



# 2023 Innovation Series

Relationships Matter

**Innovation Series Kick Off Event**  
**April 4, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm**

# Agenda

Time	Topic Area
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Welcome – Director Hauck
10:10 AM – 10:20 AM	Introductions & Innovation Series Overview – Britta Hough & Kelly Schuck
10:20 AM – 10:25 AM	Innovation Spotlight Video
10:25 AM – 11:00 AM	Keynote Address – Stew Jones Facilitated by Britta Hough
11:00 AM – 11:05 AM	BREAK
11:05 AM – 11:40 AM	Keynote Address – Jennifer White, Able Opportunities, Inc.
11:40 AM – 11:45 AM	Innovative Spotlight Video
11:45 AM – 12:00 AM	Wrap Up & Next Steps – Jim Bennett

# Quality Innovation

- The [Quality and Innovation team](#) ensures that Ohioans with developmental disabilities have increased opportunities to live, love, work, learn, and pursue their own life aspirations through state-of-the-art planning, innovative technology, and support that focuses on their talents, interests, and skills.
- This team is responsible for the [OhioISP](#), [Technology First](#), [Employment First](#), and [Ohio LifeCourse Nexus](#) initiatives.
- The vision of our work is to have an integrated system that helps and empowers people to live their best life.

# What is Innovation?

- Innovation means:
- Supports and services are so fantastic that they provide a model for others to use.
- This new model can help people rethink what can be done and imagine ideas for the future.

# FOCUS ON STORIES

In 2023 we will be focusing on stories that show the relationships that helped people move forward in one of these areas:

- Employment
- Technology
- Transition to Adulthood
- Supporting People with Significant Needs
- Plans & Outcomes



# Why are we Talking about Innovation?

We want our system to support all people to live their best life.

- One way to do this is to show how relationships and networks support each person to reach their outcomes.
- We want to share stories that show the relationships and networks that have helped people in our system to do the things they want to do in their life.

# The History of the Innovation Series

- The series has been in place over the last 6+ years to improve person-centered planning, community membership, and employment opportunities for individuals across Ohio.
- In 2022 we pivoted from "transformation" to a focus on "innovation," with the goals to:
  - share reflections, stories, and strategies learned and implemented,
  - honor the relationships and collaboration of providers and stakeholders,
  - and leverage our shared experiences to create and cultivate better systems of support.







# Innovation Spotlight Video I

Highlights from the 2022 Innovation  
Series Kickoff

# Keynote Address with Stew Jones



# Stew Jones

Advocate, Brain Injury Survivor,  
Published Poet, and Motivational  
Speaker

"Never take no for an  
answer when building a  
dream"

