

**Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges & Universities(GCCCU)**

**Disability Services Directors Group**

**Presents:**

“Rising to the Challenge of Transitioning  
from High School to Higher Education”

**Friday, November 21, 2008**

**Harry T. Wilks**

**Conference Center**

**Miami University – Hamilton Campus**

**1601 University Boulevard**

**Hamilton, Ohio**

Students with disabilities are transitioning to post-secondary institutions in greater numbers than ever before. Differences in the laws that govern secondary and post-secondary institutions have created challenges for the transition process.

**Conference Schedule:**

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| 8:00-8:30   | Check-In/Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30-9:30   | Keynote Presentation           |
| 9:45-10:30  | Breakout Session 1             |
| 10:45-11:30 | Breakout Session 2             |
| 11:45-12:30 | Closing Session/Student Panel  |

**Breakout Sessions Include:**

- Learning Disabilities
- Cognitive Disabilities
- Assistive Technology Resources
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Rehabilitation Services Commission (BVR/BSVI)

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**Featured Speakers and Presentations:**

**Keynote Speaker:**

Debra Merchant, J.D.  
Director of Disability Services  
University of Cincinnati

**Panelists Include:**

Dr. Leisa Pickering  
Learning Disabilities Consultant  
University of Kentucky

Debra Mato  
Director, Project EXCEL  
College of Mt. St. Joseph

Sandy Bens  
Assistant Director, Project EXCEL  
College of Mt. St. Joseph

Lisa Besnoy  
Director, Testing & Disability Services  
Northern Kentucky University

Marcie Mendelsohn  
Transition Coordinator  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Jennifer Radt  
Director, Disability Services Office  
University of Cincinnati-Clermont

Steve Sunderland  
Professor, Director of the Peace Village  
University of Cincinnati

Carol Weber  
Rehabilitation Technology Branch  
Manager, Kentucky Office of  
Vocational Rehabilitation

Joe Link  
Adjunct Faculty, School of Education  
Xavier University

Ohio Rehabilitation Services  
Commission

**Registration Information:**

The cost of the conference is \$15.00 which includes a continental breakfast and parking. Registration may be completed online at <http://www.gcccu.org/events/>. You will be invoiced after completing the online form. Payment is available by check only. Please advise us at the time of registration if you have special needs.

**Directions:**

Directions to the Miami University-Hamilton Campus can be found at:  
<http://www.ham.muohio.edu/maps/index.htm>

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