Supported Employment Overview

Presented by the Autism Society of the Bluegrass

March 3, 2012 • 9:00 ‘til 3:00

Tates Creek Christian Church • 3150 Tates Creek Road • Lexington

Purpose of Event
For many Americans, employment is an essential part of a full life. Jobs influence people's sense of belonging and place in the world, as well as affecting the material side of life. Furthermore, work in a fitting job represents one primary way of expressing our human need to contribute – doing something that matters.

However, all too often the significance of employment for people with disabilities has been unrecognized, ignored, or minimized. Supported employment can open the door -- offering good job opportunities for people formerly left on the sidelines, including people who question whether employment is a possibility.

Topics
• Why is employment important and how have employment services and approaches changed over time?
• What services are provided through Supported Employment?
• What is good supported employment and how do I know when I see it?
• Who provides supported employment services in Kentucky and who pays for it?
• What's the impact of wages on SSI and Medicaid?

Presenters
Milton Tyree has had numerous opportunities through the years to develop personal relationships with people who have disabilities and their family members. He's worked more than 30 years in supported employment in direct service, program administration, curriculum development, training and consultation. Currently, he directs the Supported Employment Training Project (SETP) at the UK's Human Development Institute. Here's a link to a page on the SETP web site developed specifically for job seekers and family members: http://www.hdi.uky.edu/setp/family_job_seeker.aspx

Carolyn B. Wheeler has a Master’s Degree in Special Education and over twenty-five years’ experience in working with persons with disabilities and their families. As a legal guardian for several individuals with intellectual disabilities for over twenty-five years, she has had to address these issues as well on a personal basis. Carolyn has directed a number of projects with Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky with a focus on assisting people with disabilities and their families to plan for the future (www.kyhope.org).

Registration required by Thursday, March 1
This will be provided by the Autism Society of the Bluegrass at no cost. Lunch is included, so we must have an accurate count of attendees. Please email Elise Kalika at dsk3305@insightbb.com or call 859-223-0818 to register and let us know how many people will be attending in your group.