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2012 International Symposium on Life Care Planning
Denver, Colorado
Sept. 22, 2012

IARP Webinar Series:
Opportunities for Vocational Experts
Sept. 27, 2012

2012 IARP International Conference
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Oct. 25-27, 2012

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IARP Connect Updated to Improve Member Experience

Over the last month, several exciting updates have been made on [IARP Connect](#), the members-only area of the [IARP Web site](#). The most significant change involves the overall organization of the site and specifically the introduction of new navigation.

Changes to the navigation are designed to make it easier and more intuitive for members to find what they are looking for. Here is a quick overview:

Communities – Every section, every chapter and every committee now have their own mini-community on IARP Connect. Each community features a discussion group, resource library, blogging area, and directory of community members.

Participate – All the ways that you can participate (Post a Message, Share a Resource, Join Community, Write a Blog) are found in one location now.

Browse and Find – With more than 10,000 discussion posts and hundreds of valuable resources on IARP Connect, this new area makes it much easier to find what you need.

My Stuff – Here is where you will find all of your stuff, including your profile, your privacy setting, your discussion subscriptions and any content you have contributed.

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Early Bird Discount Offers Spur 2012 IARP International Conference Registration

We are happy to report that we have **exceeded 300 attendee registrations** so far with new attendees joining every day. This healthy turnout seems to be driven by several factors including the great location, and comprehensive program the conference committee has put together, along with the various incentives that were provided to attendees who registered before August 27th.

Attendees Who Have Booked Rooms, But Not Yet Registered, What Are You Waiting For?

If you have booked a room at the Caribe, but have not registered, we kindly ask that you do one of two things; either [register for the conference today](#), or please cancel your room reservation so that registered attendees can get into IARP's room block. Thank you!

International Conference Offers an In-depth Pre-Con Workshop on Life Care Planning (LCP) Basics

Life Care Planning - The Basics: Does It Fit into Your Future?

IARP members hail from a variety of clinical backgrounds. Most are exposed to LCP in their practice while working with individuals with disability. Kathie Allison and Karen Preston will present an all-day workshop (Thursday October 25th) giving the participant a baseline to critically evaluate LCPs and to see if LCP fit their future practice plan.

At the conclusion of the program, participants will be able to:

- > Identify standards of life care planning
- > List areas of care consideration for the development of a life care plan
- > Identify the process of obtaining costs for services identified in the life care plan

Conference Exhibitors

[Academy of Forensic Rehabilitation Research](#)

[American Board of Vocational Experts \(ABVE\)](#)

[Atlas Development Corporation](#)

[Bright Sun Technologies](#)

[Capital Law University](#)

[Cigna](#)

[EPI Rehabilitation](#)

[FIG Services](#)

[Gould & Lamb](#)

[Greater Options, P.C.](#)

[National Association of Disability Representatives \(NADR\)](#)

[SkillTran, Inc.](#)

[Touchstone Neurorecovery Center](#)

[UNUM](#)

Conference Sponsors

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IARP Virginia Chapter

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New Features on IARP Connect

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In addition to the introduction of a simplified navigation structure, we have also added a **new Recommend feature** that will help to better identify the best and most useful content on IARP Connect. When you see a discussion post, resource item or blog post that you think has valuable content, just click on the Recommend icon (see screen shot). With more than 10,000 pieces of content on IARP Connect (a number which grows everyday), it is important that everyone begin to use the Recommend feature as it will help to "make the cream rise to the top".

The screenshot shows an email interface for a discussion titled "Labor Law Decisions". The email is from William Goodrich to a group labeled "Forensic", dated August 29, 2012. The subject is "Labor Law Decisions". The message content discusses a website for legal decisions and mentions that registered users will receive regular updates. A red box highlights a "Recommend" button with a green thumbs-up icon, and a red arrow points to it with the text "Click on the Recommend icon when you see valuable content". Below the email content, there are links for "View Profile", "Add Contact", "Blog This", and "Contact Author".

Most Recommended Content

To take full advantage of this new feature, we have created a new page under Browse and Find, called [Most Recommended Content](#). Over time, this will probably become one of the most useful sections of IARP Connect.

The screenshot shows the "Most Recommended Content" page. It is divided into two main sections: "Most Recommended Discussions" and "Most Recommended Resources".
The "Most Recommended Discussions" section features a discussion titled "Even if you don't tweet..." by Steven Shedlin, posted in the "Forensic" group. It includes a profile picture and a brief description of the discussion. Below it, another discussion titled "Educational inferences with DOT transferability..." by R. Brad Coffey is shown.
The "Most Recommended Resources" section features a resource titled "The Experts' Express - July 2012" by IARP Headquarters, posted in "The Experts' Express". It includes a brief description of the resource. Below it, a resource titled "Quick Tour of IARP Connect" by Brett Wangman is shown, which is a video resource.

Upcoming Chapter Events

[IARP Ohio All Day Seminar](#)

Sept. 14, 2012
Columbus, OH

[2012 Annual IARP IL Seminar](#)

Sept. 20, 2012
Naperville, IL

[2012 Virginia Workers' Compensation Symposium](#)

Sept. 21, 2012
Hampton Roads, VA

[IARP Washington Fall Conference](#)

Sept. 21, 2012
Tacoma, WA

[IARP Arizona - ARA Fall 2012 Conference](#)

Sept. 21, 2012
Phoenix, AZ

[IARP New England Fall 2012 Conference](#)

Sept. 28, 2012
Portland, ME

IARP Member Benefit

The screenshot shows the "Return to Work Matters" website. It features a logo with a puzzle piece and the text "Return to Work Matters The power of partnerships". Below the logo, it states "An evidence-based best practice online resource for Return to Work Professionals." and lists several resources: Research updates, Case studies, Practical articles, Tools and templates to download, Handbooks & guides, and Weekly newsletter. A special discount for IARP members is offered with the promo code "IARP". The website URL "www.rtwmatters.com" is displayed at the bottom.



