

Life Transition Series

2017-2018



Presented by The Arc Central Chesapeake Region &
Anne Arundel County Public Schools

The Life Transition Series is comprised of 9 workshops designed to provide families of students with disabilities transitioning from school with valuable information and resources to facilitate a seamless transition. Each session will focus on a specific topic.

The Life Transition Series is open to all families at no cost. Registration is required for all afternoon workshops in order to provide handouts to all participants. Registration is not required for Transition Night.

All workshops, with the exception of Transition Night, are from Noon to 1:30. Feel free to bring your lunch. Students are welcome to attend; however, they will need to use good discretion about missing time from class.

Transition Night (**located at Severna Park HS**) is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Students are encouraged to attend.

If you need an interpreter for any of the workshops, please contact Jackie Schrader two weeks prior to the workshop.

If schools dismiss early or close due to inclement weather, the workshop will be rescheduled. If schools have a one or two hour delay, the workshop will take place.

Workshop Location (all except Transition Night)

Woods Memorial Church
611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.
Severna Park, MD 21146

To register for workshops, please contact one of the persons listed below:

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September 20th, 2017: Accessible Resources for Independence (ARI)

Noon to 1:30 (Feel free to bring your lunch)

Target Audience: Students eligible for DDA services

Accessible Resources for Independence (ARI) is a non-profit organization committed to providing a wide array of services, many at no cost, to assist individuals with disabilities in living independently. Their mission is to maximize the independence of people with disabilities so they enjoy self-directed, productive lives. ARI support people of all ages with any disability by providing five core services at no cost. Core services include advocacy, information and referral, peer mentoring, transition support and independent living skills training. Through their support brokerage services, ARI also assists families with DDA self-directed services.

Presenters: Katie Collins-Ihrke, ARI Executive Director, Joan Rumenap, Coordinator of Self-Directed Services

October 11th, 2017: Transition Planning

Noon to 1:30 (Feel free to bring your lunch)

Target Audience: All students with IEPs

Whether the student is earning a High School Diploma or a High School Certificate of Program Completion, the transition from high school to young adulthood is a critical stage and requires extra planning and goal setting. The first step in planning for a successful transition is developing an effective transition plan. This workshop will provide two sessions: one for students earning the diploma and one for students earning the certificate of completion. Join us in a discussion on transition planning and how it can be utilized to maximize the student's future success.

Presenters: AACPS Transition Team

November 1st, 2017: Transition Night, Severna Park High School

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Target Audience: Students eligible for DDA services

Making the transition from the public school system into adult services can be a stressful time. Early planning is crucial. Take the time now to find out what services and programs are available. Over 25 agencies and organizations that provide services to individuals with disabilities in Anne Arundel County are invited to participate in this event. Transition Night is recommended for parents whose son or daughter will be in need of on-going support during his or her adult life. Students are encouraged to attend.

Several break-out sessions will be offered.

November 15th, 2017: Resource Coordination

Noon to 1:30 (Feel free to bring your lunch)

Target Audience: Students eligible for DDA services

Resource Coordination plays a critical role in assisting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with making choices affecting their lives and to access resources and services in their community. The organization assists DDA eligible individuals obtain services to allow them to pursue their life goals. Resource Coordination acts as the liaison between the adult provider and DDA. There are four Resource Coordination agencies that serve Anne Arundel County. This workshop is for parents of DDA eligible individuals who have not yet selected a Resource Coordination agency or is considering changing their current agency.

Presenters: Representatives from Service Coordination, Inc., Total Care Centers for Support Services, MMARS, Inc. & Optimal Health Care, Inc.

December 6th, 2017: Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)

Noon to 1:30 (Feel free to bring your lunch)

Target Audience: All students with IEPs

The Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) has programs and services that help people with significant disabilities go to work in careers of their choice and become independent in their homes and communities. If eligible, the individual will work with a DORS counselor to choose from a variety of programs and services. DORS places a high priority on providing services to high school students with disabilities who are making the transition from school to employment, higher education or vocational training.

Join us in learning about DORS services, including Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) and the Workforce and Technology Center (WTC), a DORS facility that offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities get ready for work.

Presenters: Representatives from DORS and WTC

January 24th, 2018: Financial Planning

Noon to 1:30 (Feel free to bring your lunch)

Target Audience: Parents and caregivers of individuals who may require financial assistance throughout their lives

The Financial Planning workshop is an invaluable session that will answer your questions about financial and estate planning for individuals with special needs.

- How do we plan for our son's/daughter's financial future?

- What is a special trust?
- How can we be sure our wishes will be respected?
- How do we ensure that our financial plans will not jeopardize our son's/daughter's benefits or services?
- We are not wealthy. What do we need to know about financial planning?

Presenter: Dave Rosenthal, Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

February 14th, 2018: Project SEARCH & On-Campus Transition Program

Noon to 1:30 (Feel free to bring your lunch)

Target Audience: Students participating in the Alternate Curriculum Class

Project SEARCH is a one-year business-led transition program that takes place at Anne Arundel Medical Center or the Hilton BWI. Students may apply to participate for their last year of entitlement with the school system. The On-Campus Transition Program (OCTP) is a two-year program at Anne Arundel Community College. Students may apply to participate for their last two years of entitlement with the school system.

Presenters: Mary Kay McGuire, Project SEARCH Coordinator/ Jackie Schrader/ Transition Specialist /Louise Sudduth, OCTP Instructor

March 7th, 2018: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Noon to 1:30 (Feel free to bring your lunch)

Target Audience: Families who want information about SSI

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (taxpayer dollars). It is designed to help individuals with disabilities who have little or no income. It provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. Join us to learn about eligibility and how to apply for SSI.

April 18th, 2018: Alternatives to Guardianship

Noon to 1:30 (Feel free to bring your lunch)

Target Audience: Families who want to learn the truths and myths about guardianship

Should my son/daughter have a guardian? This is a question that often arises for persons with developmental disabilities. In particular, many parents feel that they must establish guardianship to ensure adequate care for their family member after he or she reaches a particular age. In many cases, well-meaning actions by family members can lead to unimagined consequences for other family members in the future. Each family should explore the pros and cons regarding guardianship.

Presenter: Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum, Attorney