

# Maximizing Alliances in Education and Rehabilitation

## Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 2010

Presented by  
Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired  
Michigan Chapter

Livonia Marriott at Laurel Park Place  
17100 N. Laurel Park Drive  
Livonia, Michigan 48152

### **CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **ADA at 20 – Michael Patten, Michael Harris, Daron Calhoun**

The ADA at 20. This national civil rights law offered the promise of improving the lives of people with disabilities. It addressed transportation, employment, and community integration in an effort to remove barriers that limited economic opportunity and full participation. How has the ADA made a difference?

#### **Utilization of Web-based maps for Orientation and Mobility – Kevin Hollinger, COMS**

The utilization of web-based mapping technologies for O&M instruction and/or use by travelers with low vision will be explored. This presentation will identify how the features of web-based maps have proven successful in fostering independence, encouraging confidence, enhancing safety, stimulating problem-solving and increasing efficiency for travelers with low vision.

#### **Low Cost Mainstream Technology, Low Tech Options, & Resources - Luke Patterson, Scott Ford, Steve Beres**

Technology you can use – Help put your students in control of their own computer and accessibility solutions by showing them where to research their own issues. More and more free or very low cost accessibility solutions are here now!

#### **Braille+ Family: Learn, Work and Play Through the Lifespan – Terrie Terlau**

Watch, listen, and try APH's Braille+, docking station, Refreshabraille 18, and a new surprise! Read Daisy, NLS, docs, html, txt and more in speech or Braille. Run word processor, calendar, web browser, email, calculator and all other applications from braille or qwerty keyboards. search and download from Bookshare and NLS!

#### **MAER is a Breeze! – Erica Ihrke, COMS, Sarah Johnson, COMS, & Meredith Newhouse, COMS**

The introduction of Trekker Breeze GPS has introduced game changing thinking and allowed a greater audience of people to take advantage of information that GPS provides. In this presentation "Breeze" will be taught in indoor and outdoor sessions. Discussion will include which GPS unit is best for your client. ***(This is an all day session on Friday and is LIMITED TO THE FIRST 18 PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS SESSION)***

#### **Yoga – Joe Firmingham**

Basic yoga breathing techniques and poses will be demonstrated. Participants will be encouraged to engage in all of the physical activities. This presentation is applicable to clients, RTs, COMS, and TCVI's. ***(This session is on Friday and is LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS SESSION. Comfortable clothing is a must!)***

### **CONFERENCE TIME TABLE**

**THURSDAY- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
**Sessions: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**FRIDAY- 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
**Sessions: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

# Maximizing Alliances in Education and Rehabilitation

## Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 2010

**Conference Registration includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch each day, general sessions and concurrent sessions.**

**Pre-Registration:** Postmarked prior to March 31, 2010  
**Late Registration:** Postmarked after March 31, 2010 & at the door. Add \$35.00  
**Purchase Orders:** Purchase Orders must be received prior to March 31, 2009

Registration Fees	
<b>AER Member:</b>	\$145.00 (both days) \$ 90.00 (one day)
<b>Non-Member:</b>	Add \$30.00
<b>New Member:</b>	\$10.00 discount with purchase of AER Membership
<b>Students/Parents/Retirees:</b>	\$90.00* (both days) \$65.00* (one day)
<small>*With copy of AER card or student ID</small>	

Return registration form and check (made payable to MAER) to:

**MAER**  
**c/o Lynnette (Norton) McElwain**  
**38 Dr Knapp Rd N.**  
**Newark Valley, NY 13811**

**For Program Information:**

Kathy Konow  
 e-mail: [tomkonow@att.net](mailto:tomkonow@att.net)  
 616-458-1187

Mary Beth Kullen  
 Email: [kullen@gdabvi.org](mailto:kullen@gdabvi.org)  
 313-272-3900

**For Hotel & Registration Information or Issues:**

Call Lynnette Norton at (313) 570-0021  
 or email: [nortlyn@comcast.net](mailto:nortlyn@comcast.net)

**Visit the MAERBVI website:**

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

### The Marriott at Laurel Park Place

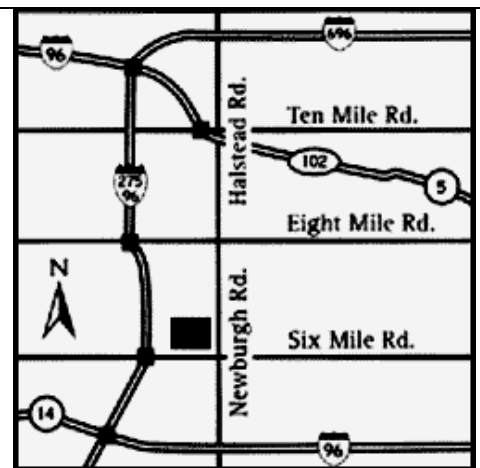
Reservations for sleeping rooms must be made by April 7, 2010 to get the conference rate of \$127.00. Attendees are responsible for making own reservations.

