



MOHR Annual Spring Conference

May 20-22, 2024

Park Event Center

500 Division St, Waite Park, MN 56387

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Monday, May 20:

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM **Registration**



Welcome Keynote: 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

**Meeting the Moment: Stepping into a New Story
Around Disability, Our Work , and Our Communities**

Presenters: Bridget Vogt and Tim Vogt of Starfire



3:30 PM to 5:00 PM Announcements and Thank You to our Major Sponsor and Vendors!

- Major Sponsor information sharing from **MTI, Pavillio, and SETWorks**
- Basket Give Away
- Social Event: Appetizers Sponsored by MTI and Beverages Sponsored by Pavillio

5:00 PM and beyond **Dinner on your own**

Tuesday, May 21:

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM **Breakfast**

9:15 AM to 11:30 AM **Morning Break Out Sessions (15 minute break from 10:15 to 10:30)**

Using a Holistic Approach to Employment and Community Life Engagement:

This session highlights the importance of considering a person's whole life when engaging in career planning by involving multiple stakeholders across departments and service lines. Presenters will explore ways to break down departmental and service silos and strategically use resources to support employment and community outcomes. **Presenters:** Brian Begin, Staci Jones of MTI

9:15 AM to 11:30 AM Morning Break Out Sessions (15 minute break from 10:15 to 10:30)

Social Patterns of Disability:

We will explore the effects of the life patterns people with disabilities encounter and share strategies for supporting them to experience more in their lives.

Presenters: Bridget Vogt and Tim Vogt of Starfire

Ability - Empowerment - Self Determination:

Organizational culture change, quality improvement processes and intentional program design are key aspects to advance an individual's ability, empowerment and self-determination to achieve unparalleled outcomes in competitive integrated employment and community inclusion for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Udac will share insights on strategies to achieve exceptional individual results in an entirely community-based program.

Presenters: Karen Herman, Ann Dahl, Lola Aune, Casey Lozon, of Udac.

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Lunch and Awards

12:30 PM to 2:45 PM Afternoon Session - One (15 minute break from 1:30 TO 1:45)

Creating Community-based Opportunities for Individuals with High Support Needs:

Individuals with social skill, communication or medical challenges can successfully engage with their community, with the right planning. In this interactive session, we will explore strategies for creating meaningful community-based day services for individuals with high support needs. Presenters will offer tips for program design including person-centered planning, community mapping, and scheduling for success. Participants will hear real-life experiences from peers in the field and engage in solution-focused discussions with peers and presenters.

Presenters: Sherry Healey, Elizabeth Wike of MTI

What We're Up Against:

In this session we will delve into understanding the historical perceptions of disability and how to tell better narratives for a better future.

Presenters: Bridget Vogt and Tim Vogt of Starfire

Community Life Engagement:

Navigating the Path to Building Community Life Engagement Services focused on Self-Reliance, Developing Relationships, and Building Skills – Insights, Realities, and Success Stories in Community Life Engagement

Presenters: Jodi Blume and Kate St. John

2:45 PM to 3:00 PM Break

3:00 PM to 4:45 PM Afternoon Session - Two

Making the Leap from Planning to Implementation in Organizational Transformation:

In this session, we will explore the critical transition from planning to implementation in organizational transformation. Many organizations find themselves stuck in the planning phase, striving for a perfect plan that may never materialize. We will discuss the importance of taking actionable steps and how to execute pilot programs to kickstart the implementation process.

Presenters: Don Lavin, Staci Jones of MTI

Healing Communities, Healing Ourselves:

Studying examples of people with disabilities developing new aspects of their identities, gaining more connections and catalyzing vibrant community experiences, and understanding the ways that heals us all.

Presenters: Bridget Vogt and Tim Vogt of Starfire

Customized Employment:

In this session we will overview Customized Employment Services by capturing the skills, interests, talents and considerations of a job seeker. We will review the process of creating a visual resume as a marketing product for job customization with potential employers.

Presenter: Margie Web, Dominique Berg

4:45 PM to 6:15 PM

- Social Event: Appetizers Sponsored by MTI and Beverages sponsored by SETWorks.
- Basket Give Away

6:15 PM and beyond **Dinner on your own**

Wednesday, May 22:

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM **Breakfast**

8:45 AM to 10:20 AM **Morning Break Out**

Putting Competitive Integrated Employment and Community Life Engagement into Practice: How Do We Do It?

There has been a lot of talk about supporting people with disabilities to achieve competitive, integrated employment (CIE) and community life engagement (CLE), but how do we make this happen on the ground? It is not easy to envision new ways of providing services—or to figure out how these new ways fit into existing service and billing systems. This will be an interactive session in which attendees will review case studies in both small and large group discussions to brainstorm creative ways to structure and build community-based services for people to achieve the CIE and CLE they desire.

Presenters: Amy Gessert, Sherry Healey, Danielle Mahoehney of MTI

Creating Strong Communities:

In this session we will share tips, practices and tools for anyone who wants to contribute to a more inclusive culture. **Presenters:** Bridget Vogt and Tim Vogt of Starfire

Advocacy, what's it all about: In this session we will explore the who, what, when, where, why, and how of families who support family members with disabilities. Learn how you can become an advocate for people with disabilities and gain an understanding of what the A-Team MN is and their priorities which revolve around maximizing individual choice. **Presenters:** Jim Clapper and Sue Hankner of the A-Team MN

10 minute break from 10:20 AM to 10:30 AM

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM **Keynote Address**

Integrated Employment - Personal Insights and the Power of Mentorship:

Join us for a discussion on Competitive-Integrated Employment (CIE) and the positive impact it has on Dupree's life. Dupree will share his personal experience in CIE and discuss the importance of supported decision making and personal choice. Additionally, we'll explore the role of sharing stories, like Dupree's, and peer mentoring in informing and inspiring others.

Presenters: Dupree Edwards and Olivia Lape



Registration Details

Early Bird Conference Registration begins on Tuesday March 12, 2024. The cost per person is \$199.00. After April 11, 2024 registration cost per person will increase to \$250.00

To register for the conference click [HERE](#)

To pay by check (\$199.00 per person) make checks payable to: **MOHR** and mail them to: MOHR—C/O Elizabeth Schear, 1401 Peterson Street, Marshall, MN 56258. Conference Registration does not include hotel reservations. A block of rooms is reserved for conference attendees at the following hotels:

Hilton Garden Inn St. Cloud

Booking Link: <https://group.hiltongardeninn.com/75enfp>

Arrival/ Departure Dates: Monday, May 20-22, 2024

Room Cost: \$152 through April 5, 2024—use GROUP CODE: **MOHR** to get the blocked room rates. From April 6th to April 28th, the price will increase to \$159 per room.

You can also call the hotel directly at **320-640-7990** and use **GROUP CODE: MOHR** to get the blocked room rates.

Residence Inn

Booking Link: [Book your group rate for MOHR Spring Conference May 19-22, 2024](#)

Arrival/Departure Dates: Monday, May 20-22nd 2024

Room Cost: \$162 through April 5, 2024 use GROUP CODE: **MOHR** to get the blocked room rates. From April 6th to April 28th, the price will increase to \$169 per room.

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