-Stew Jones



Rep Nancy Pelosi Staff



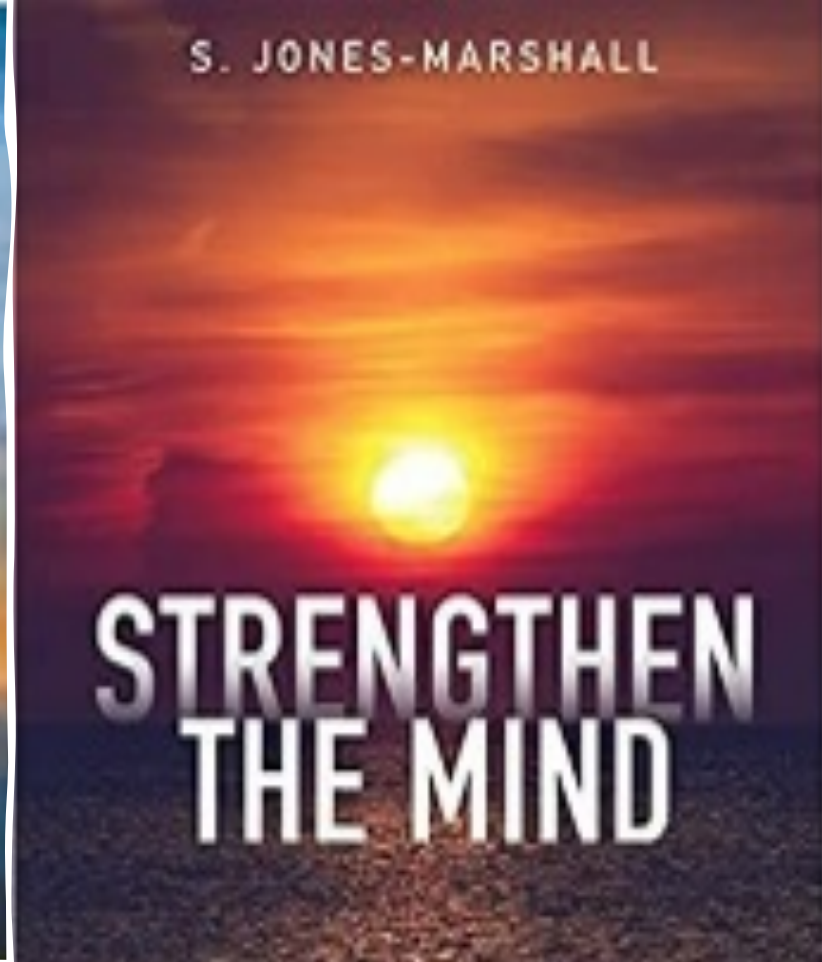
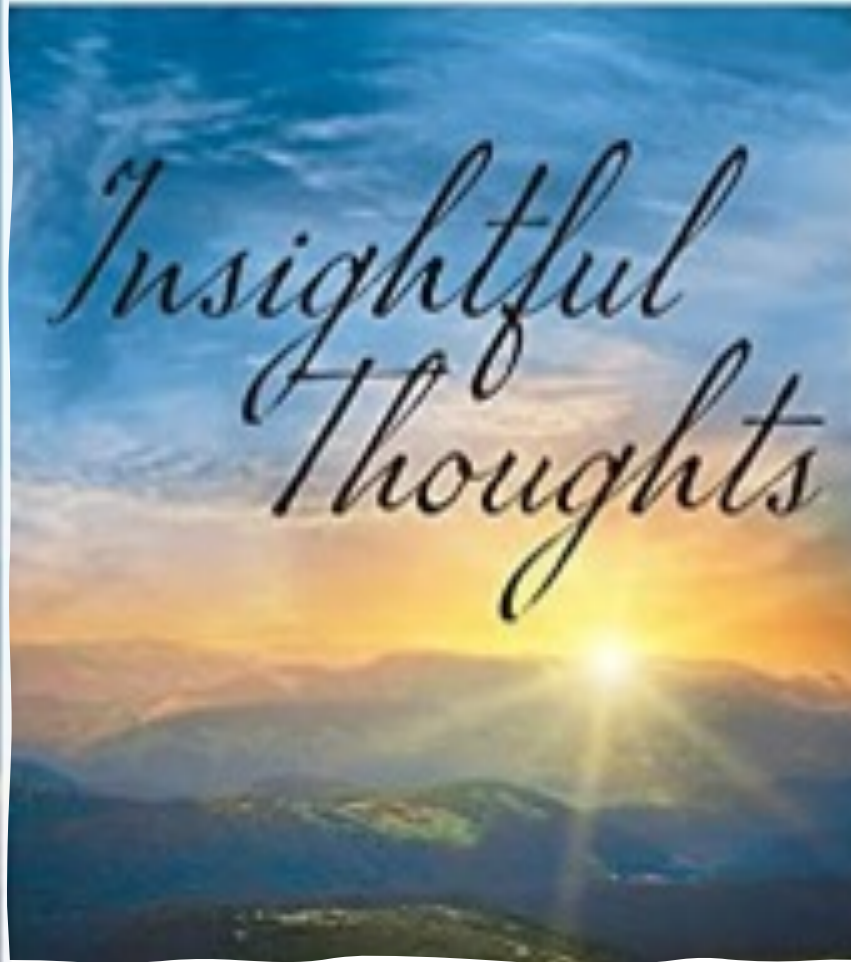
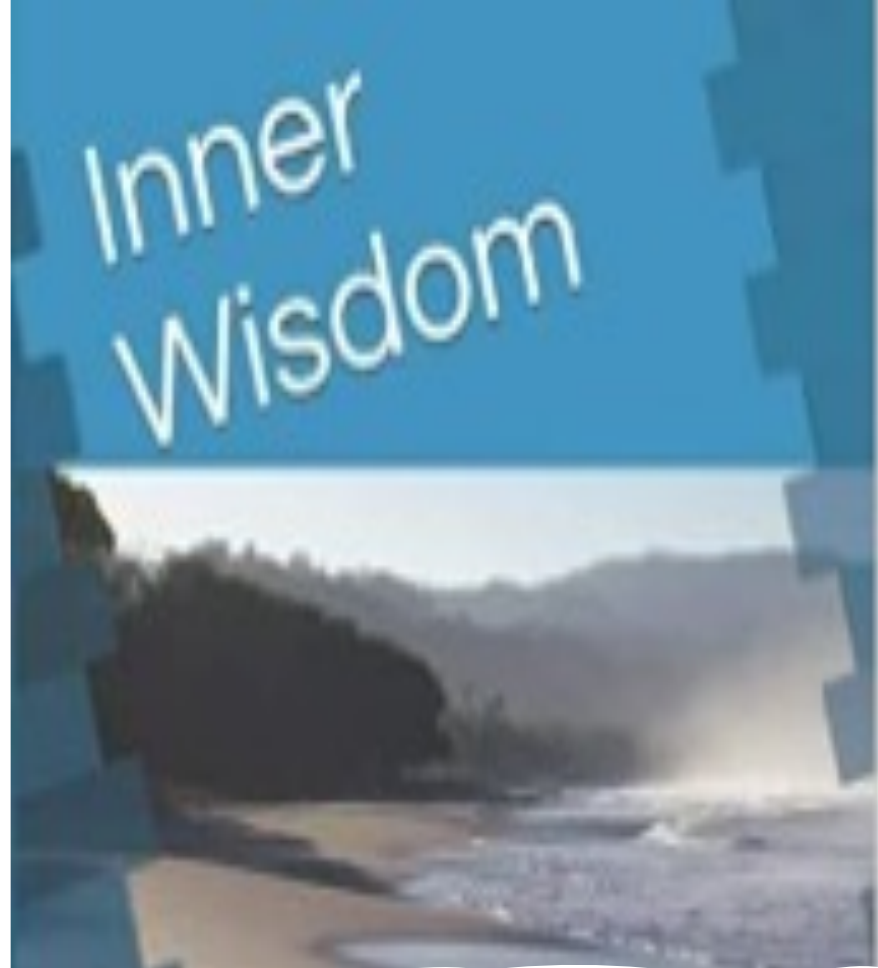
Rep Stenny Hoyer Staff

