

Raising Awareness About the Inclusion of People with Developmental Disabilities

Summit County Employment Collaborative and Summit DD invite you to the

2021 Developmental Disability Awareness Month

Join us for an hour session with Julie J. Christensen, MSW, PhD, is the Director of Policy & Advocacy and Interim Executive Director at the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE). She also currently serves as the Senior Disability Policy Advisor for the Harkin Institute at Drake University. Prior to joining APSE, Dr. Christensen was the Director of Iowa's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at the University of Iowa, where she held a research faculty appointment in the Carver College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Christensen received her undergraduate degrees in advertising and music from Syracuse University, and a Master's in Social Work from Roberts Wesleyan College and her Ph.D. in Health Practice Research at the University of Rochester.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Dr. Julie Christiansen will unpack:

- Community Integrated Employment (CIE): A public Policy Roadmap to Achieving Employment First.
- Existing and proposed legislation and policies, charting a course forward in 2021 and beyond.
- How can we use existing policy to achieve competitive, integrated employment for people with disabilities? In what ways does existing policy create barriers to success? And what policy changes do we need to advocate for to achieve our goals?

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. – Earl Moton – Self-Advocate

Earl Moton is currently employed at McDonalds. He previously worked for Portage Industries through their vocational training program where he performed piece work. Earl did well at this program and was eventually hire don as a part time employee of the company before moving into community employment.

This session is virtual and open to job seekers, parents, providers, businesses and others who are interested in these very important topic.

Date: March 22, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Register for this session in advance at (click on the link below or copy and paste link to your browser): <https://summitdd-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAoc-2rqTspGNd55JBcLUO2VDEf5yJwfmYU>

For more information about the session or to RSVP, contact Jan Dougherty at jdougherty@summitdd.org