

Employment: Everybody, Everywhere

**Minnesota APSE
Annual Conference**

**Monday, May 17, 2010
9:00 am – 3:45 pm**
(Registration opens at 8:15 am)

**Earle Brown Heritage Center
6155 Earle Brown Drive
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430**

**Keynote Presentation:
Jim Meehan, Executive Director
KFI Maine**

Additional Presenters Include:
Russell Sickles, Job Squad, Inc.
Laura Owens, APSE Executive Director
Jon Alexander, Don Lavin & Carol Rydell-
MN Employment Policy Initiative
Bob Niemiec, MN Training & Technical
Assistance Center

Training Topics:

- ◆ Discovery Process in Job Development
- ◆ Creative Funding Strategies
- ◆ Job Negotiation
- ◆ Job Development Strategies for Rural Communities
- ◆ Leadership Principles for Shifting to Community-Based and Regular Life
- ◆ Employment First Initiatives (National & Local Initiatives)
- ◆ Getting Involved with MN Employment First Communities

About Our Keynote Speaker:

Jim Meehan has been the Executive Director of KFI, a non-profit agency in northern Maine providing individualized supports to people with and without disabilities, for 27 years. He has a strong belief in the advantages of a team approach which resulted in KFI transforming itself into a progressive, cutting edge organization providing supports built around individual interests rather than program requirements. Under Meehan's direction, KFI has received the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' national Full Community Inclusion Award and the American Network of Community Options and Resources' national Community Builder Award.

Jim Meehan has presented on organizational change and the creation of inclusive supports at conferences nationally and internationally and is a nationally-recognized consultant. He believes in Peter Drucker's assessment that **"The bottom line of the social sector organization is 'changed lives'."**

Registration opens at 8:15 a.m.

Registration fee includes materials, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks.

For more information or if you require an accommodation to participate, contact:

Jolene Thibedeau Boyd at 952.851.6186
or vp@mnapse.org

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites, 6300 Earle Brown Dr, Brooklyn Center, MN, 55430. Tel: 763-560-2700

- ◆ Ask for the MN APSE room rate of \$99/night. Room block will be held through April 16, 2010.



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Richfield, MN 55423-0087

Conference Rates:
\$100 MN APSE/APSE Members
\$150 Non-APSE Members
\$50 Self-Advocates, Family Members or
Support Persons for Self-Advocates

**All registrations, payment &
accommodation requests must be
received by May 7, 2010.**

Name: _____

Organization: _____

APSE Member # (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

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**Employment:
Everybody, Everywhere**
is the theme of the 2010
Minnesota APSE
Conference. The world of
employment for people
with disabilities is

expanding and, more than ever, we know that employment is possible for *anybody* who wants to earn a living. We also know that employment is possible *anywhere*, from large cities to small, rural communities. Employment First movements, many of which have been inspired by the efforts in Minnesota, are sprouting up in states ranging from Nevada to Rhode Island. Based on one simple concept—that employment should be the *first* and *preferred* outcome for people with disabilities—groups of people throughout the country are organizing to make employment a reality.

The 2010 Minnesota APSE Conference will build on the momentum from the 2009 conference, as well as the recent statewide Disability and Employment Conference (held in December of 2009). Our featured speakers are Jim Meehan, Executive Director of KFI in northern Maine, and Russell Sickles, Supported Employment Manager of Job Squad, Inc. in Bridgeport, West Virginia. Jim and Russell have proven that competitive employment is possible anywhere—even in small towns and in states that have been hit hard by the recession. Jim and Russell will share with us how they have used individualized, customized approaches to increase individuals' economic prosperity and the prosperity of their communities. For more information on our featured presenters, visit our website: www.mnapse.org.

Join Jim, Russell, Laura Owens (APSE Executive Director) and your Minnesota APSE colleagues as we come together to learn from each other and engage in discussions that will forge an action plan for disability employment policy and practice in Minnesota – an action plan that will make employment a reality for everybody, everywhere.



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