

**Biennial Pittsburgh Employment Conference
for Augmented Communicators
PEC@ 2009**

Employment: Overcoming Depression and Loneliness
and

Welcome to My World! – The Invisible Village Theatre

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

Friday, August 7, 2009 First Day

- 9:00 a.m. Opening and Recognition
 John L. Bernard, M.Ed., CRC, President, SHOUT
 Retired District Administrator of the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational
 Rehabilitation, Hickory, Pennsylvania
 Bruce R. Baker, *L.H.D. (Hons. causa)*, PEC@ 2009 Chairperson
- 9:10 a.m. The Theme of PEC@ 2009:
 Employment: Overcoming Depression and Loneliness
 Jennifer Lowe, Executive Director, SHOUT
 Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 9:30 a.m. Keynote Address
 James C. Roddey, Honorary Doctorates from Chatham University, LaRoche College, and
 Robert Morris University
 First Chief Executive of Allegheny County
- 9:50 a.m. My True Smile: The Real Woman Behind the Disability
 Beth Anne Luciani, SHOUT Board of Directors
 Senior, California State University
 Monessen, Pennsylvania
- 10:15 a.m. Finding our Identity Beyond our Disability
 Chris Klein, M.Th., SHOUT, Board of Directors
 Executive Director, Clay Vessel Inc.
 Holland, Michigan
- 10:50 a.m. Break –**
 Music composed by Mark Steidl
 Hope Academy of Music and Art, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 11:00 a.m. Depression, Social Isolation, and ACOLUG
 Diane Bryen, Ph.D., Professor *Emerita*
 Institute on Disabilities and College of Education, Temple University
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Yoosun Chung Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor
 George Mason University
 Fairfax, Virginia
- Bob Segalman, Ph.D., Sc.D. (*Hons. causa*), Founder of Speech-to-Speech
 President, Speech Communications Assistance by Telephone, Inc.
 Sacramento, California

11:35 a.m. Depression and Loneliness Can Be a Family Affair
Richard D. Creech, M.S.
Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:15 p.m. Employment, Disability, and Emotional Illness
The Honorable Tim Murphy, Ph.D.
United States Congressman, 18th District of Pennsylvania

1:45 p.m. “Working” to Overcome Depression
Kathryn May, ATP
Texas TERA (Technology Empowerment Resources and Advocacy)
Round Rock, Texas

2:15 p.m. Employment and Underemployment, The Stresses and the Benefits
Kevin Williams, B.S.
Charlotte, North Carolina

2:45 p.m. Break
Music composed by Mark Steidl
Hope Academy of Music and Art, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

3:00 p.m. Understanding Depression: Categories, Causes, and Treatments
Howard Foster, M.D., In Private Practice
Director of Education, Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center

3:45 p.m. Cerebral Palsy and Communication Disability:
Isolation and its Effects on the Human Spirit
Robert Watson, M.S.W., Executive Director, DateAble
Washington, DC

4:30 p.m. Sharing Our Experiences
Chance Peat
Sandusky, Ohio

Ami Profeta
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

Paul Garrick
Scott Township, Pennsylvania

4:55 p.m. Medicines Can Help A Person With Depression
Sarah Lever, A.A., Consumer Vice President, ISAAC
Charlotte, North Carolina

5:15 p.m. ••• Closing of the First Day •••

7:30 p.m.- 11:30 p.m. FRIDAY is Talent Night --
Karaoke, Disc Jockey, Open Microphone, Entertainment, Singing, etc. by Zuke!
(Reflection Room on the first floor)

