

Employment and Recovery: Best Practices in Finding Jobs in This Economy

Topics to be covered are:

- National Perspective on Best Practices
- Stakeholder Perspectives
- Person Centered Planning and Networking
- How Agencies Can Assist You in Finding Employment
- Next Steps

Hosted by Employment First Georgia and the Georgia Advocacy Office

When: Wednesday, February 18, 2009
10 AM – 3 PM

Where: Holiday Inn, Decatur
130 Clairemont Avenue

Presenter: Rich Toscano, M.A. Rehabilitation Counseling

Other Details: No charge for the seminar, lunch will be provided.
4 CEUs can be earned for Certified Peer Specialists.

About the presenter: Rich is nationally recognized on issues related to employment, rehabilitation and recovery for persons labeled with significant disabilities. He has over 35 years experience promoting meaningful employment outcomes from diverse perspectives, some of which include: Community Development Director for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health in the late 1970s; founder and Executive Director of a private, non-profit organization focusing on career development for persons with physical, mental health and developmental disabilities through the 1980s and early 1990s; Public Service Faculty at UGA/IHDD on employment initiatives during the mid 2000's and Consultant to significant research and system's change initiatives with regard to rehabilitation and recovery projects over the last fifteen years. In addition to his technical assistance training and support to national projects, Rich is currently the principal national consultant to the Northeast Program Evaluation Center at Yale / New Haven and VA Central Office on evidence-based research initiatives for veterans with mental illness, polytrauma and spinal cord injuries. Rich also supports the development of state and regional resource support centers on Customized and Self Employment, a U.S. Department of Labor/ ODEP/Workforce Action initiative to increase employment outcomes for persons with significant disabilities.

Please RSVP by Monday, February 16th at 5PM to Donna Champion at 404-885-1234 or dchampion@thegao.org