

PART 1 ONLY: Intentional DEI

Start Date: 10/8/2020 9:00 AM

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REGISTRATION FOR PART 1 ONLY! The Right Talent, Right Now Symposium Series
Intentional DEI Recruitment Strategies October 8th 9:00am - 11:30am *held virtually via
ZOOM* This program has been pre-approved for 2.5 Professional Development Credits (PDCs) by the
Society for Human Resource Management and 2.5 HR General credits by the HR Certification Institute
At this pivotal time in our

shared history, talent solutions—are needed now more than ever. The unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities and many minority populations is at alarming levels, while businesses struggle to fill job openings and to find the right talent, right now. How do we survive and thrive in this new normal? How does Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) adjust to these times? How do underserved populations find a workplace that feels like home? Our impactful educational and professional development series offers three sessions that give organizational leaders, workforce preparation agencies, and Human Resource/Staffing professionals the opportunity to learn strategies for improving employment results. This ultimately improves business outcomes through attracting, retaining and advancing the broadest diversity in talent.

This session will explain how

recruiting diverse talent requires new thinking and action. The workforce participation rate is currently 61%. With COVID-19, the Racial Equity Movement, and the change in our nation's demographics and marketplace, businesses need to examine their practices to ensure they are attracting and modeling an inclusive workplace. What will attendees learn/gain from this session? Attendees will learn from experts

on best practices in the recruiting, interviewing and selection processes We will demonstrate innovative ways to find diverse candidate The business case for hiring people with disabilities and other historical barriers will presented Participants will receive education on unconscious bias and microaggressions in the workplace About the speakers: Joseph L. Searles, Jr., a Rochester native, is corporate diversity relations director for Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. Under his leadership, the organization has evolved its diverse and inclusive culture and as a result has received local and national recognition, including "Diversity Leader Awards" from Profiles in Diversity Journal; "Best Place to Work for LGBT Policies" from Human Rights Campaign; and the "Community Service Award" from Ibero American Action League. Searles earned Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in organizational management from Roberts Wesleyan College. He enjoys photography, traveling and spending time with his family. Jim Scutt will present on how employers can

best work with disability providers. Jim is an Associate Vice President at People Inc. located in Western New

York, one of the largest providers of disability employment services in NYS. Jim has over 20 years of experience in all aspects of disability employment and has presented at dozens of conferences. In addition to his job at People Inc., he also serves as president of the New York State Association of People Supporting