Call the Livonia Marriott at (734) 462-3100 or 1-800-228-9290  
 Use the following codes for room reservations  
 King room code – MARMARA; Double room code - MARAMARD

**Directions:**

FROM I-94: North on I-275 to Six Mile Road. East to Laurel Park Place.

FROM I-96: South on I-275 to Six Mile Road. East to Laurel Park Place.



# Maximizing Alliances in Education and Rehabilitation

## Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 2010

### Registration Form

MAER Spring Conference

Livonia Marriott at Laurel Park Place

April 29-30, 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Years In blindness-related field: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Format Preferred:  Print  Large print  Braille  CD  Braille & CD

First Time Attendee:  Yes  No

Registration Fees	# of Registrations	Cost	Total Cost
AER Member (2-day registration)	X	\$145.00	=
AER Member (1-day registration – Thurs. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri, <input center;"="" text-align:="" type="checkbox/&gt;)&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td style="/> X	\$90.00	=	
Non-Member – ADD to total	X	+\$30.00	=
New Member (discount w/ purchase of AER membership)	X	-\$10.00	=
Student <input type="checkbox"/> /Parent <input type="checkbox"/> /Retiree <input type="checkbox"/> (2-day registration)	X	\$90.00	=
Student <input type="checkbox"/> /Parent <input type="checkbox"/> /Retiree <input checkbox"="" type="checkbox/&gt;(1-day reg. – Thurs. &lt;input type="/> Fri, <input center;"="" text-align:="" type="checkbox/&gt;)&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td style="/> X	\$65.00	=	
State Board CEU's (SB-CEUs) payment	X	\$10.00	=
ACVREP units payment	X	\$10.00	=
Yoga (15)	X	\$0.00	=
MAER is a Breeze! Pre-Registration (18)	X	\$0.00	=
<i>Please make checks/money orders/purchase orders to: MAER</i>		<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	

**Return registration form and check (made payable to MAER) to:**

**MAER**  
**c/o Lynnette (Norton) McElwain**  
**38 Dr Knapp Rd N.**  
**Newark Valley, NY 13811**

**Maximizing Alliances in Education and Rehabilitation**  
**Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 2010**

# **Maximizing Alliances in Education and Rehabilitation**

## **Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 2010**

### **Tentative Session Schedule**

#### **Thursday, April 29, 2010**

- Keynote- Dr. Shaffer
- Utilization of Web-based Maps for Orientation and Mobility- Kevin Hollinger
- ADA at Twenty – Mike Patton, Mike Harris, & Daron Calhoun
- Medicare Coverage & Low Vision Demonstration Project- Dawn Anderson
- O&M Stimulus Package- Macomb ISD O&M Team
- Letting Your Child's Wild Side Out - Paula Korelitz
- Children's Doctor Panel
- Adult Doctor Panel
- Issues in ... the O&M Division; the RT Division; the TCVI Division

#### **Friday, April 30, 2010**

- Yoga-Joe Firmingham
- Trekker Breeze GPS Training – Ihrke, Johnson, Newhouse
- Braille+ Family: Learn, Work and Play Through the Lifespan APH - Terrie Terlau
- How & When to Use Various types of AMDs & cane Modifications- Lynn Gautreaux
- Obtaining & Using Accessible Instructional Materials-Zaremba, Bauman, Diedrich
- Match the Braille Tool to the Braille Task -APH- Terrie Terlau
- Recreation Across the Life Span- Lynn Gautreaux
- Transition- Matt Korolden
- Low Cost Mainstream Technology, Low Tech options, and resources - Lukas Patterson, Scott Ford, Steve Beres
- Linked Together – A Future Vision -Cathy McAdam
- DB Central- Beth Kennedy
- Vision Services Severity Rating Scale Update- Crystal Yachcik & Susan Langendonk
- MEAP
- Summer Opportunities- Camp Panel
- Sing Me a Fish

#### **CONFERENCE TIME TABLE**

**THURSDAY- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
**Sessions: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**FRIDAY- 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
**Sessions: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Maximizing Alliances in Education and Rehabilitation**  
**Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 2010**

Erica Ihrke  
1163 Fountain View Lane  
Oxford, MI 48371



**Maximizing Alliances in Education and Rehabilitation**  
**Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 2010**