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**Agenda | Making Work WORK for Families and Guardians | September 22, 2017**

**8:00-9:00 Registration** | **9:00-9:10 Welcome, Logistics, and Keynote Speaker Introduction:** Philip Woodward & Travis Williams, North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD)

**9:10-10:10 Keynote Speaker:** “Great Expectations: Alternatives to Guardianship”: Holly Stiles, Lead Attorney, Community Access Team, Disability Rights North Carolina (DRNC)

**10:10-10:30 *BREAK***

**10:30-11:30 Panel:** “How Finances Impact Working and Guardianship” Moderator: Travis Williams, Systems Change Manager, NCCDD

* Mary Buonfiglio, Deputy Director, & Catherine Jarboe, Communications Officer, Supplemental Retirement Plans, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer
* Donna Gallagher, Executive Director, The Collaborative
* Ava Bennett and Barbara Wilder, Work Incentives Benefits Counselors, North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)
* Adonis Brown, Individual with a Developmental Disability and Upward to Financial Stability Master Trainer

**11:30-1:15 Buffet Lunch | “Speed Dating” Information Gathering and Networking**

**1:15-2:15 Panel:** “Understanding Guardianship and Families and How They Impact Work”: Moderator: Philip Woodward, Systems Change Manager, NCCDD

* Gerri Smith, Assistant Director of Advocacy and Chapter Services, The Arc of North Carolina
* Corye Dunn, Director of Public Policy, Disability Rights North Carolina (DRNC)
* Laura Newell, Administrative Peer Mentor, InReach, and Founder of Self-Advocates of Mecklenburg Membership Organization

**2:15-2:30 *BREAK***

**2:30-3:30 Panel:** “Taking Guardianship to the Next Level with Employment” Moderator: Pat Keul, I/DD Employment Services Coordinator, NCCDD

* Philip Woodward, Systems Change Manager, North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD)
* Sheena Gadis, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Division of Services for the Blind (DSB)
* Jeffrey Payne, Director, I/DD Care Coordination, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare
* Britton Scercy, Office Assistant, Autism Society of North Carolina, & Jill Scercy, Greenville Center Director, UNC TEACCH Autism Program

**3:30-4:30 Closing Keynote:** “Encouraging *Employment First* Among People Under Guardianship”: David Ingram, I/DD Employment Specialist, North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS)

**List of Agencies/Organizations Providing Information**

* Acting Is Awesome
* Alliance Behavioral Healthcare
* Disability Rights North Carolina (DRNC)
* North Carolina Department of State Treasurer
* North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind (DSB)
* North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVRS)
* The Arc of North Carolina
* The Collaborative
* UNC TEACCH Autism Program
* Wake Technical Community College