



**Employment Advocacy Institute
September 23, 2011**

- 9:00 Welcome by Mary Mayhew, DHHS Commissioner
- 9:15 Welcome by Kim Moody, DRC Executive Director
- 9:30-10:15 Betsy Sweet of Moose Ridge Associates, on the legislative process and citizen advocacy
- Break
- 10:30-12:00 Kristin Aiello, Esq. DRC staff attorney, on the Americans with Disabilities Act and employment rights
- Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 Mel Clarrage and Jodi Benvie, DRC staff advocates, will discuss employment supports, problems in the current system, and opportunities for change
- Break
- 2:15-4:00 Wrap-up and Planning – Discussion of next steps, action plans, areas of focus for the employment advocacy team

4:00

Carolyn Lockwood, Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation

Presentation materials available in alternative formats

Co-sponsors of this event:

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