March 7, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

The Marbridge Senior Management Team and Board of Trustees want to formally invite you to the fourth annual:

**Marbridge Executive Leadership Symposium for Post Secondary Providers**

**Marbridge Foundation, 2310 Bliss Spillar, Manchaca, TX 78652**

**April 27-29, 2016**

Marbridge was founded in 1953, located on the edge of the Hill Country just 12 miles south of downtown Austin and is a residential training and educational community for adults with intellectual disabilities. The goal of this symposium remains the same: bring together like-minded professionals in leadership positions who serve residents of varying abilities to discuss challenges, build relationships, and work together so we may better serve individuals with special needs and their families.

Based upon feedback from past attendees, we will continue to offer a networking breakfast, lunch and dinner on each day to allow for maximum opportunities to engage in meaningful conversation about our work. We would also welcome each organization to bring program brochures to be included on our resource table and shared with attendees.

*Coalition for Community Choice (CCC)* – The CCC is an alliance of organizations, businesses, and housing professionals that strive to meet the housing and employment demand for an array of life options for those with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD). The CCC will have their spring meeting at Marbridge on Friday, April 29th and have extended an invitation to interested Symposium attendees to attend the gathering. Please contact the National Coordinator if you would like to attend and are not yet part of the network: DKameka@MadisonHouseAutism.org.

Planned schedule and topics:

**Wednesday, April 27**

**7:00 pm Welcome Dinner**: UT DKR Memorial. Stadium, 405 E. 23rd Str., Austin, TX 78712

**Thursday, April 28**

**7:30 am Registration and Breakfast** @ Victory Hall, Marbridge

 9:00 am to 4:15pm: Presenters to include:

 **Jonathan Mooney**, Learning Disabilities Advocate, Author and Co-Founder of Project Eye-To-Eye.

 **Valerie Paradiz,** ED of Autistic Global Initiative, Self Advocate and mother of two children on the spectrum.

 Networking lunch provided by Marbridge

 **Charles Hammerman**, Disability Opportunity Fund.

 Tours of the Marbridge

 **Dr. Matthew Janicki**, Natl Task Group of IDD and Dementia/Aging

 **Barbara Kleist, JD**, Univ. of Minn. Inst. On Community Integration, DSP Recruitment

**5:30 pm Networking Dinner** **at Coopers BBQ: 217 Congress Ave, Austin, 78701**

**Friday, April 29**

**8:00 am Check in and Breakfast @ Victory Hall, Marbridge**

 9:00 am Great Models: Interactive Panel of Providers

 10:30 am-3:00p Coalition for Community Choice, lunch provided.

Please note that there is no cost to attend the Annual Marbridge Executive Leadership Symposium and meals will be provided on each day of the event. A full agenda of events will be provided at a later date to all Symposium attendees.

**Please RSVP by completing the attached Survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CW2Z8T3>

The following page has hotel information for your convenience. If you need more information, please contact Carol Johnston at cjohnston@marbridge.org or 512-282-1144.



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**GUEST CAN ALSO CALL TOLL FREE: 1-888-615-0509**

**GROUP CODE: MBF**

**Group Dates**

**Arrive: Wednesday, April 27, 2016**

**Depart: Friday, April 29, 2016**

**Rate: $145.00**

**Cut off date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

**NOTES:**

***Please note group rates are only available during contracted dates. If, guest need to reserve shoulder dates, inform your Sales Manager, Jennifer Marshall, 512-634-1250,*** ***jmarshall@pacificahost.com*** ***or contact our in house Reservations Manager, Lovinia Rodriguez directly at 512-634-1275 or*** ***lrodriguez@pacificahost.com***

**NOTES**:

***Please note our hotel will be under renovation of the lobby/public space areas only. All guestrooms will not be affected as they have already been recently renovated.***

**Amenities Included:**

**Free Parking**

**Free Airport Shuttle to/from**

**Free Wi-Fi**