

# Mark Your Calendars

## 2011 RehabACTion & Transition Fall Conference

### The Sioux Empire Strikes Back Transition to Employment

October 25–27, 2011

The Ramkota Best Western Motel—Sioux Falls, SD

### Featuring LeDerick Horne & Erin Riehle



**LeDerick Horne** discovered his gift for poetry while attending college in central New Jersey. Over the past few years LeDerick has become a nationally recognized motivational speaker and advocate for people with disabilities. He now uses his poetic talent to help empower and educate people who attend his presentations. **LeDerick Horne** spent most of his time in school believing he did not have much of a future. A severe learning disability (LD) combined with low self-esteem led him to doubt he would be able to go to college or pursue a meaningful career. But, with the support offered for his disability through Project Connections, LeDerick became an outstanding student, compiling a 3.75 grade point average. He transferred to New Jersey City University and graduated with honors from NJCU in 2003.



**Erin Riehle** is a recognized authority and leader in promoting employment opportunities for people with disabilities. She is a founder of Project SEARCH, an employment and transition program that has received national recognition for innovative practices. Her interest in employment for people with disabilities grew from her frustration with high turnover rates among workers performing critical tasks such as re-stocking emergency room supply shelves. **Ms. Riehle** found that placing individuals with developmental disabilities in these positions was an effective solution to her staffing problems and improved the quality of life for the workers she employed. This led to a systematic, hospital-wide effort to explore job possibilities for people with disabilities. Today, Project Search is a nation-wide initiative assisting individuals with disabilities obtain meaningful employment.



**Tom Simmons** has been a board member of over 30 charitable and civic organizations, including CARDV, March of Dimes, American Heart Association, First Lutheran Church, Sioux Council Boy Scouts, Helpline Center, SD Voices for Children, and professional organizations including service as a board member and/or executive officer of four state broadcaster associations and is a past recipient of South Dakota's Broadcaster of the Year Award. Simmons often testifies as an industry expert before committees of the US Senate, US House, state legislatures and public utility commissions. **Mr. Simmons** worked in radio broadcasting as an engineer, producer, announcer, operations manager, and general manager. His total radio experience covered 25 years, 16 of which were in general management and currently serves as Midcontinent's Senior Vice President of Public Policy.

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### OTHER PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:

- **Mary Barros-Bailey**—*Social Networking & Counselor & Client Ethical Role*
- **Amanda Keating**—*Autism Spectrum Disorders*
- **Dr. Ed O’Leary / MPRRC** — *Finding Common Ground for Students with Disabilities*
- **Dr. Larry Swain**—*Self Employment*
- **Marcia Maltaverne**—*Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders*
- **Dr. Alan Davis**— *Individuals with Mental Illness going to Post Secondary*
- **Sioux Falls Business Resource Network**—*Employer Panel*
- **Tyler Paris / CTAT**— *Employment Specialist Presentation*
- **MultiCultural Center**—*Working with Minorities*
- **Panel on Expanding Service Role of Providers**
- **Jackson & Lewis**—*Americans with Disabilities Act*
- **Duane Salonen**— *Luncheon Motivational Presenter*
- **David Test / NSTTAC**—*Using Transition Assessment to Guide IEP Development & Self Advocacy for Young Adults*
- **Young Adult Panel**—*This is My Life—Our Transition Journey*

### BOOTHS:

The conference is providing space for booths. If your organization is interested in having a booth, the application form can be found on [www.SDRehabACTion.org](http://www.SDRehabACTion.org) or contact Ronda Williams at 605-773-3195 or at [ronda.williams@state.sd.us](mailto:ronda.williams@state.sd.us)

### LODGING INFORMATION:

Best Western Ramkota Hotel • 3200 W Maple, Sioux Falls, SD • 1-605-336-0650

\*Block of rooms reserved until 10/4/2011 • \$89.99 Room Rate

\*Specify SD RehabACTion Conference

For more information on the SD RehabACTion Fall Conference go to:

[www.SDRehabACTion.org](http://www.SDRehabACTion.org)

\*Registration will be mailed at a later date