

CORT Employability Conference
June 28 – 29, 2017
AGENDA

Wednesday, June 28

DAY ONE: Finding the Employment Opportunities in Public Benefits Programs and Avoiding the Pitfalls

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome – What Do We Mean by Employability? A Road Map to the Training
Linda Cook and Mike Smalz, Ohio Poverty Law Center

10:00 – 11:10 Keynote Address – Opportunities - Putting our work in context; why it is important work to be doing now – Being Aware of Potential Harms
Ed Bolen, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

11:15 – 11:30 **BREAK**

11:30 – 12:30 Employment and Training Opportunities in TANF and SNAP
Ed Bolen, CBPP

12:30 – 1:30 **LUNCH** - provided

1:30 – 2:30 WIOA – Opportunities and Limitations
David Socolow, Center for Law and Social Policy

2:30 – 2:45 **BREAK**

2:45 – 4:00 Restructuring Education to Accommodate Low Income Individuals
David Socolow, CLASP

4:00 – 5:00 Best Practices from Other States – Success Stories We Can Model
Janet Hales, Ohio Poverty Law Center

DINNER – on your own

Thursday, June 29

DAY TWO: Enforcing Rights and Building Accountability

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 In-depth Look at the Public Benefits Programs with Sanctions – *A Case Study of SNAP and ABAWDs*
Greg Bass, National Center for Law and Economic Justice

10:30 – 10:45 **BREAK**

- 10:45 – 12:00 Access Points and Tools to Challenge Problems
Greg Bass, National Center for Law and Economic Justice; Kate McGarvey, Columbus Legal Aid
- 12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 2:00 Centering Your Practice Around Employability – Part One: How to Include Employability in Your Practice
Bill Fraser, Ohio State Legal Service Association, facilitator
- 2:00 – 2:15 **BREAK**
- 2:15 – 3:15 Centering Your Practice Around Employability – Part Two: Working in the Community to Increase Employment Opportunities and Remove Barriers
Hannah Halbert, Policy Matters Ohio (with help from members of the Working Poor Families Project)
- 3:15 – 3:30 Wrap Up