

Societal and Workplace Advocate for People with Disabilities to Deliver Keynote
(*Advocacy, Employment, Accessibility, Disability, Health*)

September 10, 2010 (National Distribution)- Community Options, Inc. a national nonprofit organization that has been developing homes and employment for people with disabilities since 1989, will be holding its 5th Annual iMatter Conference on September 27, 2010- September 30, 2010.

The “Advocacy – Connect. Share. Live,” national conference will be taking place at the W Hotel in Dallas. The conference will be the culmination of a years worth of work by parent groups the organization has assembled across the country to increase access and resources for children with disabilities.

On Tuesday from 1:45-2:45, Dana Marlowe, Principal Partner of Accessibility Partners, LLC will be conducting a breakout session for the national Advocacy conference on the breakdown of attitudinal barriers for people with disabilities.

Prior to Accessibility Partners, Ms. Marlowe was the Senior Vice President at TecAccess, LLC, where she created corporate partnerships with corporations and through those efforts generated over five million dollars of revenue annually. Dana has an impressive record in business management, marketing, and communications as it relates to accessible technology and disability in both government and private industry. She has served on numerous committees and performed national speaking engagements with such agencies as the Federal Communications Commission (Consumer Advisory Committee 2004-2005), Interagency Disability Educational Awareness Showcase (IDEAS) Advisory Board (2005), National Organization of Disability, and DC Metro Business Leadership Network board (2008-2009).

Most recently, Dana has been invited to present to countries throughout South America, Europe, and Africa on topics ranging from disability employment and assistive technology, to the business case for accessible technology. In the past few years, she was the keynote speaker at the International Information and Communication Technology and Accessibility Conference in Africa, as well as the keynote at the Conference on Assistive Technologies for the Vision and Hearing-Impaired in Spain.



*Dana Marlowe, Accessibility Partners,
LLC*

Dana has also written several articles that have appeared in such diverse publications as *Professional Woman's Magazine*, “*The Chicago Tribune*”, *Teen Ink*, *Sign News*, and *Deaf Women United*. With over fifteen years dedicated in the accessibility industry, Dana is known for her stewardship in advocating for all aspects of disability rights. She lives in Maryland, with her husband, toddler, and one very sweet Labrador Retriever who is actually the real boss of the house.

For more information about Community Options and the conference, please visit them at www.comop.org or www.comop.org/conference. Follow the organization on Facebook, or follow them on Twitter at COINATIONAL.