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PRESS RELEASE

## Emory Valley Center Hosts First “Innovation to Independence” Conference

**(Oak Ridge, TN) - October 10, 2019** - Emory Valley Center announced today, it is hosting its first fall conference focusing on “Innovation to Independence.”

The conference is FREE (**registration is required**) and will be held Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Emory Valley Center’s Caldwell-Thompson building, 723 Emory Valley Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

The conference is open to the general public, people and families supported by Emory Valley Center, area agencies supporting people with disabilities, and staff. Some breakout sessions throughout the day will include topics such as: Self-Advocacy, How to Identify a Church, Introduction to Enabling Technology, Prescription and Non-Prescription Drugs in the Workforce, Affordable Housing - Home Ownership and Tenancy, Budgeting Managing Your Own Healthcare and more. Many special guests from the community will be leading breakout sessions throughout the day.

Each attendee will receive a SWAG bag of items upon check-in, and a catered lunch will be provided during a program recognizing people Emory Valley Center Supports and awards for Community Employers. Sponsors for the conference include: United Healthcare, BlueCare of Tennessee, Clinton Civitan Club, Take Out Thyme Catering and DoubleTree Hotel in Oak Ridge. The conference is FREE, but registration is required by Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and there is limit on the number of attendees.

To register for the conference, please email ReNee’ Pelicano at [renee.pelicano@evcmail.org](mailto:renee.pelicano@evcmail.org) or by phone at 813-0582.



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**Emory Valley Center** has been meeting the needs of people with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities in the East Tennessee community for **64 years** and currently provides a wide variety of services including: Community Integration, Education, Employment, Family Assistance, Pre-Vocational Training, Residential and Senior Services. **This support reaches more than 1,400 adults and children, monthly in 16 East Tennessee counties.**

To learn more about Emory Valley Center and their programs and services, visit [www.emoryvalleycenter.org](http://www.emoryvalleycenter.org), follow them on facebook, [www.facebook.com/emoryvalleycenter](https://www.facebook.com/emoryvalleycenter) and Instagram, [emory.valley.center](https://www.instagram.com/emory.valley.center) for program/success stories and photos.