

Welcome to



CAPEabilities Job Fair 2024

Connecting All People with Employment

A job fair promoting employment opportunity for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

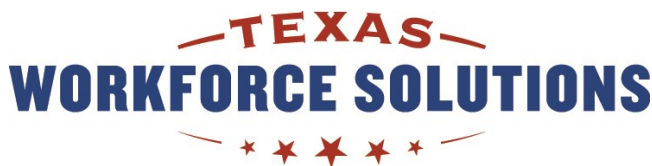
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The Intellectual
and Developmental
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SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. Registration / Check-In
- 9:30 – 10:10 a.m. 1st Breakout Session
(sessions for parent/educators and sessions for student/job seekers)
- 10:00—1 p.m. Hiring Fair / Employer Visits
- 10:20 – 11:00 a.m. 2nd Breakout Session
(sessions repeated for both parent/educators & student/job seekers)
- 11:00 – 12:20 p.m. Boxed Lunch
- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hiring Fair / Employer Visits
- 1:00 p.m. Event Ends



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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

STUDENTS AND JOB SEEKERS:

ROOM LOCATION:

- **Job Readiness & Interviewing Skills** **Engage B & C**
This session will focus on preparing for employment, regarding Interviewing, employer expectations, and work rules. Participants will learn the dos and don'ts of interviewing and have an opportunity to answer common interview questions and receive immediate feedback. *Presented by Robert Mollard, Bridges to Work*
- **Skills for the Future** **Innovate B & C**
Both soft skills and independent living skills are the key to employment success. Participants will be able to identify essential skills needed to be successful in any workplace, how to interact with your peers, avoid harassment, and demonstrate appropriate work and independent living behaviors. *Presented by Lauren Smith, Hugs Cafe*
- **Employment 101** **Engage A & D**
This workshop will provide practical, hands-on strategies to help reach a student's employment-related transition goals. Participants will also learn about post-secondary services that are available and how to obtain them. *Presented by Christy Balraj, Partners Resource Network*

STUDENTS AND JOB SEEKERS:

ROOM LOCATION:

- **Work Incentives Planning & Assistance** **Innovate D**
Protect Social Security benefits! Learn how WIPA's can provide accurate and individualized information about the effect of work on SSI and SSDI benefits and health insurance. They also provide in-depth counseling about benefits and discuss the effect of work on those benefits. *Presented by Celina Chacon, Social Security Administration*
- **Solving the Employment Puzzle** **Inspire A**
This workshop will provide parents and youth with practical, hands-on strategies to help reach a student's employment-related transition goals. Participants will learn about post-secondary services that are available and how to obtain them. *Presented by Adrienne Yule, Partners Resource Network*
- **Skills for Workplace Preparation: Resume Writing** **Inspire B**
This workshop will provide participants an introduction to AgriLife Learn's Workplace Preparation Training by reviewing key information from the resume writing module. Attendees will leave with practical strategies and tools to help their learners understand a resume and its purpose, create a resume that stands out to employers, and implement a resume writing practice activity. *Presented by Erin Fogarty, Texas A&M AgriLife*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

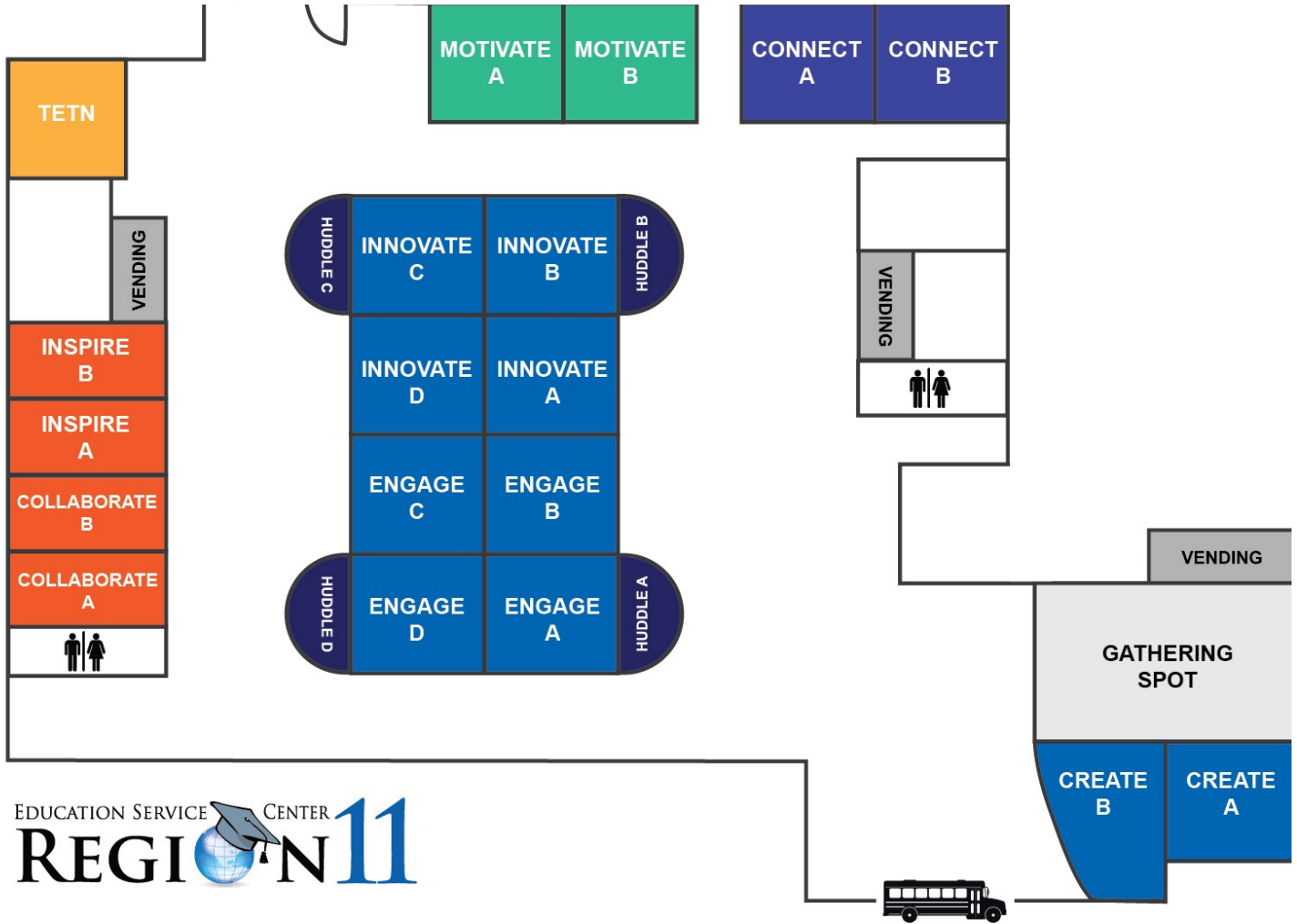
ROOM LOCATION:

