

2024 Workers' Compensation Educational Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 9					
Registration	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast			
Opening Session	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	State of the industry: Update - Matt West, Interim Administrator, WCD (40 min.) Modernization update - Heather Williamson, Modernization Program Manager, WCD (20 min.)			
Breakouts	9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> WC101: From Injury to Closure, Pt. 1 - Jaylee Hlad-Mosgrove, Chief Asst. Ombuds, Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers; Dan Schmelling, Claims Supervisor, SAIF Corp.; Julie Stratton, Benefit Consultant, BCU, WCD </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> The Preferred Worker Program – Demisting Benefits with a Case Study - Christy Johnson, Re-employment Specialist & Jennifer Rice, Worksite Modification Consultant, PWP, WCD </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> Improving workplace safety through psychological safety - Andy Rohner, Sr. Safety Management Consultant & Toni King-Byous, DEI Business Partner, SAIF Corp. </td> </tr> </table>	WC101: From Injury to Closure, Pt. 1 - Jaylee Hlad-Mosgrove, Chief Asst. Ombuds, Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers; Dan Schmelling, Claims Supervisor, SAIF Corp.; Julie Stratton, Benefit Consultant, BCU, WCD	The Preferred Worker Program – Demisting Benefits with a Case Study - Christy Johnson, Re-employment Specialist & Jennifer Rice, Worksite Modification Consultant, PWP, WCD	Improving workplace safety through psychological safety - Andy Rohner, Sr. Safety Management Consultant & Toni King-Byous, DEI Business Partner, SAIF Corp.
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Reception	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Reception with Exhibitors			
Friday, May 10					
Breakfast	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast			
Keynote	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Keynote: Both sides of the Bar - Sydney Montanaro, Attorney, Thomas, Coon, Newton, & Frost; Lauren Oda, Attorney, SBH Legal; Kirsten Schrock, Resolution Section Manager, WCD			
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