

Abled, Not Disabled :

2017 Regional Conference on Persons with Disabilities

Thursday, March 9, 2017
Old Dominion University
Webb University Center
9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Abled, Not Disabled is a forum where local and regional leaders, service providers and industry stakeholders can share information on best practices, promote continued advocacy and support as well as address the needs of people with disabilities in Hampton Roads.

Welcome Attendees!

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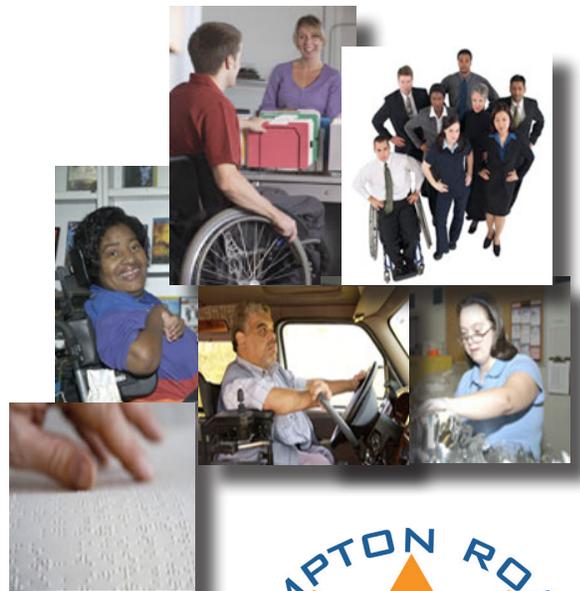
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The mission of the Hampton Roads Disabilities Board is to connect the disabled community with local governments, the business community, the faith community and the general public through raised awareness and the exchange of information.

Session Descriptions

Basic Principles of ADA – Title 1 (Employment) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The basics of Title I of the ADA including how employers of public, private, and government agencies can prevent the discrimination of people with disabilities in the workplace.

**10:30-11:15am
Sessions**

Understanding Social Security Benefits

This session will provide a brief overview of the Social Security program and give information on how consumers can apply for Disability benefits for effectively.

Hoarding as a Disability

Virginia's Fair Housing Law includes Disability as a protected class which affords compulsive hoarders protection from discrimination and their right to request reasonable accommodations.

Tips & Techniques in Creating an ADA Compliant Agency

Learn tips and techniques on how to ensure that your website, social media, and other marketing and promotional materials are ADA compliant. This session will also cover coordinating services for sign interpreters and other accommodation requests.

**11:00am-12:15pm
Sessions**

Crisis Intervention Team

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs help first responders in communities across the country meet the challenges they face every day. How they respond to a crisis is critical in creating positive outcomes and averting tragedy. The CIT program provides an avenue for the development of community partnerships and the collaboration of working together for community interest of service and care.

Making Housing Accessible

This session will give a brief overview of Universal Design. This session will also provide information regarding grant programs available for Virginia residents, including the VHDA Granting Freedom, a special grant to service members and veterans.

ADA Hot Topics & Trends- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Attend an interactive session that gives insight on hot topics such as use of service animals, employment laws, and etc. Also learn more about the work of the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center. Come with your own questions and concerns for an engaging session.

**1:15-2:15pm
Sessions**

Employment Options & Resources (Panel Discussion)

- *LaTonya English, Opportunity Inc.*
- *Deangelo White, Workforce Specialist, Department of Blind and Visually Impaired*
- *Randle Butler, Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)*

This session provides information regarding employment options and available resources for persons with disabilities, and how to maximize options for gainful employment in Hampton Roads.

Reasonable Accommodations –Part I

Reasonable Accommodations for individuals with disabilities means having equal opportunity to use and enjoy their dwelling, the property that the dwelling is located, and all of the amenities the resident is entitled to. The Fair Housing Act and the Virginia Fair Housing Law demand that housing and shelter providers (both public and privately funded, make individual expectations to rules, policies, services and practices.

