

APSE Notes

Announcing...
**The Annual Conference and Training
Event
of
APSE: The Network on Employment**

**July 11 – 14, 2004
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Mark your calendars now!
Look for updates at www.apse.org

If you are interested in presenting or have ideas on topics or presenters to be included in the conference, please send them to Tammara@apse.org.



APSE: The Network on Employment

Vision . . .

Our vision is that people with disabilities share in the richness of the human experience: a rewarding career, a safe and comfortable home, fulfilling personal relationships, choices and opportunities, the same rights, civic responsibilities and opportunities desired by all citizens in their community. **Employment is a cornerstone of opportunity. People with disabilities belong in the workplace.**

And that . . .

APSE: The Network on Employment, an association of members, ignites the community spirit through action and commitment to a common vision and value, collaborating with others, and utilizing members' skills, talents, and ideas to find solutions to problems of employment and economic opportunity.

Mission . . .

The mission of APSE: The Network on Employment is to **advance integrated employment and economic opportunity for people with disabilities.**

APSE: The Network on Employment believes:

- All people with disabilities have the capacity to work in integrated, paid jobs.
- Employment is the avenue to community and economic opportunity and independence.
- Self-employment and business ownership are viable options for people with disabilities.
- Communities are enriched by diversity and including all people with disabilities.
- People with disabilities have the right and responsibility to work in integrated, paid jobs.
- Capacity is developed by providing a variety of supports tailored to meet each individual's needs.
- It is our job, collaboratively, as a network of providers, people with disabilities, family members, and others to figure out how to provide services and supports so that all people have the opportunity to work in the occupation of their choice in integrated, community workplaces.
- The "system" must be creative and flexible to meet the support needs of each individual.
- Employment and economic opportunity provide a direct link to expanded choices, self-determination, and empowerment.

To join APSE: The Network on Employment and find out more about benefits of membership, go to www.apse.org or call 804-278-9187
