

# **Brent C. Simonds, MSW**

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## **Education**

**The Ohio State University** Columbus, OH  
Master of Social Work June 12, 2005

**The Ohio State University** Columbus, OH  
Bachelor of Science in Social Work June 13, 2004

## **Social Work Experience**

**Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment (MOBILE)** Columbus, OH  
Advocacy Coordinator August 2009 – Present

- Oversees and manages MOBILE's Advocacy Network
- Advocates for increased community accessibility for individuals with disabilities.
- Works with consumers on individual advocacy issues and social work related topics.
- Acts as agency liaison to various committees, boards and panels to advocate for disability issues.
- Presents regularly in the community on a variety of disability issues.
- Acts as "Education Coordinator" for OSU College of Social Work
- Supervises Social Work interns assigned to MOBILE by the Ohio State University
- Developed training materials teaching staff to accurately enter new consumer information into database.
- Developed new intake packet in order to improve record keeping and accuracy.
- Collaborates with IT Coordinator to oversee quality assurance of consumer records and database at the center

**Barrier Free Living, Inc. For People with Disabilities** New York, NY  
Social Worker November 2006-July 2009

- Provided direct therapeutic counseling services
- Acted as liaison between BFL and Kings County (Brooklyn) District Attorney's Office.

**Ohio State University Outpatient Rehabilitation** Columbus, OH  
Social Worker August 2005 – November 2006  
Master's Practicum Sept. 2004 – June 2005

- Provided case management to disabled individuals.
- Provided adjustment counseling to individuals with brain injury, stroke and other disabilities.

## **Community Boards & Committees**

**Creative Living, Inc.** 2010 – Present

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission** 2010 – Present  
Citizen Advisory Committee

**Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)** 2009 – Present  
Co-Chair, Mobility Advisory Board

**Ohio Visitability Strategy Group** 2009 – Present  
Chair (February 2011 – Present)

**Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues** 2009 – Present

**Ohio Secretary of State** 2009 – Present  
ADA Advisory Committee