



The Stakeholders say ...

a newsletter to help with strategic planning

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UPCOMING EVENTS

*Community
Café
Conversation,
April 28, 2009
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Johnston Hall,
Miami University,
Middletown

*Listening Session,
for Individual
Providers of
Supports,

April 6, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Fairfield Public
Library
(Contacts: Robin
Thomas or Heida
Powers)

Plans are under
way for
“Community
Café
Conversations”
in Hamilton,
Fairfield, and
West Chester as
well. Some time
before April 30.

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SELF-ADVOCATES TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE! (Part 1)

What help do people need to get good jobs, have their own businesses, get their own homes and use their own money?

→ So that people with disabilities can get real, good jobs, those people will need:

- Education and job-training, and
- Work experience

These can best be offered through good employment coordinators and good job coaches, and more of both are needed. If we want more people to have good jobs, we'll need to focus on the ways they can best get training and experience.

→ If people with disabilities have ideas about businesses or partnerships, they will need:

- Training in how to set up and run a business
- Advice and guidance about businesses
- MONEY—either grants or loans to start and sustain a business.

→ People who want their own homes will need jobs that produce income and ways to save money for a house. It may sometimes make sense to share a home with someone else, to be able to share the costs of rent and other bills.

Those of us who have jobs and earn money LIKE doing so, and we think that more people with disabilities want jobs and incomes of their own.

Other thoughts from EPRO
members in the next issue!

**“EMPOWERED PEOPLE
REACHING OUT” (EPRO)
TALKS ABOUT WHAT
MEMBERS WANT AND
NEED**

EPRO LEADERS PICK QUESTIONS FOR GROUP

Leaders of EPRO got together ahead of the group's regular March 19 meeting to decide what issues would be of greatest interest to members. They decided on these five questions:

1. What help do people need to get good jobs, have their own businesses, get their own homes and use their own money?
2. What help do you want in order to work out problems with staff or providers? How can you be heard better by staff and teams?
3. How can people get to the places they want and need to go?
4. What do you do for fun, and what would help you to have more enjoyment in life?
5. How can we, EPRO members and others with disabilities, talk to and be heard by our government (city, county, state, US)?