Serve Midlands Inclusion Conference!

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 • 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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ServeNebraska
Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission

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Welcoming Messages

From Left to Right:

Jerry Sellentin	Interim Executive Director, ServeNebraska
Jamie Moore	Chair, ServeNebraska
Sally Ganem	Honorary Chair of ServeNebraska and the First Lady of Nebraska
Linda Steensland	Commissioner , Volunteer Iowa and Academic Adviser, University of Nebraska Omaha College of Business
Sara Woods	Commissioner, ServeNebraska and Assistant to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Community Engagement, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Keynote Address: Dr. Joseph Evans

Joseph H. Evans, PhD Psychology Department & Munroe-Meyer Institute (MMI) University of Nebraska Medical Center: Dr. Joseph Evans is a leader regionally and nationally in creatively identifying service opportunities that benefit and serve those with disabilities. He has consulted nationally and is the Program Director for MMI AmeriCorps.

Morning Conference Sessions

Veterans: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder & Traumatic Brain Injury

Presenter: Lori Wardlow, US Department of Veterans Affairs

Addressing the psychological impact of war on our nation's returning combat veterans. Information focused on PTSD and TBI, and how these acquired disabilities impact all aspects of veteran's reintegration.

Social Security Benefits Planning

Presenter: *Shawna Dahlgren*
Easter Seals Nebraska

Providing information to assist Social Security beneficiaries on making informed decisions about work and enrolling in National Service.

Luncheon Address

Jeff Broman, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

AAA, The Cornhusker Motor Club Foundation, and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission have partnered for several years to enhance the experience and availability to Nebraskans and out-of-state travelers by developing accessible areas in Nebraska's parks.

Afternoon Sessions

Assistive Technology Devices for Increased Independence

Presenter: Patti Neill, ESU 10, Kearney, Nebraska

Exploring how technology can assist with enhancing everyday life and work activities for persons with and without disabilities.

What is National Service?

Presenters: Julie Nash, Senior Action, Inc., Hastings
ServeNebraska Commissioner
*Tara Paulsen, AmeriCorps*VISTA*
In service at Chrysalis Foundation, Des Moines

Exploring the slate of options that the Corporation for National and Community Service has to offer in national service.

Legally, What Can You Ask Your Volunteers?

Presenter: Bob Sivik
City Attorney, Grand Island, Nebraska

Providing information on the importance of using sound employment practices when including volunteers in the workplace.

National Service in Action

Presenters: Dawn Stohs, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Keepers of the Land Program
Justine O'Neill-Hedlund, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, At Ease Program

Giving attendees a taste of national service programs with a focus on Veterans in Nebraska and Iowa.

Closing Conversation

Facilitated by: Sarah Hinzman, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

Final remarks, debriefing, and reflection on the day's most valuable lessons.

Exhibitors

- Epilepsy Foundation North Central Illinois, Iowa & Nebraska
- Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy (HETRA)
- Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service (Volunteer Iowa)
- Iowa Department of Human Rights
- Iowa Legal Aid
- Charles E. Lakin Human Services Campus
- Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
- Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation
- ServeNebraska (Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission)
- Southern Sudan Community Association—Omaha

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