*Lose*

It can be harmful  
If I lose my self-confidence

In my ability  
To connect with others  
In government





## Books

“Opening yourself to the messages within these book, you may begin to understand that a person’s abilities are not always apparent. It’s with this knowledge, that I’ve learned how to help people. Knowing what society may say your disability is will only be if you allow it to consume your being.” -Stew Jones

# Changing Lives, One Step at a Time

My work is rooted in three goals: empowering, educating, and mentoring survivors.



**Empowerment:** Stu inspires persons with disabilities and survivors of traumatic injuries by shining a light on the way forward and showing them what they need to do to achieve their goals.



**Education:** Stu provides survivors with the resources they need to heal, advocate for their rights, and connect with other survivors. Stu also shows survivors how to access various services that will increase their quality of life.



**Mentorship:** Stu works closely with survivors to guide them toward the path of healing and upward mobility. Regardless of where they are in their journey, Stu is a source of moral support, optimism, and positivity.

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## *Array*

I have a vast array of knowledge  
But this knowledge  
Has come with a price

My body  
Has had to pay the price

Because of my physical limitations  
There are things I find difficult

But mentally I'm sharp as a tack  
Which draws me into learning  
How to help others



Break





A large audience is seated in a theater, facing a stage. A speaker is visible on the stage, and a large screen displays a silhouette of a person. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Keynote Address with Jennifer White, Able Opportunities, Inc.

# Innovation Spotlight Video II

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# Questions

# Series Details

- April 4<sup>th</sup> - **Virtual Launch/Kickoff**
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – **Virtual Session on Employment**
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – **Virtual Session on Technology**
- April 25<sup>th</sup> - **Virtual Session on Transition to Adulthood**
- *All virtual sessions will be from 10:00am-12:00pm.*



# Series Details II

- **May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Virtual Session on Supporting People with Significant Needs**
- **May 9<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Session on Plans & Outcomes**
- **May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Live In-Person Summit at the OCLC in Dublin, Ohio  
10:00am-4:00pm**
- Register for any future sessions [here.](#)
- *All virtual sessions will be from 10:00am-12:00pm.*

Thank you!

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