Free Assistive Technology Vendor Fair – Mansfield, Ohio – April 16, 2013

Assistive Technology can help close the achievement gap for students with disabilities. State Support Team Regions 1, 2, 6, 7 and OCALI, funded by the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children (ODE-OEC), are sponsoring an Assistive Technology Vendor Fair at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center on April 16, 2013 from 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Assistive Technology vendors from across the country offering writing, reading, communication, math and organizational tools and supports will be on hand all day to demonstrate products and answer your questions. Vendors will also be presenting breakout sessions, which will provide attendees with in-depth, hands-on information regarding tools available.

This opportunity is free and is open to all educators, parents and administrators. Lunch will be provided. Door prizes will be raffled off at the end of the day. Registration is free, however, attendees must register in advance on STARS. Search events in 'Region 7' on April 16, 2013. If you need assistance registering, please call Kellee at (800) 424-7372 or (419) 747-4808.

Usher Syndrome Training

The Ohio Center for Deafblind Education and the Center for Outreach Services, funded by the ODE-OEC, are sponsoring training on Usher Syndrome. Ilene Miner will be speaking on the social-emotional impact a diagnosis of Usher Syndrome can have on a teenager, including depression, emotional upset, adaptations in the classroom and parent fears.

This training will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013 from 9:30 - 3:30 at the Ohio Center for Deafblind Education, 5747 Perimeter Dr., Dublin, Ohio 43017. This training is being offered at no cost and lunch will be provided. Please register by April 12, 2013.

To register, please go to http://www.ohiodeafblind.org/services/training.cfm and click on 'Register Now!' under Parent Enrichment Series. Any questions can be directed to Leanne at lparnell@ohiodeafblind.org or by phone at (614) 785-1163.

Employment First Seeks Local Leaders

The Employment First Advisory Committee invites participation in the Employment First Local Leaders Professional Development Planning Team selection process.

The second edition of the monthly Employment First Update highlights the Advisory Committee's Local Leaders Professional Development Planning Teams and the upcoming Employment First Conference. An application to apply to be part of the Local Leaders selection process is available for download at www.ohioemploymentfirst.org.

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