

TRANSITION NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Self- Advocacy Strategies

Oct 5 2021
10am to 12pm

Provides an overview of the basics for successful strategies when advocating for people with disabilities.

CCIU Virtual Transition

Oct 12, 2021
6pm to 9pm

A virtual transition fair designed to help guide families toward the resources available to successfully transition from high school.

Supported De- cision Making

Oct 20, 2021
6pm to 8pm

Join the ARC for this month's Chat & Chew on Supported Decision Making—an alternative to Guardianship. There are many Chat & Chews.

Resource Fair for Transition

Oct 21, 2021
6pm to 8pm

Valley Forge Educational Services Resource Fair brings together the area's best programs and services for transition-age youth.

Need State ID?

Having identification (ID) is important for safety reasons and required when getting a job, traveling or attending programs. Our friends at the PA CareerLink Office can assist you with obtaining ID documents such as birth certificates, social security cards, state identification cards and driver's licenses. You can bring some simple documents (2 recent pieces of mail, school ID, lease, etc.) to expediate the process. You can sign up for a time slot in person in Exton at the PA CareerLink Office. It is located at 479 Tomas Jones Way, Suite 500, Exton, PA 19380. The clinics run every Wednesday from 1-3pm and Friday from 10am-12pm.

[To get more information about these free clinics, click here.](#)



Valley Forge Educational Services Resource Fair

Our Resource Fair on October 21st brings together the area's best programs and services for transition-age youth and adults with special needs and their families.

Explore a variety of supportive employment organizations, residential service providers, community support services, continuing education programs, benefits counselors, family advocates, special needs financial planning experts and recreational and leisure activities specifically for adults with special needs. As always, the event is free and open to the community.

Contact communications@vfes.net or 610.296.6725 x116 with questions.

Mental Health / Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (MH/IDD)

Each year the ID program uses about \$58 million in federal, state and county funds to purchase services and supports for individuals with intellectual disability and their families from southeastern PA agencies qualified by the PA Office of Developmental Programs.

In order to qualify for services, you will meet with the Intake Officer at MH/IDD. The Intake Officer explains the information needed to apply and qualify for ID services, and guides people through the application process. Once a person is determined eligible, the Intake Officer meets with the individual and family to explain services and funding options. Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities have always been eligible for these services. Recently, individuals with Autism, who will need support with activities of daily living and functioning within the community also qualify for MH/IDD Services.

A Supports Coordinator is then assigned to help identify needs and arrange services. A Supports Coordinator (case manager) works with each individual to develop and Individualized Service Plan (ISP) focused on what the individual needs to meet their maximum potential. Supports Coordination is available at no cost to registrants. The Supports Coordinator will help you and your student apply for PUNS, which help you obtain funds for after high school.

To find out more about MH/IDD and how to qualify, you can visit the [Chester County Website](#), reach out to the Intake Officer at (610) 344-6265 or set up a meeting with Beth Heinz (heinzb@pasd.com) to have her help you answer your questions.

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