

A Vision Beyond 20/10 Dakotas Chapter AER Conference

The **annual AER Conference will be held at the Ramada Convention Center April 7-9, 2010 in Aberdeen, SD.** The conference will offer a variety of educational and inspirational options for attendees.

The first day of the conference will focus on orientation and mobility. Presenters, who are noted for a wealth of experience, include Jane Mundschenk and Martin Pfothenauer, Orientation and Mobility Specialists from the SD School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Paul Olson, Orientation and Mobility Specialist and Program Director, ND Vision Services and School for the Blind; and Bob Smith and Ardell Fiedler, South Dakota Rehabilitation Center for the Blind. Sioux Falls, SD. Sessions will include “What is O & M and Why be Trained? “, “A Review of Literature in Orientation & Mobility”, and “Orientation/GPS/Web-based Mapping”.

The second and third days boast math sessions, “Accessible Math Tools and Technology, Pre-K-12+”, by Susan Osterhaus, well-known math teacher and consultant from the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Attendees will gain from Susan’s 30+ years of experience in refining math teaching strategies and her creation of workable adaptations for youth who are blind or visually impaired.

Other presenters and presentations include: Robert A. (Bob) Prentice, motivational speaker, author, and publisher from Wessington, South Dakota, who will speak on “Time Management” and “Attitudes for Excellence”; Dr. Curt Wischmeier, Ophthalmologist, Aberdeen, SD, who will speak on “The Effects of Smoking on Vision”; Nancy Hartung, MSN, RN, Aberdeen, SD, who will speak on “Diabetes as It Relates to Vision”; and Candice Lee (SDSBVI Speech Language Pathologist) and Julie VanDover (SDSBVI Outreach Consultant), who will share their “Tactile Experience Books”. Attendees will also gain knowledge and inspiration from a group of panelists who are visually impaired.

For more conference details check the following websites: **sdsbvi.northern.edu**; **ndvisionservices.com** or contact **Jodi Carlsgaard** or **Jane Mundschenk** at **605-626-2580** or toll free at **1-888-275-3814**.