

**Ohio Association of Professionals for MRDD
Leadership Conference
March 6-7, 2009**

Speaker list:

**Dr. John Martin, Director
Ohio Department of MRDD**

Director Martin will address the participants about current issues effecting the Department of MRDD and people with MRDD in Ohio. Specifically, he will address what he sees as the future for BMRDDs, and their role in the continuum of service, including whether he anticipates that BMRDDs will continue as service providers, fiscal agents or partners in funding. In addition, he will update the group about the Futures Commission, what has been accomplished to date and what the next steps will be in implementing the recommendations.

**Jim Timlin, Secretary-Treasurer
Ohio Education Association**

Jim will welcome members and will discuss the issues facing professional educators in Ohio, including Alternative Compensation, the Governor's proposal for education and how the state budget will effect services to Ohio students and adults with MRDD

**Melissa Clark
Governmental Services
Ohio Education Association**

The Legislative Presentation will provide participants with an overview of state and federal legislative issues that are of interest to OEA MRDD Members. In addition, the presentation will provide information regarding the makeup of the 128th General Assembly, important timelines, and the importance of member activism.

**Kathy McKinley
Macala, Baasten, McKinley, & Gore, L.L.C.**

Kathy will discuss recent legal proceedings and decisions that have implications for people working in BMRDDs, as well as provide guidance for members about how to protect themselves while on the job.

Bonnie Joseph
Governmental Services
Ohio Education Association

Bonnie will discuss how important it is for members to be aware of the legislation and candidates who can have an effect on ODMRDD, BMRDDs and their day-to-day work lives. She will stress the necessity of being involved in communicating with legislators about issues important to education and human services.

Gary Carlile, Communications Specialist
Ohio Education Association

Gary will address participants on how best to communicate with a variety of constituents and in a variety of situations. Specifically, he will talk about how to help members, administrators, families and the community understand what principles drive services to people with MRDD.

Gloria Stansberry, SLP
Cuyahoga County BMRDD

Sue Bour, Adult Services
Stark County BMRDD

Every year OAPMRDD offers up to \$500 per local to support projects that benefit your consumers, your local, and your community. This "how to" session will demystify the OAPMRDD Public Relations Grant application process with step-by-step guidelines and tips for getting your application approved and funded. Need ideas for PR projects? Come brainstorm with the presenters and each other about the many kinds of projects that can be funded.