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## ***Better Together: Supporting a Successful Transition to Adulthood***

**February 1, 2022**

**4:00 – 5:30 pm (ET) OR 7:00 – 8:30 pm (ET)**

**Allison Meloy and Katie Scheetz  
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)**

### **Program Description:**

*Better Together: Supporting a Successful Transition to Adulthood* is designed for parents and professionals who are preparing their child or student to transition from high school to adult life. While IDEA does not formally begin this process until age 14, we believe transition planning begins in early childhood! Allison Meloy and Katie Scheetz will present information on how Ohio's vocational rehabilitation (VR) personnel can partner with schools and families to prepare their child/student for a successful career; and provide an overview of the OOD VR process, examples of services, and helpful hints for getting the most out of working with VR.

### **Speakers:**

**Allison Meloy** comes to us with a wide range of experience in the rehabilitation and blindness fields. She has been with OOD for over two years, most recently in the Cincinnati office as a Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) counselor. Prior to moving to Ohio, she was a VR supervisor with the California Department of Rehabilitation for nearly three years. In addition, she has about 6.5 years of combined experience as a VR counselor for California's BSVI equivalent and for the Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services in Pittsburgh, PA.

Allison has a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor's degree in English and Music from Chatham University. Originally from Pittsburgh, Allison now lives with her husband in the Cincinnati area.

**Katie Scheetz** is the Program Manager for Deaf Services at Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). She has also served as a Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf (RCD) and Employer Services Specialist for OOD. Katie's specialty



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is connecting resources and developing programs. She is especially proud of the Deaf Adult Literacy Partnership she created with the Department of Higher Education, the Ohio School for the Deaf, and the Delaware Area Career Center.

## Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

1. Describe the VR process in Ohio
2. Understand how schools and VR work together
3. Identify when to make a referral to VR
4. Identify some of the services available to students
5. Understand the role of the parent or professional in helping their student stay engaged with the VR counselor

**Target Audience:** Parents, educators, related services providers, transition coordinators, and agency personnel

**Registration link:** Feb. 1, 2022 (4-5:30 PM): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCDBEbettogetherFeb1A>  
Feb. 1, 2022 (7-8:30 PM): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCDBEbettogetherFeb1B>

**Contact hours:** 1 contact hour upon completion of session evaluation

**Questions:** Contact Kathy Richards via e-mail at [kathryn.richards@uc.edu](mailto:kathryn.richards@uc.edu)

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