

Transition@21 WEBINAR

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
@ 6:30 pm



Agenda

6:30-7:10pm	Introductions
7:10-7:15pm	Break
7:15-7:45pm	Q&A Breakout Session I
7:45-7:50pm	Break
7:50-8:20pm	Q&A Breakout Session II
8:20-8:30pm	Closing and Toolkit Instructions

Presenters

Sascha Baello	_____	Customized Workforce Solutions
Rebecca Vogelsang	_____	Supports Coordination
Brittney Yanchek and Branden Sacks	_____	Merrill Lynch
Nancy Potter, Esq.	_____	McAndrews, Mehalick, Connolly, Hulse and Ryan, P.C.

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Sascha is the Director of Adult and Recreation Services at Valley Forge Educational Services. Prior to joining the team at VFES, Sascha served as a Long-Term Substitute School Counselor at The Vanguard School. She has also held positions as a Supports Coordinator at The Arc Alliance and the County of Montgomery. She earned her B.A. in Psychology and M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology from West Chester University. In May 2017, Sascha completed her Post-Master's Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis at Eastern University.

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Rebecca has 16 years of supports coordination experience which includes several years of processing intakes for intellectual disability services in Montgomery County, PA. Rebecca has attended several seminars regarding the past and present history of institutionalization, which has impacted how she advocates for people's individual choices and quality of life. It's important that everyone knows their choices, and what's available for their needs.

Rebecca graduated from Albright College with an undergrad in Psychology. Growing up she had a cousin with cerebral palsy. In her free time, she loves cooking, shopping and outdoor activities.

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Branden is a Wealth Management Advisor with GSL & Associates. He joined Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in 2011. Branden oversees special needs planning for the team, working with special needs families to help them coordinate the appropriate supports and services for their loved one into their estate and retirement planning goals. This includes the coordination of care, benefits planning, funding options, corporate trustee selection, employment and independent living.

He holds the following designations: CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification, awarded by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc; the Chartered Retirement Planning CounselorSM (CRPC®); and the Chartered Special Needs Consultant® (ChSNC®).

After graduating from The Hill School, Branden earned dual bachelor's degrees in International Business and Spanish at Virginia Tech. Branden is involved with various charities and nonprofits that focus on helping adults and children with disabilities. He and his wife, Amy, live in Malvern, Pennsylvania, with their four children, Marilyn, Andrew, Elizabeth, and Evelyn.

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Brittney joined Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in 2014. She works exclusively with the team's special needs clients, drawing on her experience as a support coordinator. Brittney has experience helping families and individuals with disabilities to locate, coordinate and monitor services to see that all health, safety and individual needs are being met in order to support them appropriately. This includes the coordination of care, benefits planning, funding options, corporate trustee selection, employment, and independent living. She holds the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC®) designation, awarded by the College for Financial Planning. Brittney dedicates part of her time to advocate and assist special needs families less fortunate than others. She is also involved with various charities and nonprofits that focus on helping adults and children with disabilities. She received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from West Chester University. She resides in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

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