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Webinar Series

IARP CONNECT
Community. Education. Professional Growth.

Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

Forensic Discussions:

[depo dilemma](#)

[Referral advice](#)

[Disclosure of AA Participation/MH Issues?](#)

[2nd careers for former athletes](#)

[Source for bilateral use of upper extremities](#)

[tort reform law in Tenn](#)

SS-VE Discussions:

[Beyond The Grid](#)

[Transferable Skill](#)

[1 and 2 step tasks revisited](#)

[new solicitations for VEs and MEs](#)

[New BPA SSA-RFQ-12-1781](#)

IALCP Discussions:

[Long term care needs for client with schizophrenia](#)

[Pediatric PMR](#)

[American Board of Professional Counselors?](#)

Opportunities for Vocational Experts: Tips and Techniques to Expand Your Practice

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2012

7 am Hawaii, 9 am Pacific, 10 am Mountain, 11 am Central, 12 pm Eastern

Speaker: Steven Shedlin, MeD, CRC, Rehabilitation Experts of Maryland

2.0 CEUs Applied for: CRCC, CDMS, CVE, CWA, CCAA, ABVE, CLCP, MSCC, CCMC

Individuals who already understand what Vocational Experts do, will now learn different settings in which they can apply their skills. This will increase business opportunities for attendees as they learn of new opportunities in which they can serve as Vocational Experts, as well as ways in which they can adapt their skills to deal with the nuances that occur in different types of litigation.

Educational Objectives:

At the completion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Identify different types of matters in which a VE can provide service
2. Demonstrate cases in which disability is not an issue, but that are still applicable for VE's to provide service
3. Identify the skill set that they already possess, or need to learn, in order to deal with the nuances inherent in working on different types of litigated matters.

About the Presenter:



Steven Shedlin has worked as a vocational expert since the mid 1980's. He has been qualified as a VE in several hundred matters pending in state circuit courts and district federal courts throughout the United States. Shedlin has testified in matters related to medical malpractice, other personal injury torts, divorce, alleged employment discrimination, FELA, lead exposure, mold exposure, workers compensation appeals, product liability and other areas. Shedlin is the current president of IARP. He has served on the board of directors for three years. He is a past president of NARPPS and of the IARP Chesapeake chapter.

[Register Online for this Webinar](#)



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Welcome the Newest IARP Members

Please help us welcome the newest members of the IARP family. In August, we welcomed 16 new members into the association. To see more about a member, click on their name. This will take you to the new member's profile in the Member Directory on IARP Connect. Then use the Send Message link on their profile to send a welcome message.

Individual Professionals

[Laurel Bennett](#)

Forensic Section
California Chapter

[Kenny Boaz](#)

Social Security Vocational Expert Section
Members at Large

[Emily Cade](#)

Life Care Planners Section
Georgia Chapter

[Angela Fleming](#)

Canada Chapter
Life Care Planners Section

[Brian Harmon](#)

Illinois Chapter
Social Security Vocational Expert

[Jeffrey Joy](#)

Forensic Section
New England Chapter

[Barbara Krasa](#)

Life Care Planners Section
Pennsylvania Chapter

Individual Professionals

[Jennifer Lyon](#)

Life Care Planners Section
Forensic Section
Members at Large

[Sandra Mears](#)

Case Management Section
Carolinas Chapter

[Kathleen Ojudun](#)

Case Management Section
Florida Chapter

[Mark Raderstorf](#)

Forensic Section
Members at Large

[Kristine Skahan](#)

Social Security Vocational Expert Section
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[Lindsey Southerlin](#)

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Carolinas Chapter

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Case Management Section
Illinois Chapter

[Carrie Thomas](#)

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Forensic Section



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Calling All Volunteers

IARP realizes the strength and vitality of the association is powered by the volunteer spirit that resides within IARP members. To help organize and harness this volunteer spirit, IARP is introducing a new feature to IARP Connect – it's called Volunteer Central.

Volunteer

Welcome to the Volunteer Town Square where you can volunteer for projects that fit your interests, expertise and schedule. The process is easy!

- First, peruse the list of projects in the "Volunteer Opportunities" list below. You can also use the search filters to find the ones that suite you. To find out more about a specific project, click on the individual project where you will see more detailed information about each project.
- When you are ready to volunteer, click on the specific project you are interested in and click the words "Sign Up".
- Have fun working on your project. Simple as that.

Come back often to learn about new volunteer opportunities!

Filters

Interest Area	Travel Required	Time Commitment	Level of Effort
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Volunteer Category			
<input type="checkbox"/> Innovators <input type="checkbox"/> Planners <input type="checkbox"/> Proof Readers <input type="checkbox"/> Researchers <input type="checkbox"/> Writers <input type="checkbox"/> Show Closed Only			

[+ Add New Opportunity](#) [+ Alert Me](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Title	Status
IARP Marketing Plan Proposal Review	Accepting New Volunteers
IARP Newsletter Contributors/Authors	Accepting New Volunteers

Introduced in July, this new area on IARP Connect lets you see all the opportunities that are available across IARP for you to volunteer your time and expertise. Both short term projects and long term initiatives will be available.

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Free Ethics Webinar Available Now

In late November, IARP produced a free Ethics webinar entitled **Technology Ethics: Basics, Clinical Application, and Decision-Making**.

Mary Barros-Bailey and Vilia Tarvydas led this 2-hour webinar, which received rave reviews.

The On-Demand Replay of this webinar is now available for all members to view. Just [click on this link](#), register, and you will immediately receive a link to watch the replay. CEUs are also available.



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