19th ANNUAL CHRIS ASHMAN WELLNESS & RECOVERY CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, April 20, 2023
SUNY Orange
One Washington Center, Newburgh, NY

Join us for a day of panel presentations and discussions related to:

Employment: The Pathway to Wellness and Recovery

Andy Sink is the Director of NYESS (New York Employment Services System) Employment Policy at the New York State Office of Mental Health and has been involved in employment and rehabilitation services supporting New Yorkers facing various barriers for 20 years. NYESS is a resource for all things related to employment services, a collaborative employment services case management system, a data system, and a Ticket-to-Work Administrative Employment Network in partnership with New York State Department of Labor. Andy and his team promote principles, practices, and policies to improve employment outcomes for individuals of all abilities in New York through collaborations with state agencies, service providers, and advocacy organizations.



Joe Marrone is a recently retired Senior Program Manager for Public Policy at the Institute for Community Inclusion/ UMASS BOSTON. Currently he is a contracted consultant and Program Director of an online TA project for the Boston U RRTC on MH and Employment. He was also Coordinator of Training/ TA at the NIDRR funded Vocational Rehabilitation and VR Management RRTCs based at ICI and the RSA funded 5-year research grant on helping Social Security recipients achieve economic self-sufficiency. In addition, he had recently been working with



Tribal and Alaska Native VR programs across the country on various projects. He was formerly the Associate Director of the largest community mental health center in Washington State as well as having a 17-year career in public VR. He has consulted, trained, & lectured in all 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico, Asia, and Europe. He has over 40 years direct service/administrative experience in delivering rehabilitation services and in community mental health. He has lectured and published extensively on policy and program issues in employment services for both youth and adults, WIOA and youth with mental health conditions, marketing job applicants with disabilities to employers, workplace supports, psychiatric rehabilitation, program management, quality assurance and program accountability in human services, workforce development, community rehabilitation, welfare to work issues, and consumer empowerment.

Additional workshops on available employment services, dispelling myths regarding returning to work, and available crisis services will also be provided

Registration & Breakfast

7:30am - 8:30 am

Presentations

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Tickets \$15.00 per person

Includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Who Should Attend

- Executive Level Staff
- Mental Health Professionals
- Individuals Receiving Services
- Friends and Family
- Healthcare Professionals
- Case Managers and Care Coordinators
- Advocates and Policy Planners
- Peer Specialists/Peer Professionals
- Students interested in Social Work, Human Services, Psychology