



## **UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY (UMID)**

**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Opening Reception Meet & Greet

Hosted by Alabama A&M University

Embassy Suites – Room TBA

## **HBCU Summit Panels and Keynote Speakers**

**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

11:30 am – 1:30 pm – registration and lunch – *TigerLIFE presentation on BRIDGE Partnership* – Maurice Williams, Associate Director – Panel discussion with BRIDGE Advisory Board Members: Patricia Beane, Tonyal Mathes, Jamie R. Perry, Dr. William C. Hunter, Dr. Michael Mackay, Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist

1:45 – 2:30 pm first summit keynote - Yovancha H. Lewis-Brown, Director of Strategic Initiatives in charge of implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in Tennessee - *Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act in Tennessee*

2:45 – 3:25 pm – Tonyal Mathes, Lead Instructor, *College Campus Transition Program (CCTP), a Partnership with Shelby County Schools, Exceptional Children and Health Services and UMID*

3:25 – 4:05 pm - Dr. Kagendo Mutua, Program Director, and Amy Wiliamson, Program Coordinator - *CrossingPoints Transition Program, University of Alabama*

4:05 – 4:45 pm – Dr. Dennis Campbell, PASSAGE USA, Associate Professor, University of South Alabama

4:45 – 5:15 pm Break



5:15 – 6:45 pm - Summit dinner and keynote (keynote starts at 6:00 pm) - Kevin Woods, Executive Director of Workforce Investment Network for Shelby and Fayette Counties - *How the Workforce Investment Network (WIN) Supports Employment*

## **Monday, November 14, 2016**

8:00 – 10:00 am - Breakfast and morning keynote (keynote starts at 9:15 am) – Cate Weir, Program Director of the Think College National Coordinating Center - *National Perspective on Transition Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TPSID)*

10:15 – 11:05 am - TN & GA Alliances – Elise McMillan, Co-Director of Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, Vanderbilt University, and Susanna Miller-Raines, GAIPSEC Statewide Coordinator, Center for Leadership in Disability, Georgia State University - *Developing State Alliances to Speak as One Voice*

11:15 am – 12: 05 pm - Dr. Sharon Brown, Coordinator of Rehabilitation Counseling, AAMU, *Developing IPSE Programs in Alabama*

12:15 – 2:00 pm - Lunch and Round Tables Discussions for Agencies (based on subject areas)

- Secondary School Districts – Facilitated by Patricia Beane, Manager Exceptional Children and Health Services, Shelby County Schools
- State Rehabilitation Providers– Facilitated by Jamie R. Perry, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), Division of Rehabilitation Services – Memphis
- Workforce Investment Network Providers– Facilitated by Kevin Wood, Executive Director of Workforce Investment Network for Shelby and Fayette Counties
- State Alliances for IPSEs– Facilitated by Dr. Misty Parsley, Director of Special Education, IDEAL, Lipscomb University

2:15 – 3:00 pm - Action plan reports for continued development of partnerships and advocacy by States in continuing the discussion for program development within each state represented.

## Keynote Speakers



Cate Weir, M.Ed.

Cate is the program director of the Think College National Coordinating Center or TCNCC, funded by the Office of Postsecondary Education at the US Department of Education. TCNCC is a training and technical assistance center focused on postsecondary education for students with intellectual disabilities at the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Cate manages all aspects of the national technical assistance center, including product development and dissemination, national technical assistance provision, and large scale and targeted training.

TCNCC works in collaboration and partnership with the US Department of Education-funded Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities, or TPSID model demonstration grant projects to collect data on these programs and their students and to develop and disseminate best practices.

Cate has coordinated statewide systems change efforts aimed at increasing the postsecondary education options for students with disabilities. Utilizing a PATH process for systems change and planning, Cate facilitates state teams to establish an overall vision and mission and then establish meaningful, positive and possible goals and objectives toward that end.

### Selected Recent Publications

Grigal, M., Hart, D., & Weir, C. (2014). Postsecondary Education for Students with Intellectual Disabilities. In M. Agran, F. Brown, C. Hughes, C. Quirk & D. Ryndak (Eds.), *Equity and Full Participation for Individuals with Severe Disabilities* (pp. 275 -298). Baltimore: Brookes Publishing

Grigal, M., Hart, D. and Weir, C. (2013) *Postsecondary Education for People With Intellectual Disability: Current Issues and Critical Challenges*. *Inclusion*: June 2013, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 50-63.

Weir, C., Grigal, M., Hart, D. and Boyle, M. (2013) *Profiles and Promising Practices in Higher Education for Students with Intellectual Disability*. Think College. Boston, MA: University of Massachusetts Boston, Institute for Community Inclusion

Grigal, M., Hart, D. and Weir, C. (2012), A Survey of Postsecondary Education Programs for Students With Intellectual Disabilities in the United States. *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*, 9: 223–233. doi: 10.1111/jppi.12012

Hart, D., Grigal, M., & Weir, C., 2010. Expanding the Paradigm: Postsecondary Education Options for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Intellectual Disabilities, *Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities*, 25, 134-150



### **Kevin Woods, Masters in Business**

Kevin Woods is the Executive Director of Workforce Investment Network, where he and his colleagues assist Memphis, Shelby County, and Fayette County with improving employment opportunities for its citizens. He previously served as the Director of Career Development with New Horizons, where he worked for 12 years and was the two-time recipient of The President's Club -- the highest accomplishment for any consultant with New Horizons. He currently serves on the Shelby County School Board and is a member of numerous boards, including the Bridges Board of Trustees, PeopleFirst, REACH Memphis, and the TN Achieves Advisory Council. He is a Graduate of Leadership Memphis, Executive Class of 2014, and has been recognized as the Memphis Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40."

He received a bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering and a master's degree in Business, both from the University of Memphis. As a husband and father of two girls, he is committed to his community, where he sits on his Homeowners Association Board, raises funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and supports community involvement initiatives through his affiliation with Memphis Alumni Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, where he is an active member.



**Yovancha H. Lewis-Brown** joined the Tennessee Department of Human Services in 2012, after working in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program in Georgia for fifteen years. Since coming to Tennessee, she has served as the Assistant Director for Field Services for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program and as the Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. She currently is the Director of Strategic Initiatives in charge of implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Mrs. Lewis-Brown has a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Fort Valley State University, a HBCU located in Middle Georgia. She has received numerous accolades and awards for her work with individuals with disabilities.

Thanks and hope to see everyone at the State of the Arts National meeting.

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