Saturday, August 8, 2009 **Second Day**

8 a.m.- 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast

- 9:00 a.m. *Special Greetings by the President and an Executive Board Member of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC)*
Mary Blake Huer, Ph.D, President, ISAAC
Sarah Lever, A.A., Consumer Vice President, ISAAC
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation of The “Joe Award” – The Parents
Presented by John L. Bernard, M.Ed., CRC, President, SHOUT &
Bruce R. Baker, *L.H.D.*, PEC@ 2009 Chairperson
- 9:15 a.m. Don’t Let Yourself Get Down, Learn to Live and Chat Independently!
Anthony S. Robertson,
Registered Manager, Chatting Independently & AAC Consultant
March, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom
- David W. H. Morris, B. Ling, M.A., DipCCS, MRCSLT
Manager, Chatting Independently, Speech & Language Therapist in AAC
March, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom
- 9:45 a.m. Saving My Own Life - Being Prepared for a Disaster
Richard Devylder, B.A., Special Advisor to the Secretary
California Emergency Management Agency
State of California
Sacramento, California
- 10:15 a.m. Broadening AAC: A Global Perspective
Introduced by Donald Jones, B.A., SHOUT Board of Director
Katya Hill, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Tianxue Yao, M.A., Lecturer in Chinese
Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Arnaud Gloanec, Ergothérapeute
Plate Forme Nouvelles Technologies
Hôpital R Poincaré
Garches, France
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
Music composed by Mark Steidl
Hope Academy of Music and Art, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 11:00 a.m. ***Welcome to My World***
A Play in Several Acts
Written and Performed by: The Invisible Village Theatre
Featuring, John Pfab, Director, Jim Walsh
- 11:30 a.m. Coping with Depression and Learning to Dance
Snoopi Botten, DECTalk Musician

Niles, Ohio

12 Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Town Meeting

Meeting Leader: Jennifer Lowe, B.A., Executive Director, SHOUT
Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2:45p.m.

Break

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3 p.m.

The Importance of Social Capital: Its Effect on Emotional Health
Introduced by Donald Jones, B.A., SHOUT Board of Directors
Al Condeluci, Ph.D., CEO
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Pittsburgh

3:30 p.m.

Our Worlds: Commonalities Across the Lives of Augmented Communicators
Robert O’Gurek, A.A.
Schnecksville, Pennsylvania

Emily Smith
York, Pennsylvania

Wayne Roup
York, Pennsylvania

Kathryn May, ATP
Texas TERA (Technology Empowerment Resources and Advocacy)
Round Rock, Texas

4:15 p.m.

Striving for Full-Time Employment
Tracy Rackensperger, M.A.
Outreach and Community Education Coordinator
University of Georgia
Institute on Human Development and Disability
Athens, Georgia

4:45 p.m.

The Language Foundation of Social Networks
Introduced by Donald Jones, B.A., SHOUT Board of Directors
Bruce R. Baker, *L.H.D.*, PEC@ 2009 Chairperson
Chris Klein, M.Th.
Executive Director, Clay Vessels
Holland, Michigan

5:15 p.m.

••• **Closing of the Second Day** •••

SHOUT Picnic -- 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (All registrants invited)

SHOUT Picnic at 1000 Killarney Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15234

*Accessible transportation is available to Killarney Drive through Port Authority Transit, across the street from the Smithfield St. Bridge (Take trolley going into the South Hills, get off at the **Killarney Drive** Stop –*

*You may also arrange for ACCESS Transportation -- **All are invited.***

Sunday, August 8, 2009

Third Day

8 - 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast

- 9 a.m. Sources of Stress: I Like My Job, But They Won't Pay Me
William Adams, B.A.
Portsmouth, Ohio
- 9:25 a.m. Getting a Job In Tough Times
Neal Lutz, Director
Bender Consulting Services, Inc.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 9:55 a.m. Chordoma and Communication Disability: The Beginning of a Dialogue
Josh Sommer, Echoing Green Fellow
Executive Director, Chordoma Foundation
Greensboro, North Carolina
- 10:20 a.m. Communication in Married Life for AAC Users
Peter Zein,
Hembay, Kent, United Kingdom
- 10:50 a.m. Designing Beyond Limits: Accessible Outdoor Recreation, Part II
Dianne Goodwin, BlueSky Designs
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 11:20 a.m. Living Life As An Augmented Communicator: Ups and Downs
David Chapple, B.A., Beta Tester / Remote Troubleshooter
Prentke Romich Company
Board of Directors, AAC Institute
Ravena, Ohio
- 11:50 a.m. Closing Ceremonies
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•• 12:00 Noon -- End of Conference ••

Next Conference: August, 2011