



## APSE Conference and Training Committee Update – April 2010

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The Conference and Training Committee is keenly focused to further APSE's commitment to providing leadership, direction and resources to support membership training and development. Our current efforts are targeted to two of our committee's main objectives:

- Developing and delivering a high quality, premier annual national employment conference and,
- Developing and implementing a Supported Employment Professional certification.

National APSE and Georgia APSE are coordinating to finalize the details of the June 8-10, 2010 national employment conference. Early registration has just closed for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National APSE Conference and hundreds of people from around the country have committed to head out to Georgia. AND, it's not too late to sign up. Go to [www.apse.org](http://www.apse.org) and secure your spot in our annual extravaganza!

The conference committee is excited to bring you a high-quality, lively event that will engage every conference participant in learning and networking. We have selected a super line up of presenters from all over the country. We have secured internationally recognized key note presentations. Come prepared to hear Kyle Maynard & Cary Griffin, along with Assistant Secretary for the Office of Disability Employment Policy, Kathleen Martinez.

To begin to prepare yourself for your involvement in the interactive opening of the conference, the national community conversation, we ask that you consider (1) What BOLD move you made this past year that furthered the opportunity for employment for people with disabilities and (2) the concept of **Transformation...**

Transformation is a daily occurrence in nature, and is not only a daily occurrence in business but a challenge and igniter in workplaces across the country. Embracing transformation is one of the keys to achieving positive business results, managing evolutionary relationships and developing quality employment service outcomes. To

create sustainable and effective employment outcomes, we need to address new policies, value propositions and principles of practice like ***Transformation...***

The opening conversation will allow us to acknowledge our boldness and explore our personal and professional connection to the daily occurrence of ***Transformation...***

In the back drop of conference planning and design, the committee is beginning to organize and discuss the development of a supported employment professional certification. Our work is in the formative stages with a new committee chaired by APSE foundation board members Pat Keul and Wendy Parent. Stay tuned for more information in the next issue of the Advance. We look forward to presenting the work of this committee and to bringing a national certification opportunity to the employment professionals in your communities.