



WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS

A Workshop for Families and Students with Disabilities

Saturday, February 7, 2015 – AGENDA

Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency Learning Center, 729- 21st Street, Bettendorf, IA
Students are welcome to attend sessions with their parents or to participate in the student-only sessions.
Student agenda on back!

9:15 – Registration & Refreshments

9:30 – Welcome

9:45 to 10:45 – First Break-out session (select one)

- **Waivers – Lifelong Supports for Living & Working - CLINTON/JACKSON ROOMS**

Lynn Bopes from Jackson County will share general information about statewide changes in the Waiver process, Medicaid funding, and how to access lifelong services and supports for young adults with significant disabilities.

- **Integrated Health Programs (IHH) – SCOTT ROOM**

This is a Medicaid-funded service to coordinate multiple health and support services for youth and adults who have mental health needs. Learn who is eligible and how to refer. Toshia Johnson from Family Resources will present. Family Resources is one of the major providers of Pediatric IHH services in our area.

- **Myths & Truths about College Supports and Services – MUSCATINE ROOM**

Catherine Petersen (Eastern Iowa Community Colleges) and Alyse Schmidt (St. Ambrose University) will dispel some of the common myths about applying to, attending, and getting supports in college if you have a disability. Also, learn about the ACCESS Program at EICC and the SAU Summer Transition Program.

10:45 to 11:00 - BREAK

11:00 to 12:00 – Second Break-out session (select one)

- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and the “Benefits” of Working – CLINTON/JACKSON ROOMS**

How does eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) change when your child turns 18? How much can your child earn and still receive SSI? What about continuing to receive Medicaid if you are working? Learn about a variety of work incentives to maximize your child’s SSI benefits and keep your child working. Kelly Gibbs, Community Work Incentives Coordinator from Disability Rights Iowa, will lead this session.

- **Embracing Technology – High School and Beyond – MUSCATINE ROOM**

The Assistive Technology Team at Mississippi Bend AEA will share information about technology to support reading, writing and organizing skills for high school, post-secondary education, and employment. Learn where to find technology supports - during and AFTER high school.

- **School and Community Supports for Employment Success – SCOTT ROOM**

Jane Rock, Transition Specialist at Mississippi Bend AEA and Chad Pratz, Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor will discuss supports and resources for career development in schools and in the community. Find out how the IEP (in school) and IPE (after school) can work together!

Sessions for Students

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9:45 to 10:45 - Soft Skills in the Work Place (YODER ROOM)

Sarah Graves from IowaWorks will speak to students about the importance of “soft skills” in the workplace. Soft skills refer to personal qualities, habits, attitudes and social graces that make someone a good employee! Positive personal qualities and attitudes can help you to work well with others and are proven to improve your success on the job.

10:45 to 11:00 - BREAK

11:00 to 12:00 – Self Determination! (YODER ROOM)

Rachel Terry, Parent & Educator Facilitator and Michelle Wehr, Transition Specialist at the Mississippi Bend AEA will facilitate a discussion on what it means to make your own decisions, as well as the importance of making plans for your future and taking responsibility for your decisions. Amanda Gullang, St. Ambrose University student will share her story of utilizing self-determination skills.