



Conference at a Glance

April 19, 2018

8:00 – 4:30pm Summit | 8:00 – 8:30am Registration | 12:45 – 2:00pm Champions Award Luncheon
KU Edwards Campus, BEST Conference Center

Early Bird Rate (through March 15): **Members** - \$199; **Non-members** - \$249

Regular Rate (March 16 - April 12): **Members** - \$249; **Non-members** - \$299



Opening Keynote



Meg O'Connell -
President, Global Disability Inclusion

Meg O'Connell is President of Global Disability Inclusion and is a nationally recognized disability employment expert with over 20 years of experience in human capital management, talent acquisition, performance management, disability inclusion, employee engagement, marketing and customer service programs. Meg provides strategic program design and implementation of disability employment and inclusion programs for Global 500 companies, non-profits and foundations. One of Meg's primary clients is the Poses Family Foundation where she serves as Vice President of *The Workplace Initiative*. The foundation works with national employers and in local communities designing innovative programs to increase employment of people with disabilities.

Breakout Sessions

- **Breaking Stigma to Boost Mental Health** - *Jamie Copaken, Copaken Consulting*
- **Website Accessibility** - *Steve Cosentino, Stinson Leonard Street*
- **Leveraging Employer/Provider Relationships** - *Dick Venne, Viability*
- **When Differences Don't Make a Difference** - *Darla Wilkerson, GKCBLN*
- **Leveraging Employee Resource Groups** - *Cecily Bee and Karen Barnes, DST Systems*
- **ADA Legal Update** - *Pat Konopka and Sara Welch, Stinson Leonard Street*
- **Recruit, Hire, Retain** - *Meg O'Connell, Global Disability Inclusion*

Closing Keynote



George Calvert -
Software Engineering Manager, Jack Henry and Associates, Inc.

Since losing his vision in 2012, George has become passionate about disability inclusion and making the Internet accessible to everyone. He manages several software development groups at Jack Henry and Associates, a national financial software company, and serves on the board of directors of the Greater KC Business Leadership Network. George will share his experience working as a software engineering manager after losing his vision. His candid insights on what it's like for him working day to day, help people become more comfortable when engaging a person with a disability. Going beyond the challenges, George will also talk about how his blindness makes him a better employee and a better person.