

July 2010



International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals

## The Experts' Express

### Upcoming Events

International Symposium  
on Life Care Planning  
Orlando, FL  
Sept. 13-14

IARP Illinois  
Vocational Rehabilitation:  
Foundations For The New  
Decade  
Sept. 16

IARP Michigan  
Fall Conference  
Oct. 15

IARP Washington  
Fall Conference  
Oct. 22-23

IARP 2010 Forensic  
Conference – Rising to the  
Challenge  
New Orleans, LA  
Nov. 4-6

IARP CM/DM Conference  
– Creating a Culture of  
Care  
Scottsdale, AZ  
Feb. 11-13

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for more information.

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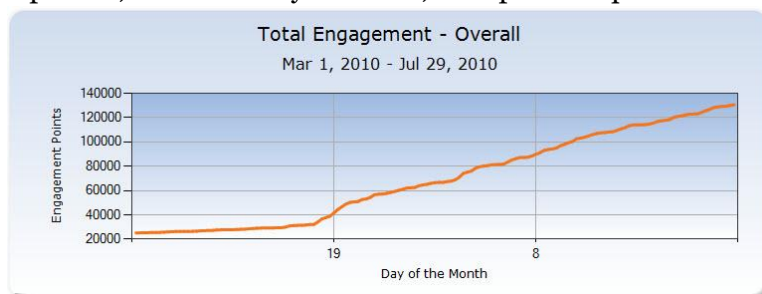
#### Unlocking Our Collective Potential – IARP Connect

It has been several months since IARP introduced its [new website](#) and new collaboration center, [IARP Connect](#). We thought this would be a good time to give all members an update on the progress we've made and the opportunities that lie ahead.



As of the end of July, we now have more than **550 members** who have successfully logged into the new website and officially joined IARP Connect. Every week, on average, **another 15 to 20 members take the time and make the plunge into IARP Connect.**

We have now gained a critical mass of members, and thus an unprecedented collection of rehabilitation experience and expertise, such that any member, who posts a question or asks for advice, usually receives a set of high quality responses in less than a couple hours. The transition to IARP Connect has not been without its hiccups, as members adjust to a new way of collaborating and staff works to implement improvements suggested by members. But guided by persistence and patience, we are all starting to reap the rewards of IARP's investment in its technology platform.



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## Focus on 2010 Forensic Conference

One of the ways to stay connected and learn new things is to attend conferences and network with other professionals. With the advent of social networking and list serves, we stay in touch on a technological basis. However, the mentorship and camaraderie of meeting new and established professionals is a huge advantage to attending a conference. Meeting and greeting others can provide a wealth of knowledge and friendships that benefit our work and our lives.

That's why we are so excited about the 2010 Forensic Conference where our pre-conference will have two focuses: one for the new professional and the second for those looking for advanced training.

We'd love to have you join us in New Orleans! What do you want to know about effective testimony? What is your resiliency score? How do you understand and apply recommendations for new technology in brain injuries? How do you assess a diligent job search? What might be a better way to answer that tough or tricky question in deposition or trial?

Have you considered transitional plan development for special education students as a potential service delivery area?

Do you want to participate in an actual work propensity study? As a SSVE, do you want more

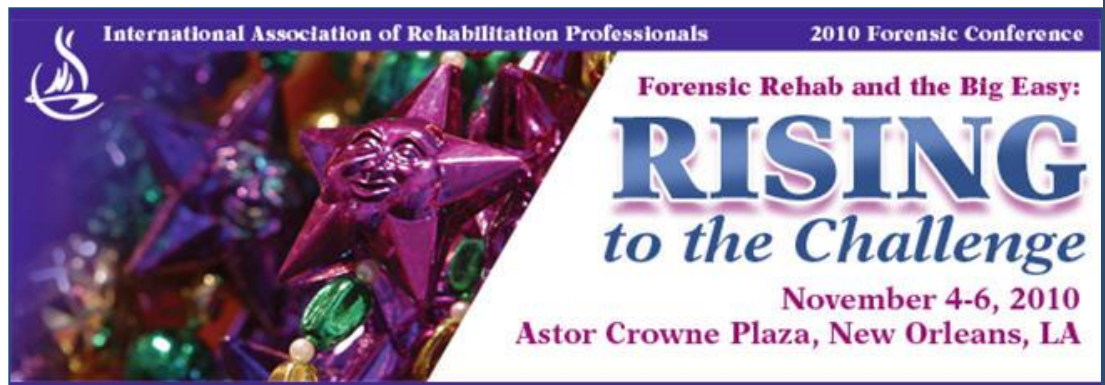
hands on information and guidance to prepare for the hearings? Do you want to learn new ways to integrate Internet search tools into your work? Is there an acceptable level of absenteeism from work? Would you like to learn new techniques for analyzing data and hypotheticals given in SS hearings? How best can you handle complicated life care plans and support your recommendations in court?

Come to the 2010 Forensic Conference and explore these questions, find the answers, identify new ways to do your job and spend some time with old friends and new acquaintances! Please take a look at the program and plan on joining us in Nawlins in November!

See you there for beignets and café au lait!

