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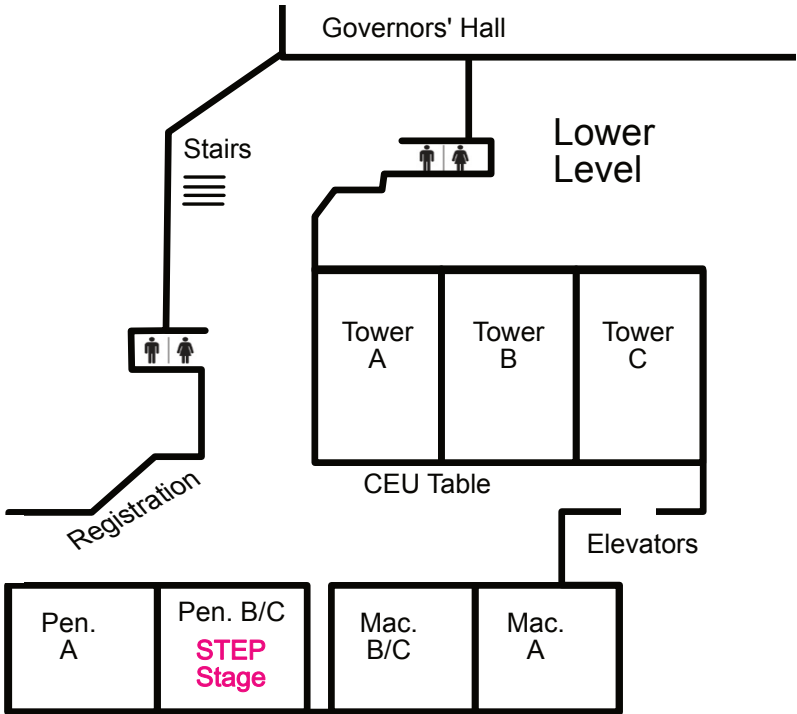
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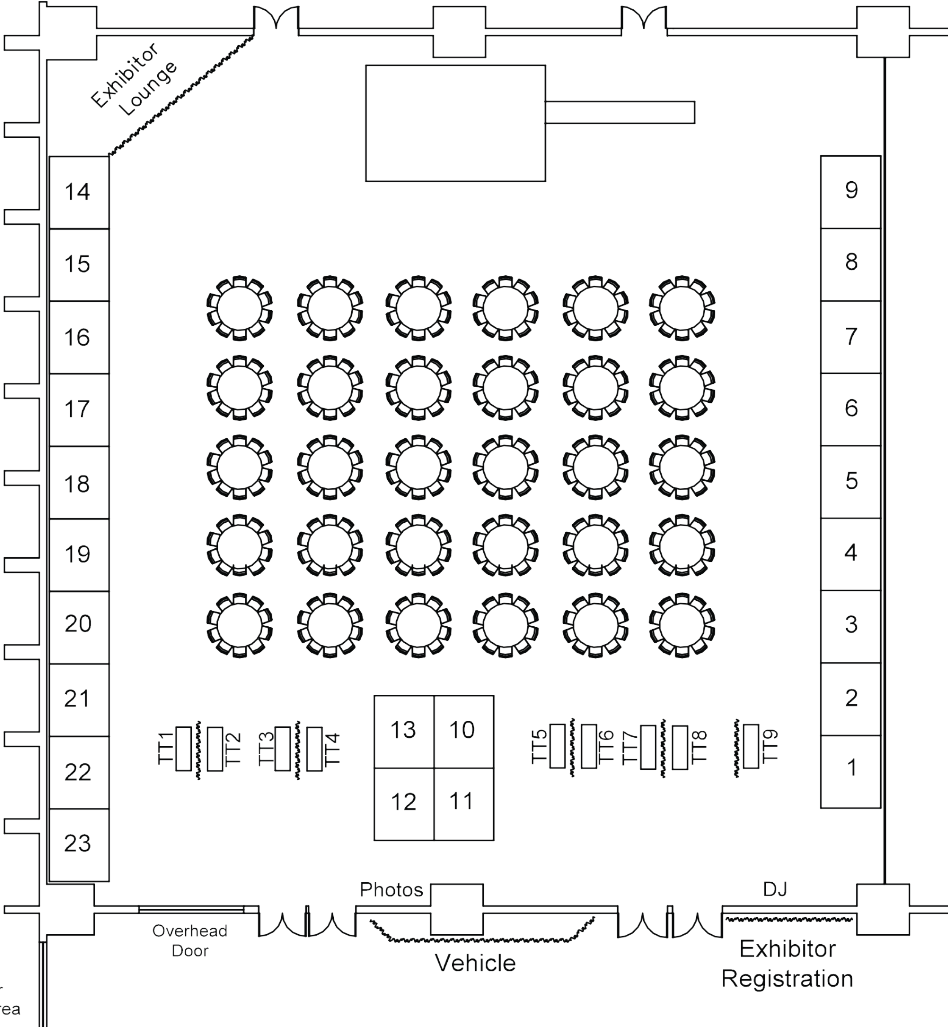
Exhibitors

