning.

Accessibility Challenges in University Web Environments

- Mandy Eppley & Parker Owens (Bluegrass Ballroom)

How can we take advantage of innovative learning environments and still meet ADA requirements for education? Instructors and faculty publish class content on websites, in online classes, and within Web 2 applications. This slide presentation will address awareness of access challenges in these three specific areas, with an emphasis on standard web accessibility guidelines, and suggestions for making universal design accommodations.

Interpreter Session: *Parlez Vous Parlance You? Expanding Your ASL Options - Part 1* - De Johnston (Kentucky Ballroom)

Parlance is a manner of speaking that is natural to native speakers of a language. This occurs, too, in ASL. Deaf people use many phrases and expressions that are seemingly unfamiliar to many Hearing people and Interpreters, i.e. "get it through your head", "I want that after you", "trash talk", to be in your own little world, and those "odd" facial expressions that have meaning, too. This workshop will teach many of these. Participants will understand how parlance is used within ASL, will analyze phrases and expressions used in ASL, and will be able to use them appropriately in context.

4:45 pm - 6:30pm Business Meeting

Interpreter Session: *Parlez Vous Parlance You? Expanding Your ASL Options - Part 2* - De Johnston (Kentucky Ballroom)

12:00 noon - 12:30 pm Closing Remarks and Certificates

Interpreter CEU Information

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