**Colorado Center for the Blind**

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**MAKING CONNECTIONS THAT WORK FOR YOU**

**Career and College Seminar**

Friday, March 10, 2017

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

At the Colorado Center for the Blind

2233 West Shepperd Avenue

Littleton, Colorado 80120

Lunch will be provided. To reserve your lunch, please RSVP no later than March 6th to Monique Melton at mmelton@cocenter.org or 303-778-1130 extension 221.

Don’t miss the keynote address:

“Trends in Employment – The Future Has Arrived”

presented by Alexandra Hall.

In January 2016 Alexandra Hall was appointed to the Senior Executive Service of the State of Colorado as Director of the Division of Labor Standards and Statistics. As Division Director, Alex oversees administration of Colorado’s wage and hour and workplace conditions laws, Labor Peace Act, and the state’s contribution to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics economic series on Colorado labor markets. She also serves as the chief economist of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, a role she has held since May 2002.

**Exhibitors and Presenters**

**AECOM-Engineering, Design, Construction, Management**

Jeff Douglas, Recruiter

**Arapahoe Community College**

Amanda Johnson, Accommodations Specialist, Access Center

**Arapahoe Douglas Workforce Center**

**Blind Institute of Technology**

Michael Hess, Owner

**Blindness Technology Training**

Paul Sandoval, Owner

**Colorado Association of Blind Students**

Anna Givens, President

**Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

Laverne Dell, Supervisor, Blind and Low Vision Services Unit

**Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation-Business Enterprise Program**

Dan Whalen, Manager, Blind and Low Vision Services Unit

**Comcast**

Aurora Warner, Recruiting Business Partner

**Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

Patricia McMahon, Outreach and Education Coordinator

**Exhibitors and Presenters (continued)**

**Inverness Hotel and Conference Center**

Erin Wilkerson, Director of Destination Services and Emily Friedhoff, People Services Manager

**KNFB Reading Technologies**

**Learning Ally**

Michael Turner, Regional Director of Community Development

**Newsline**

**School of Piano Technology for the Blind**

Don Mitchell, Director of Instruction

**Sprint**

Kelly Egan, Customer Relations Manager, Blind/Low Vision Outreach

**Team EEI**

Brenda Mosby

**University of Colorado at Denver**

Glenda Nash-Buscarello, Coordinator, Disability Resources and Services

**Verizon Wireless**

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**Agenda**

9:00 am Registration

10:00 am Welcome: Diane McGeorge, Chair of the Board of Directors, Colorado Center for the Blind

10:10 am Keynote address: “Trends in Employment – The Future Has Arrived”,

Alexandra Hall, Director of the Division of Labor Standards and Statistics, Senior Executive Service of the State of Colorado

11:00 am Lunch and exhibits

1:00 pm Breakout sessions (1-2 pm)

1. Getting started; working with the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
2. The Business Enterprise Program; what does it take to be a success?
3. Working for the federal government; how to apply and obtain the job.
4. Using workforce centers along with online resources and social media to find your job.
5. Competing in college on a level playing field.
6. Effective networking; handling meetings and large groups of people and more.

2:00 pm Breakout sessions (2-3 pm)

1. How about a career in piano tuning?
2. What exactly is an IPE and how do I choose my vocational goal and get the services I need? Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
3. The application process; how to get into the college or university of your choice.
4. Effective networking; handling meetings and large groups of people and more.
5. Getting your job through the interview process-discussion and practice.
6. Using workforce centers along with online resources and social media to find your job.