Vehicle	Superior Van & Mobility
Booth 1	Work Skills Corporation
Booth 2	New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
Booth 3	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Booth 4	Upbound Staffing
Booth 5	Gesher Human Services
Booth 6	CARF International
Booth 7	Vocational Independence Program, Inc.
Booth 8	MSU Office of Rehabilitation & Disability Studies
Booth 9	Project STEMM-Up at Michigan State University
Booth 10	Peckham
Booth 11	Incompass Michigan
Booth 12	PASC
Booth 13	Services To Enhance Potential
Booth 14	OrCam, Inc.
Booth 15	Clock Mobility
Booth 16	Disability Rights Michigan
Booth 17	MSU STRIDE Center
Booth 18	MiABLE
Booth 19	MCRS
Booth 20	LEO/Bureau of Services for Blind Persons Training Center
Booth 21	Driving Mobility Solutions, LLC
Booth 22	Assistive Technology of Michigan, Inc.
Booth 23	Michigan Rehabilitation Association

Micro Enterprise Market

Table 1	Carmel Yum Yums
Table 2	Hannah Joy Spectrum Designs
Table 3	Sharon Emery, Author
Table 4	Bear Creek Metal Art
Table 5	Inpro Ceramics
Table 6	Inpro Woodshop
Table 7	Crafty Kitty's Creations
Table 8	The Wild Sunflower Collective
Table 9	Posey Pens

Governors' Hall



re:con, Wednesday 11/8

	Tower A	Tower B	Tower C	Peninsula A	Peninsula B/C
12:00-1:00	Transition	Policy		Employment	Ethics
	Transition - What You Need to Know, Karen Wang Beginner		A Hands-On Approach to Assistive Technology, Kellie Blackwell, MA, CRC Beginner	Charting The Seas of Resource Navigation: A Glimpse into Collaborative Practices & Barrier Resolution, Chris Smith Beginner	LGBTQ+ in the Workplace, Margaret Avery Beginner
1:05-2:05		Employment		Employment	Leadership
		Insights Into Action: Harnessing the Power of Data & Storytelling to Transform Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services, Sean Luechtefeld, Ph.D., CAE Intermediate		Exploring MCTI as a Post Secondary Option, Mandy Matthews Beginner	The Value of Telling Your Story, Sharon Emery Beginner
2:05-2:25			Refreshment Break Sponsored by Project Search		
2:25-3:25	Disability Specific		Employment	Behavioral Health	Leadership
	Assistive Technology For Mutual Support and Recovery, Norman G. DeLisle Jr. Intermediate		How Differentiation and Human-Centered Engagements Shape Best Practices, Sam Evalt Ph.D CAE Intermediate	Artificial Intelligence's Role in Modernizing Human Services, James Willis Beginner	The Heart of Leadership, Shonda Rushing Beginner
3:30-4:30	Disability Specific	Employment	Policy	Ethics	Disability Specific
	Skill Building in a Post-COVID World, Charlene Chandler Beginner	Voyaging Towards Bright Vocational Horizons: Leveraging Assessment Tools with Precision and Mapping A Career Voyage, The Skillful Use of Assessment Tools for Positive Outcomes, Dessie Johnson MA, CRC, CEAS Intermediate	How Community Mental Health and Service Providers Effectively Collaborate, Adam Jenovai Beginner	Service Animals 101, Christa Martin MRC, CRC Beginner	Reasonable Accommodations for People with Autism in Today's Workplace, Katie Kinde Beginner
4:30-6:30	Welcome Reception & Exhibitor Grand Opening - Governors' Hall Sponsored by New Horizons Rehabilitation Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the exhibitor booths to connect with our outstanding vendors • Shop the Micro Enterprise Market • Door prize drawings 				
6:30-9:00	Community Pop-Up Art Show, all are invited to join us at Right Brain Brewery				

