



Parent Transition Sessions 2011-2012 For students with disAbilities and their families

Planning for life after high school for students with disAbilities can be a daunting task. Come hear professionals discuss topics pertinent to transition planning. These Parent Transition Sessions are being collaboratively offered by Transition Consultants/Teachers from several school districts throughout the area. Please check www.niskyschools.org for updates to this flyer.

You will need to register for each presentation that you are attending to ensure ample space for participants.

Please register at least 1 week before each session. RSVP to lauratsewp@gmail.com

(while we encourage registration, no one will be turned away at the door. Please come!)

If you need a reasonable accommodation, please let us know when you register at least 3 weeks in advance so that we are able to discuss your needs. Thank you.

Oct 18th @ 6:30 College Night at Niskayuna HS for High School students with IEPs or 504 plans and their parents. College representatives from Disability Resource Centers and Admissions offices will provide a presentation about the transition to college for students needing accommodations and services at college. A College Fair will follow the formal presentation.
Location: Niskayuna HS - Laura Thomson organizing event

Nov 16th @ 6:30 – Guardianship, Power of Attorney, Special Needs Trusts at Schalmont HS – are you concerned about your child's ability to care for her/himself, and to make medical and financial decisions on their own behalf once they turn 18? Do you know the difference between guardianship and a power of attorney and what you can/can't do with both? Join us to learn about the legal tools available to you and your child so you can be as prepared and protected as possible once he/she reaches the age of majority. This would be most appropriate for parents with children who are in their teen years. All area schools welcome to attend.
Location: Schalmont High School Library – Lin Polster organizing event.

Nov 17th @ 6:30- Transition Agency Fair. High School parents and students will have an opportunity to shop around and see what services are available in the Capital District. All area schools are welcome.
The following agencies have attended in past years: Mildred Elley, Austin Beauty School, CDTA, Center for Disability Services, Employment Options, RSS, Clearview Center, NE Career Planning, NE Associates, Wildwood, Living Resources, STRIDE, Special Olympics, New Visions, TBI, Center for Independence, Culinary Training Institute, ASPIRE, AHEADD, and the Epilepsy Foundation. See you there!
Location: Shaker High School. Follow signs inside main entrance.

Dec 1st @ 6:30 - Social Security benefits for children with disabilities at Burnt Hills HS - what you should know about applying for benefits for your child with a disability. A representative from Social Security will demystify this system and answer your questions about benefits. All area schools welcome to attend. Most appropriate for parents of elementary through high school students.
Location: Burnt Hills High School – Mary Leach organizing event (in Schenectady/Saratoga County)

Feb 2012, details to follow - Social Security Benefits... same as above
Location: TBD - Sally Lauletta and Lori Dunnigan organizing event at Columbia High School (in Rensselaer County)

March 2012, details to follow - NYS ACCES-VR Orientation —who are they and what vocational and educational services can they offer to students as they prepare for life after high school? Come hear about services and how to apply. Most appropriate for High School juniors and seniors & their parents. All area schools are welcome to attend.
Location: TBD. Elizabeth Klotz organizing event.

April 2012, details to follow - Trade Fair ... Come shop around and talk to representatives from local vocational and trade schools and get informed about what schools have to offer you. From cosmetology to construction, dog grooming to welding... you will see them all. All area high schools are welcome to attend. Most appropriate for HS students and parents.
Location : TBD - Suzanne Hasko and Shenendehowa team organizing event.

Also visit the following websites for Parent and Family training in the Capital District:

wildwood.edu – hosting a conference on supporting healthy sexuality for people with developmental disabilities. Nov 4, 2011.

cfdnsny.org – Center for Disability Services has a page with upcoming events.

arcschenectady.org – hosting parent workshops throughout the year.

albanyautism.org - Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region has a newsletter with upcoming workshops & training.

Stay tuned for information on the Recipe for Success Conference, March 20, 2012 at HVCC.