**ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SEMINAR**

**Charles W. McDowell Center – Louisville, KY**

**February 5th and 6th, 2025**

**AGENDA**

**Overview of Goals:**

**Upon completion of this seminar participants will be able to:**

* Educate clients who express an interest in working with a guide dog about the guide dog lifestyle, the GDB program and services.
* Determine the readiness of clients to train and work/live with a guide dog.
* Prepare potential guide dog users for guide dog mobility by:
  + Assisting clients with the transition from a cane to a guide dog
  + Teaching basic Juno work
  + Working with clients to focus on sensory awareness and non-tactile travel involved with guide dog mobility.
* Assess an applicant’s travel skills and report to GDB on these and other qualification requirements, (O&M report)
* Provide advanced orientation assistance to active graduates in the field by:
  + Teaching routes through the use of back-chaining & patterning
  + Assisting graduates with targeting objects/places when they choose to use the clicker with their guide dogs.

**Day 1 – Preparing and Assessing Clients for the Guide Dog Lifestyle**

8:30am

* Welcome and introductions
* ACVREP credits and sign-in sheet

8:45am Video presentation: “Campus Life”

**The Juno Exercise**

9:00am Video presentation: “Juno – Individual Skills & Positions”.

9:15am Discussion about Juno

9:30am Participants break into pairs

GDB Instructor teaches Juno to first member of a pair, (O&M experiences Juno under blindfold while their partner without blindfold gets to observe).

10:00am SWAP – second O&M completes Juno under blindfold with GDB instructor, their partner observes.

Juno practice continues in this fashion until all pairs covered.

10:30am Break

10:45am Q&A about Juno experience

11:00am Video presentation: “Juno – Challenges & Considerations”.

11:45am Q&A about Juno/video

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm PowerPoint Presentation:

“Assisting Clients to Become Ready for Guide Dog Mobility & the Guide Dog Lifestyle”.

2:00 pm Break

2:15pm Discussion: Sensory awareness and developing travel strategies for guide dog mobility

**Day 1 contd.**

2:30pm Video presentation: “Developing Travel Skills for Guide Dog Mobility”.

3:15pm Break

3:30 pm General Q&A session

Review of the day

**End of Day -- DON’T FORGET TO SIGN OUT!!!**

**Day 2 – GDB Admissions Process and Working with Guide Dog Teams**

8:30am Q&A follow-up regarding discussions and exercises from previous day

Criteria for admission to GDB and the application process

9:30am Break

9:45am Video presentations: “Tips for Working with Guide Dog Teams”

“Providing Route Orientation to Guide Dog Teams”

Practical Demonstrations:

Route 1, TBD - (back-chaining method).

Route 2, TBD- (patterning method).

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Discussion about the GDB class experience

Discussion about GDB client services

Recognizing when a GDB team needs assistance

2:00pm Break

2:15pm PowerPoint Presentation: The Guide Dogs for the Blind O&M Immersion.

3:00pm Break

3:15pm General Q&A

Review of the day

Completion of participant survey

3:30pm **End of Seminar – DON’T FORGET TO SIGN OUT!!!**