- **City of Fort Worth Interviews** **Motivate B**
- **Lunch** **Innovate A-D (Overflow in Engage A-D)**
Lunches will be provided and should be taken to the Innovate Room for consumption. Engage Rooms A-D will also be available for overflow.
- **Certificates of Attendance and CEU's for Educators** **Registration Desk**
- **Quiet Room** **Create B**
A quiet room is provided for those that need a break.



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CAPEABILITIES GUEST PRESENTERS:



Christy Balraj

Christy Balraj retired after 30 years of working with youth in one of the local school districts and became a CASA not long after retiring. She found her way to Partners Resource Network and has spent the last 3 years supporting parents of youth with disabilities and self advocates navigate the educational environment.



Celina Chacon

Celina Chacon has over 17 years of public service with Social Security spent in various roles including Customer Service Representative, a Retirement, Survivors & Disability Claims Specialist and Operations Supervisor, and now the Public Affairs Specialist. In her current role Celina regularly communicates with congressional offices, and the general public to promote a better understanding of Social Security benefits and services.



Erin Fogarty

Erin Fogarty, MS, CTRS, has worked in clinical and community settings as a recreational therapist, program manager, and community alignment coordinator. She has supported children and adults with disabilities in their goals to improve their health, community inclusion, and quality of life. Erin currently serves as the North Regional Community Outreach Coordinator for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in partnership with the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. She is passionate about inclusion for people with developmental disabilities, including her two school-aged children.



Adrienne Yule

Adrienne Yule worked as a writer and editor for years for companies such as Amazon Web Services, National Instruments, and Dun and Bradstreet. She has a husband and two children. Adrienne utilized Partners Resource Network services

for years to support her efforts advocating for her son before joining the agency in 2023. She loves empowering parents and youth self-advocates with information to help them better navigate the education system.



Robert Mollard

Robert Mollard is the Director of the Dallas/Fort Worth Bridges From School to Work program; he has been in this role since 2005. Rob has specialized in school-to-work transition services for young adults with disabilities for over 25 years. During his tenure with the Bridges program, Rob has forged successful partnerships with numerous employers, and has assisted hundreds of young adults with disabilities with obtaining competitive employment opportunities. In addition to his Bridges Director role, Rob has served for more than ten years as one of two official Bridges National Trainers, planning, and delivering four days of classroom-based training to all Bridges' new hires. Rob is currently the Vice-Chair of the Dallas Mayor's Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities, Board Member of Disability:IN N. Texas, and is a member of the DART Paratransit and Accessibility Advisory Group.



Ashley Hardcastle

With over 7 years in leadership and wellness, Ashley's journey has been fueled by a commitment to inclusivity and personal growth. At Hugs Café Inc, her mission is to empower adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, aligning with the organization's culture of hope and success. The experience has honed her skills in customer relationship management and new business development, allowing her to contribute to their shared vision of community integration. The past year as Program Manager at Hugs Café Inc., has been a testament to the power of combining compassion with practical leadership. Leveraging her expertise in presentations and her certification in Workplace Mindfulness, she's been able to foster an environment where every individual's talents are celebrated and harnessed to achieve collective milestones in their non-profit endeavors.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Join online at <https://www.iddcouncil.org/membersselection>, submit application to Rita@IDDCouncil.org, or mail application to The IDD Council of Tarrant County, 1300 Circle Drive, Ft Worth, TX 76119

Primary Member Contact:

Correspondence from the IDD Council will be sent to the following:

Name: _____

Title (if applicable): _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Shipping/Mailing Address: _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Company Information (if applicable):

Organization Name: _____

Principal Location of Organization: _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Company Executive's Name: _____

Company Executive's Title: _____

Social Media to follow: Facebook _____

Twitter _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

Payment Method

Check #: _____

Send Invoice

Credit Card Number: _____ Expires: _____ Security Code (CVV): _____

Name on Card: _____ Zip Code Associated with Card: _____

PayPal (associated email): _____ Other: _____

Membership Type:

New Membership

Renewal

Membership # _____

\$5,000 \$500

\$2,500 \$250

\$1,000 \$25

I would like to make a donation to the IDD Council in the amount of \$_____ In Memory/Honor of: _____

Affiliation to the IDD

Community: (select all that apply)

Organization that provides services to people with IDD

I am a person with a disability/self-advocate

I have a family/friend with a disability

Other: _____

Other disability related organization affiliations:

Membership benefits begin on the 1st day of the month dues are received and continue for 12 consecutive months.