re:con, Thursday 11/9

7:00-8:30	Breakfast Keynote, Bill Krieger - Sponsored by Arnold Center Immediately followed by Apex Award and MI-JPD Award - Governors' Hall			
	Tower A	Tower B	Tower C	Peninsula A
8:45-9:45	Ethics	Leadership	Disability Specific	Leadership
	Fostering an Ethical Workplace Culture, Menachem Hojda, LMSW Intermediate	Igniting Your Personal Fire to Avoid Burnout and Achieve Your Goals. A Guide To Self-Care and Goal Setting, Rene Dell Intermediate	The Importance of Job Coach Training, Maria Peak Beginner	Navigating Uncomfortable But Necessary Conversations, Shonda Rushing Beginner
9:45-10:00	Coffee Break - Sponsored by Judson Center			
10:00-11:00		Employment	Disability Specific	Disability Specific
		Using Virtual Reality-Guided Meditation to Support Work Engagement and Well-being of Workers with Disabilities, Sarah George Beginner	Thriving with Autism: The Power of a Wrap-Around Support System, Matt McDonald Beginner	Empowering the Community: Generative Artificial Intelligences Role in Advancing Inclusion and Opportunities, Scott Caesar Beginner
11:00-11:30	Micro Enterprise Market - Sponsored by MMI, Inc. - Governors' Hall			
11:30-1:15	Keynote Luncheon with Mudita Jagota - Sponsored by Work Skills Corporation Immediately followed by BOOM Awards - Governors' Hall			
1:15-2:15	Policy	Leadership	Leadership	Leadership
	State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies – National Perspective & Priorities, Bill Robinson Beginner	Empowering Direct Service Professionals in a Positive Working Environment, Menachem Hojda, LMSW Beginner	Unlocking Excellence in Direct Support Professionals, Kimberly Pietrylka-Miller Beginner	Diving Into Intersectionality to Ensure Best Practices and Fostering an Inclusive Work Environment, Carie Branch Intermediate
2:15-2:30	Refreshment Break - Sponsored by Judson Center			
2:30-3:30	Ethics	Leadership	Employment	Policy
	Unconscious Bias: Overcoming Ethical Obstacles While Increasing Multi-Cultural Competencies, Christa Martin, MRC, CRC Beginner	Create a Culture of Experiential Support, Kat Thomson Intermediate	Business is Our Customer Too, Craig Saunders Intermediate	Issues Facing Autistic Adults in Michigan and the Need for an Autistic Adult Statewide Advisory Committee, Katie Oswald Beginner
3:30-4:15	Exhibitor Finale with Snacks & Door Prize Drawings, Sponsored by Oakland Community Health Network - Governors' Hall			

re:new, Friday 11/10

7:00-8:30	Networking Breakfast			
8:30:9:30	Tower AB	Tower C	Peninsula A	Mackinac A
	Disability Specific	Leadership	Leadership	Policy
	Gesher Human Services' Creative Expressions Program, Craig Nowak Beginner	The Art of Supervision: Reflecting on Supervisees Qualities in Clinical Supervision, Asmau Ayub Beginner	Youth Leading the Charge for Inclusive, Integrated Employment, Mary Shehan-Boogaard Beginner	Artificial Intelligence–Legal & Policy Implications for Individuals with Disabilities, Amy Maes Beginner
9:30-9:45	Refreshment Break			
9:45-10:45	Policy	Policy	Policy	Disability Specific
	Voting with Disabilities in Michigan, Rachel Prevatt Beginner	Policy Priorities for the Michigan Legislature, Todd Culver Intermediate	Above the Bridge: Vocational Rehabilitation Partnerships that Work, Carol Bergquist Beginner	The Intersection of Employment and Sexuality: Building Healthy Relationships at Work Using the Elevatus Training Curriculum for People with Developmental Disabilities, Mary Shehan-Boogaard Intermediate
11:00-12:00	Disability Specific	Policy		
	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for People We Serve, Susan Salhaney Beginner	We Are All Advocates: Strategies for Legislative Engagement, Todd Culver Beginner		

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BOOM is a statewide award ceremony recognizing individuals with a disability who have excelled professionally or personally.

