

Bergen County Transition Fair Workshops
March 16th, 2017 Paramus High School, 145 Spring Valley Road, Paramus
6:00pm-9:00pm
Registration for workshops at the Bergen County Transition Fair

One Session Workshop

6:15-7:15PM

"Transition from High School to College for Students with Disabilities"

Presenter: Vincent Varrassi – Varrassi Educational Associates LLC

Description: This session will address preparation of the student for the college option. The need to prepare students for the challenges of the college option: such as dealing with academic rigor, handling issues of time management and organization and using Assistive Technology to support reading and writing. Discuss the differences between a structured support program and the availability of accommodations only from ADA or 504 offices. As well as the role of Section 504 at the post-secondary level and the need for students to understand their disability in order to become self-advocates.

2 Session Workshops (select one for each session and register at Fair)

6:15-7:15PM or 7:30-8:30PM

"Overview of the NJ CAT Assessment and Why it is Important."

Presenter: Kathy Walsh and Alice Siegel – Arc of Bergen and Passaic Counties

Description: An overview of the purpose of the NJ CAT Assessment and its relationship to DDD eligibility. Provide information on the Individual Support Plan/Budget, the subsequent programs and services available to the individual. As well as a discussion of the underlying premise on which the NJ CAT is based and review of the sample NJ CAT questions.

"DDD Support Coordination Overview"

Presenter: Eileen Goff – Heightened Independence & Progress

Description: This workshop will present an overview of support coordinators from DDD, eligibility and the role of the support coordinators.

"Housing Supports"

Presenter: Tom Toranto – United Way

Description: Supportive housing overview and new innovative models.

"Project Wins and SSI" **Presenter:** TBA

Description: Information on Social Security and Work Incentives to assist adults with disabilities to enter the workforce and retain some social security benefits. This workshop will also present an overview of Social Security benefits for students and adult with a disability.

"New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services"

Presenter: Gilda Escobar – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Description: Overview of employment services to help students and adults with disabilities obtain and maintain employment upon graduation. How DVRS can help your child now and in the future!

"DDD Transition into Adult Life"

Presenter: Diane Flynn – NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities

Description: Overview on NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities, Transition, Policy and Training.

"Guardianship, Wills, Trust, Estate Planning "

Presenter: Ray Falcon, Esq.

Description: Overview of Wills, Estate Planning and the many types of guardianship. When and how to start this process.