Addressing the Issues & Challenges of the Mentally Disabled

The session provides a brief overview of mental illness and shifts into Hot Topics such as Access to Care, Permanent Supportive Housing, services to Veterans, and crisis services. The session will include information on the Governors Access Plan (GAP), that integrates primary and behavioral health services for Virginia's uninsured adults with severe mental illness as well as, other resources to assist persons with mental illnesses.

**2:30-3:30pm
Sessions**

Reasonable Accommodations- Part II

A continuation to Reasonable Accommodations Part I.

Transportation Opportunities in Hampton Roads (Panel Discussion)

- *Frank Azzalina- Hampton Roads Transportation Inc.*
- *Keith Johnson, Hampton Roads Transit*
- *Donnie Perry, Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia*

Decent, safe, and affordable transportation options are vitally necessary for ensuring clients and customers with disabilities are able to access services and actively participate in their communities is crucial. Therefore, join this interactive panel of service providers and learn from those who address this need.

Conference Schedule and Opening Plenary

8:30-9:00 am **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

9:00-9:15 am **Welcome/Greetings:**
City of Norfolk
Andria McClellan, Councilwoman
US Senator Mark Warner's Office:
Drew Lumpkin, Regional Director

9:00-10:15 am **Opening Plenary:**
Providing World Class Customer Service to Customers & Clients with Disabilities
Marian Vessels,
Mid-Atlantic ADA Center

10:30 am **Breakout Sessions Begin**

Opening Plenary Speaker: Marian Vessels

Marian Vessels recently retired as the Director of the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center, one of ten regional Centers comprising the ADA National Network funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Serving in this role since 1996, she was the liaison with entities and disability coalitions in the six-state Mid-Atlantic Region (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV). She spearheaded the ADA National Networks' Hospitality Initiative. Her primary areas of expertise are providing information, training and guidance on the Americans with Disabilities Act as it relates to employment, state and local government, the arts and accessible customer service.



Concurrent Breakout Sessions

10:30 am-11:15 am	Hampton/NN Room Basic Principles of ADA (Title I)- Employment <i>Marian Vessels</i> <i>Mid-Atlantic ADA Center</i>	James/Lynn/York Room Hoarding as a Disability <i>Mally Mason</i> <i>VADPOR/Fair Housing Office</i>	North Cafeteria Understanding Social Security Benefits <i>Inez Loyd</i> <i>Social Security Administration</i>
11:30 am-12:15 pm	Hampton/NN Room Tips & Techniques in Creating an ADA Compliant Agency <i>Marian Vessels</i> <i>Mid-Atlantic ADA Center</i>	President's Dining Room Crisis Intervention Team <i>Todd McGehee,</i> <i>Norfolk CSB</i> <i>Corporal Jacqueline Munoz,</i> <i>Norfolk Police Department</i>	James/Lynn/York Room Making Housing Accessible <i>Monica Jefferson, Virginia Housing Development Authority</i> <i>Shirley Confino-Rehder, Hampton Roads Disabilities Board</i>
Lunch & Networking: North Cafeteria- Room 1402			
1:15 pm-2:15 pm	James/Lynn/York Room ADA Hot Topics & Trends <i>Marian Vessels</i> <i>Mid-Atlantic ADA Center</i>	President's Dining Room Reasonable Accommodations-Part I <i>Mally Mason</i> <i>VADPOR/Fair Housing Office</i>	Hampton/NN Room Employment Options & Resources <i>Panel Discussion</i>
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	James/Lynn/York Room Mental Health 101- Understanding the Basics <i>Sarah Paige Fuller</i> <i>Norfolk CSB</i>	President's Dining Room Reasonable Accommodations-Part II <i>Mally Mason</i> <i>VADPOR/Fair Housing Office</i>	Hampton/NN Room Transportation Options in Hampton Roads <i>Panel Discussion</i>
3:30pm	Regional Conference Concludes		

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