

## Students

Designated conference sessions are designed with student participation in mind, available to all participants. Parents and/or school staff who accompany students are responsible for youth supervision and supports while attending the conference.

## Conference Schedule

### October 27

8:30.....Registration  
9:45..... Welcome  
10:00.....Opening Keynote  
11:00..... Concurrent Session 1  
12:00.....Lunch on site (provided)  
1:15..... General Session  
2:30..... Concurrent Session 2  
3:45..... Table Sessions  
4:45.....DCDT Event

### October 28

8:30.....Registration  
8:45..... General Session  
9:45..... Concurrent Session 3  
11:00..... Concurrent Session 4  
12:15..... Closing Keynote  
(Box lunch provided)  
1:15..... Post Conference Session:  
Employment First: Steps,  
Stories, and Sundaes

## Conference Questions

Conference questions may be directed to Michelle Ray at 515.281.5494 or [Michelle.Ray@iowa.gov](mailto:Michelle.Ray@iowa.gov).

## Detailed Program

Conference program with session descriptions and other conference details, lodging information will be available on-line in September on the Iowa Department of Education website.

To access the document:

1. Go to <http://www.iowa.gov/educate/>
2. Select A-Z Programs List from the **Resources Menu** on the right side of the screen.
3. Click on the letter P on the **A to Z Programs and Services Index**.
4. Select **Parent & Educator Connection (PEC)**
5. Scroll down to **Supporting Documents**.

## Registration

Due to grant funding, there is no registration fee for this conference. Registration is required on-line at: <http://tinyurl.com/2a75ocm>

Registration questions should be directed to Julie Carmer at 515.281.7144 or [julie.carmer@iowa.gov](mailto:julie.carmer@iowa.gov)

Stipends may be available to help support participation in this event. Please contact your AEA Parent & Educator Coordinator or Transition Consultant for more information.

Continuing Education Units for Social Work, Speech-Language Pathology, Foster Care and Nursing are pending.

# Iowa Secondary Transition Parent & Educator Connection Conference

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS!**



Wednesday and Thursday, October 27 & 28, 2010  
Scheman Conference Center,  
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education.  
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## Audience

- Parents of middle and high school youth with disabilities
- Educators
- High school students
- Community service providers

## Conference Content

This conference provides information, insights and hands-on experiences in the areas of living, learning and working for youth with disabilities and those who work and care for them.

National keynote speakers, 48 small workshop sessions and panel discussions address many topics including:

- Increasing independence
- Assessing needs
- Getting ready to work
- Parenting through adolescence
- Resources in the community
- On-line learning
- Students, Learning about yourself
- Training/education after high school
- Skill building strategies
- Social Skill Development



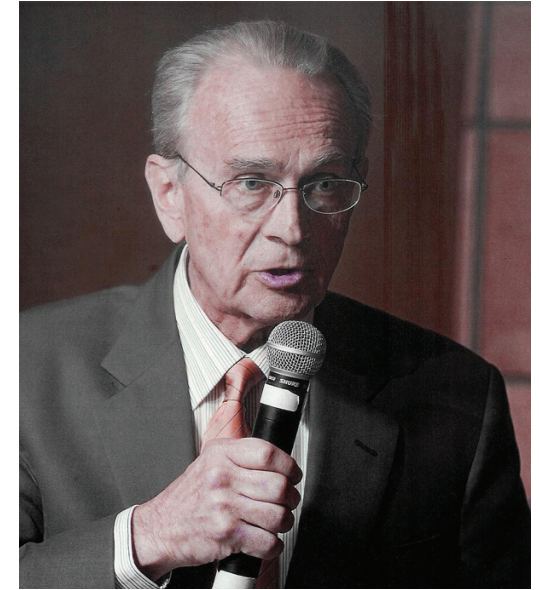
Emphasis will be given to preparation as well as the process of transitioning for youth from middle school through post-secondary experiences.



### LeDerick R. Horne

As a child, LeDerick Horne believed he did not have much of a future. But despite being classified as neurologically impaired in the third grade, LeDerick has become a successful spoken word poet, playwright, motivational speaker, entrepreneur, and advocate.

Since graduating with honors from New Jersey City University in 2003 with a BA in Mathematics and a minor in Fine Art, LeDerick has used his gift for spoken word poetry as a teaching tool and has been recognized across the country as a motivational speaker and advocate for people with disabilities. We are pleased that Mr. Horne will share his art and insight with us during the conference, concluding with the keynote address on Thursday.



### James Autry and Sally Pederson

James Autry and Sally Pederson are the parents of an adult son, Ronald who has autism. James, a retired executive with Meredith Publishing, prolific author and public speaker and Sally Pederson, former Iowa Lieutenant Governor will share their story during the opening keynote to kick-off the conference.

