

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- I. **An Overview of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) System: A complex, flawed and splendid support system**
 - Who are the individuals served by the DD system?
 - The basics of supported and customized employment;
 - Data on outcomes of the national, state, and King County systems;
 - The universal values that drive the system;
 - Competition, too small a pie-funding-who gets it and who does not;
 - The public/private partnership-how businesses and agencies work together-what has worked, what's broken; and
 - The next steps-business leadership in building a better mousetrap.

- II. **Preparing Students to be Workers**
 - The school to work transition; what is working and what is not;
 - The three legged stool-business, adult support systems, schools;
 - The role of the legislature and funding; and
 - How can business influence/assist schools?

- III. **Myth Busters: Overcoming the attitudinal barriers and discovering what is possible:**
 - The myths that won't die;
 - What can individuals with developmental disabilities do?
 - Some strategies that work: what are the unmet needs in a business environmental analysis, building successful supports; and
 - Discovering the benefits of a cohesive workplace.

- IV. **Building Efficacy: Universal Design, Universal Training**
 - Using universal design for a more effective workplace;
 - Universal teaching methods to better train ALL employees;
 - Better communication-better supervision;
 - Does disability change the supervisory/employee equation?
 - What support services can bring to your workplace; and
 - What do you as business want to see in support systems?

- V. **The Tipping Point; Employers as Champions**
 - The power of business-connecting, mentoring, media and the legislature;
 - Using your knowledge and your experience to influence others;
 - How to get others interested in the bottom line-the value to businesses and the community; and
 - Building a more just world, one person at a time.