

PARENT EDUCATION

FOR PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Valley Forge
Educational Services

SCHOOL TO WORK AND ADULT LIFE TRANSITION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016, 7:00–8:30 PM

School to work and adult life transition is a very important time in the lives of students with special needs and their families. Come spend the evening with us for a highly informative and interactive session on strategies that help students to become gainfully employed. We will focus on creative more non-traditional ways to attain and maintain rewarding employment outcomes.

Presented by Corey Smith, Senior Consultant for Griffin-Hammis Associates Inc. Mr. Smith has 30 years of experience directing highly successful supported employment programs in Pennsylvania and Michigan. He also works with the Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), and a number of universities, states, community rehabilitation providers (CRP's), high schools, and families, providing consultation and training on customized employment, supported employment, self-employment, alternative funding and organizational transformation.

RESOURCE FAIR: EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, SUPPORT SERVICES AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday, October 13, 6:30–8:30 PM

This fair is designed to offer families the opportunity to learn about area programs, services, products and resources for adults with special needs. Exhibitors include supportive employment organizations, residential service providers, community support services, benefits counselors, family advocates, special needs financial planning experts and organizations that provide recreational and leisure activities.

THE EARLY REACH INITIATIVE: OVR 101

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016, 7:00–8:30 PM

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) is a state agency that helps persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain and maintain employment. OVR 101 will educate parents and caregivers about OVR's mission, processes and available services. The intended outcome is to gain an understanding of the active role OVR plays during the secondary transition process and the benefits of engaging youth at an early age during this time of transition. Highlighted and discussed will be the Pre-Employment Transition Services, which include the OVR Early Reach Initiative and other services.

Presented by Angelica Webster, MSW, LSW, Norristown District Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, specializing in working with youth 14–21 years of age.

SPECIAL KIDS CAMP EXPO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017, 1:00–4:00 PM

This special event showcases summer camps, programs and recreational opportunities across the region to families with children and young adults with special needs.

INTERNET SAFETY

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017, 7:00–8:30 PM

Online actions have consequences that will live on the Internet forever. Join a cyber-security, cyberbullying and social media expert to learn about the real hazards that exist beyond the streets of our immediate vicinity. This presentation addresses popular Internet related activities for children and teens, the associated risks and strategies to stay safe.

Presented by Roy Calarese, Chester County Detective.

LIFE CARE PLANNING

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017, 7:00–8:30 PM

Having a Life Care Plan — a coordinated program of care planning and financial and legal strategies — is especially vital when a family member has special needs. Planning for the future of an individual with special needs requires in-depth knowledge of the federal laws as they pertain to government benefit eligibility, probate laws as related to advanced directives, special needs trusts and guardianship's. Join us as we take steps to help you work toward meeting the needs of your loved one with a disability—during your lifetime and beyond.

Presented by Jeffrey Slavich, Mass Mutual Financial Group.

USING (AND NOT USING) ATTENTION EFFECTIVELY: PART II

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017, 7:00–8:30 PM

This workshop reflects the second workshop in a two-part series. After a brief overview of last spring's discussion, Using Attention and Positive Reinforcement to Shape Preferred Behaviors, we will focus on ways in which parents and caregivers can effectively shape desired behaviors and minimize non-preferred behaviors by using preferential attention and effective time-out procedures. Current research on these topics will also be explored. Attendees who did not attend the spring 2016 workshop will still benefit from this presentation.

Presented by Darren Levin, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Services, The Vanguard School.

LOCATION

Valley Forge Educational Services
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