The goal of the BOOM Awards is to provide stereotype-busting role models for people with disabilities. Great inspiration comes from people who have done it and done it well – that's who we're celebrating.

2023 Award Recipients

Employee of the Year: Katie Frayer - Engineering Analyst at Whirlpool

The Employee of the Year is someone who has made a significant contribution at their place of employment. This person has displayed promptness, initiative and drive in the performance of their job duties with their current employer.

Entrepreneur of the Year: Xavier DeGroat - Xavier DeGroat Foundation

The Entrepreneur of the Year is someone who has persevered to start and run a successful business, for a minimum of one year. This person has displayed determination, inventiveness and tenacity as a business owner.

Athlete of the Year: Danny Wiseman - Golfer

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2023 Award Recipients

Outstanding Employer City of Westland

Outstanding Employer celebrates a business that has fostered exceptional employment opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to community access in Michigan. This employer will have demonstrated a commitment to inclusion and diversity in hiring practices, training, and talent development. The award will recognize an employer that has created a workplace culture rich with diverse perspectives, backgrounds, skills and abilities.

Outstanding Community Partner Grand Traverse Pie Company

Outstanding Community Partner recognizes an individual or an organization that has dramatically improved the quality of services and supports for people with disabilities and other barriers. This award honors the vital role and commitment of our community partners – often unsung heroes – contributing to the betterment of an existing program, or creating a new model that has positively and sustainably affected the quality of life for the people we serve – removing barriers, restarting lives, and restoring community. Service and support areas might include employment, housing, transportation, education, or recreation and the arts.

Transformational Leadership Lenora Hardy-Foster, Judson Center

Transformational Leadership recognizes an individual or organization that has demonstrated the ability to develop and implement creative and effective leadership strategies; nurture valuable collaboration and partnership; and work across boundaries to achieve transformational outcomes with the people we serve. This could be attained through advocacy, innovative programs, partnership models, published research – solutions that have changed the game in a positive way. Nominees may represent community providers, government, business, advocacy organizations, or academia.

MI-JPD Award Larry Thouin, New Horizons Rehabilitation Services

The Job Placement and Development (JPD) Division of the Michigan Rehabilitation Association requested nominations for the Randy Cronenwett Award, known as THE JOB DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD. This Award is bestowed on that job placement professional recognized by her/his peers for noteworthy service in our Field of Disability.

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Community Pop-Up Art Show

Many Thanks to Right Brain Brewery for hosting and to Anthony Marcellini from PASC for curating the 2023 show featuring artists from across the state. Artwork will be available for purchase.

All are invited to join us. Roundtrip transportation is available between the Grand Traverse Resort and Right Brain Brewery. Reserve a seat on the bus at mi-recon.org/artshow or in the re:con App. Artists include:

- Dorothy Harris Moy, Creative Expressions Program – Geshher Human Services
- Elliot Brown-Pott, MRC ArtWorks
- James Crump “Jimmy”, MRC ArtWorks
- Jeremy Taylor, PASC - Services to Enhance Potential
- Joel Kaufman, Creative Expressions Program – Geshher Human Services
- Julieann Dumbrowski, PASC - Services to Enhance Potential
- Justin Foster, MRC ArtWorks
- Keisha Miller, PASC - Services to Enhance Potential
- Kenneth Rosenthal, Creative Expressions Program – Geshher Human Services
- Laurie Penfold, Art from the Heart – Peckham
- Lewis Foster, PASC - Services to Enhance Potential
- Robert Duncombe, PASC - Services to Enhance Potential
- Sharon Glazer, Creative Expressions Program – Geshher Human Services
- Zachary Dunham, Artisan Corner – Work Skills

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