Anne Savage Veh, MA, LPCC, CLCP  
IARP Forensic Conference Chair,  
IARP Forensic Section Board Chair

Get complete conference details at: <http://rehabpro.org/documents/2010brochure.pdf>  
Register online today at: <http://www.goeshow.com/iarp/annual/2010/>



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## Forensic Section Leads the Way on IARP Connect

IARP Sections					
eGroup	Posts	Files	Subscribers	Last Posting	Actions
<a href="#">Forensic</a>	<a href="#">770</a>	<a href="#">10</a>	209	07-30-2010 14:33	<a href="#">info</a> <a href="#">diqest</a> <a href="#">post</a>

Currently, the highest concentration of collaboration on IARP Connect is found within the Forensic Section's eGroup. More than 200 members have subscribed to this eGroup and that number is growing every week. There have already been 770 posts and quite a few healthy, constructive and highly educational conversations.

## Updating Your Professional Calling Card – Your Profile

In addition to increased activity in the eGroups, we are also seeing more and more members take the opportunity to edit, improve, and enhance their Member Profile that is located on IARP Connect, under Directory. IARP has always been unique in the fact that it makes its Member Directory publically available. Members have complete control over what information in their Profile is viewable by the public, what is viewable by other members and what is private. Our records show that members are updating their contact information, adding their education, confirming their Certifications and Licenses and adding their pictures to their profiles.

### My IARP Profile



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##### Current IARP Activities:

Members at Large, Forensic Conference Committee, Coffee Talk, Forensics Section

[Add Jan as contact](#)  
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##### Education

Masters  
Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling  
  
Bachelors  
Music Education

##### Certifications

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor

##### Licenses

ABVE, Diplomate; QRC

#### IARP Member Referral Program [click here](#)

You and Jan Lowe have no contacts in common

#### Groups

##### Chapters

[Members at Large](#)

##### Committees

[Forensic Conference Committee](#)

[General Discussions](#)

If you would like to update your profile, please visit the tutorials we have produced that show you how: <http://www.rehabpro.org/resources/help/tutorials/tutorials>

## Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

### Forensic eGroup:

- Tattoos/piercings in relation to evaluation of employability
- Earning capacity of a minor
- Daubert challenge support

### SS-VE eGroup:

- Expert conflict?
- Contract reporters

### Life Care Planners eGroup:

- LCP request for help--with a prize!
- Medicare and Rights of Subrogation

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## IARP Members Proving to Be Quite “Tech Savvy” After All

When developing and launching the new IARP web site, which includes new e-commerce capabilities that enable members to register events and pay their dues online using the IARP Store, IARP staff debated whether IARP members would use these new online features. Traditionally, registering for a Webinar or paying dues involved filling out and faxing back an application and many members had become quite comfortable with this approach.

But the debate has ended based on what we just experienced with our **July Webinar – Job Numbers and Labor Market Resources for Occupations**, presented by Jeff Truthan. Not only was the Webinar a smashing success with more than 160 registrants, it gave us a snapshot into the relative “tech savvy” of our members.

Of the 164 registrants, 116 of them registered online for the Webinar – which means more than 70% used the new online features. And why not? It took them less time and they received an online e-mail receipt and immediate confirmation with instructions on how to access the webinar. Many of the registrants also took the opportunity, during the check out process, to renew their membership dues with a couple extra clicks. Again, saving themselves and staff valuable time.

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Equally exciting was the number of non-members who created visitor accounts on the new website and then registered online for this event. 29 non-members registered for the event using our new online capabilities. Hopefully, these non-members received a great introduction to the quality of IARP educational programming and the efficiency of our new systems.

- Brett Wangman (IARP, Director of Technology)

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## I am IARP Featured Profile

Meet Kathy Mundy, a Case Manager, Disability Manager, Forensic Expert, Life Care Planner and SSA-VE with more than a 35 years experience.

I use research to promote quality outcomes.  
I am a Life Care Planner.  
I am IARP.



(Kathy is featured in the "I am IARP" campaign)

"I was fortunate enough to have gotten a student stipend in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling through the University of N. Colorado. I immediately went into the field as a Vocational Evaluator, working at a comprehensive rehabilitation facility. I have always tried to keep abreast of the most recent developments in the field and have continued learning every year I have been in this field. It has been a most rewarding career. There should never be burn out in a field so wide open to options."

Read more at [www.RehabPro.org/about-iarp](http://www.RehabPro.org/about-iarp).



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**Important:**

If you have not registered for the conference, please note that after August 12, 2010, the **registration fee increases to \$425.**



To register, visit  
<http://www.islcp.org/registration2.html>.

There are still openings  
in the post-conference  
programs.

## IARP Webinar Series

Missed one or more of IARP's Webinar Series? No worries. You can still access any of these previous Webinars and earn CEUs.

### IARP's On Demand Archive

- Job Numbers and Labor Market Resources for Occupations
- What Works at Work Following TBI
- SSDI Clients' Options for Returning to Competitive Employment
- Adaptive Transportation Safety
- SSA Vocational Experts: The Basics
- Neurofunctional Assessment: How to Find out What You Really Need to Know to Plan for Your Clients
- Functional Capacity Evaluation: What Can We Get out of It?

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