

I.L. Summit 2009

Addendum #3

April 23, 2009

Here's your April update on the latest news regarding "I.L. Summit 2009" which is now just two months away!

This Addendum has information on:

- **The 100% Goal has been reached!**
 - Deadline for alternative format and reasonable accommodations
 - Additional panelist wanted for the Best/Innovative Practices Roundtable sessions.
 - Sunday evening's networking event will be a blast!
 - Request for Gift baskets/door prizes
 - Still need on-site volunteers
- ❖ **Response has been Tremendous!** I know I said this last month, but I'm saying it again because...**THERE WILL BE 100% CENTER PARTICIPATION!** Every Center in the state has now confirmed registrations for the Summit! This will be the first time that all 22 of Missouri's Centers for Independent Living will be in the same place at the same time and that is AWESOME! Right now we have approximately 275 CIL staff, E.D.'s, Board Members, and individuals from support and partnering agencies registered. I hope you have made your hotel reservations; Courtyard by Marriott is sold out. If you still need to make reservations please check with Tammy McSorley at the V.R. office. Her direct phone number is (573) 526-7039.
- ❖ **May 1st is the deadline for Attendees requiring accommodations.** If you and/or your staff or board members will need alternative format, Interpreters, real time captioning, accommodations in your hotel room to make it accessible, or have specific food requirements for meals please return an "Alternative Format" registration form for each individual requesting some type of accommodation. I have attached the form. Completed forms need to be sent to Stephanie Cox at ILRC in Jefferson City. The address is PO Box 6787, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-6787. Her fax number is (573) 556-0402. *Please remember that May 1st deadline!*
- ❖ **There is still an opening for the Best Practices Roundtable panel.** This highly requested session is scheduled three times; Monday morning and afternoon and again Tuesday morning. Its format is to present and share best practices on innovative programs or services your CIL has developed, and/or best practices on delivery of services. If your Center has something that you've developed that works really well for you and you'd like to share with the rest of us please join this roundtable! We ask that you send us presentation materials so they can be created in alternative formats. There's one opening left on the panel. Barnie Cooper at NEILS is the facilitator. Please call him at (573) 221-8282 or email him at barnie@neilscenter.org at your earliest opportunity.
- ❖ **Don't Miss the Sunday Evening Networking Event!** Many of you and your board members are planning to be in attendance for Sunday afternoon sessions. Don't leave early, and invite your staff to the Sunday evening Networking event in the Ball Room at Courtyard by Marriott from 5:30 until 7:00pm. We have three games to play designed for creating awareness and having a lot of laughs at the same time. First is the IL Summit version of the old show "Name that Tune" But we call it "Name that Service" We'll let you form a team and compete for prizes by naming programs and services Centers provide from clues you'll give each other! The second contest, in cooperation

with Rehab Services for the Blind (RBS), is our “Blurry Obstacle Course.” RSB is bringing their blurred vision goggles. This is for teams of two; one wears the goggles and the other team member gives directions to get through the course. It’s a timed event. Time will be added for missed obstacles, etc. We’ll have ambulatory and wheel chair users divisions. The third game, created by two of the chair users on the committee, is another obstacle course relay we’ve named “The Wheel Chair Relay”. Four person teams made up of two chair users and non-chair users will wheel through a course while carrying books on your laps. This is another timed event with extra time tacked on for each book that falls off your lap! In addition there will also be time to network. We especially want to give board members from each Center a chance to get together and ask questions, share information, etc. We promise a fun time with delicious snacks but wrap up early enough to go out for dinner.

- ❖ **Door Prizes-** We’re asking each Center to bring a gift basket or nice item valued around \$25.00 that is specific to your area of the state that can be given away as a prize during the Summit. In addition to the contests listed above we have some trivia questions and other awards we’d like to give prizes for. We have such diversity in the state, wines, pecans, cheese, pro sports teams, theme parks, historic attractions, etc. Your support in this area will help a lot and will be greatly appreciated.
- ❖ **On-Site Volunteers still needed:** Facilities Manager Barnie Cooper is still looking for folks who can volunteer some time during the Summit to help at one of the three registration tables (registration, assistive equipment and accessible transportation,) setting up rooms, or serving as a session host in one of the session rooms. We could use the help, especially with over 275 people in attendance! Please contact Barnie at NEILS or me at OMO. Barnie’s phone number is (573) 2218282. His email address is barnie@neilscenter.org.
- ❖ **AND...** thanks to SIL and ILRC in addition to accessible transportation to and from your off-site hotel for the conference sessions there will be accessible transportation to two off-site locations for dinner each evening, Sunday and Monday!

Our final I.L. Summit 2009 “Addendum” will come your way in mid-June, with reminders just before the Summit. In the meantime please feel free to contact me or any of our committee members listed below with any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,
Pat Chambers
Chair, I.L. Summit 2009

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