WAZE TO ADULTHOOD

Planning for the Future

Introducing PEATC's WAZE to Adulthood newsletter!
Our new space to keep families updated on events, resources, and more!

Transition to Adulthood: Be Ready, Start Early

The purpose of school, for students with and without disabilities, is to prepare for adult life. Children with disabilities may need extra support in order to be as independent as possible, participate in post-high school education or training, and have the career of their choice. If a child receives services under an Individualized Education Program (IEP), Virginia's Special Education regulations require that transition planning start at age 14. This is younger than the federal age requirement of 16 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. An IEP Transition Plan spells out the services and supports the child needs, beyond academics, to achieve those post-high school goals. So, Be Ready!, Start Early!

Helpful PEATC Resources

- [Transition: Planning for the Future: Be Ready, Start Early](#)
- [Top 10 Mistakes in Transition Planning](#)

Check out additional PEATC resources here: https://bit.ly/3v2yMx9

PEATC Transition Happenings

Transition University Summer 2022

June 12 - August 7

Join us for this FREE 5-week SELF-PACED online course that focuses on providing parent-friendly transition information to help make transition planning easier. This course is designed for parents/caregivers of elementary, middle or high school students that receive special education services, but is open to everyone. The goal is to share factual information on transition services and to help make the transition from school services to the adult services world less confusing.

REGISTER HERE: https://bit.ly/3pWcTP2

Facilitating Social Opportunities

April 12, 2022 | 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Friendships between people with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD) and people without disabilities are valuable and important. However, they don't happen very often. One reason they don't happen often is that there aren't many opportunities to create those meaningful relationships. There is also a lack of assistance from educators, staff, and families that promotes friendships between people with and without IDD. This presentation shares examples of success, challenges, and strategies that will encourage authentic friendship between individuals with and without IDD.

REGISTER HERE: https://bit.ly/3wcrxVw

ABLEnow Accounts

April 13, 2022 | 6:30 pm

More independence, greater financial security, and a better quality of life – that's the future ABLEnow is building. Join us for an information session to discover the advantages of ABLEnow accounts and the ABLEnow program. In just one hour, we'll cover the answers to these questions, and more:

- What are ABLEnow accounts?
- Who is eligible?
- How can I use the money in an ABLEnow account?
- What are the features and benefits of the ABLEnow program?
- How can I learn more and open an account?

REGISTER HERE: https://bit.ly/3Kdlvb3

Community Happenings

I'm Determined Youth & Family Summit

June 14 - June 16

The Youth and Parent Summit is a three-day event held each June and sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education and the Partnership for People with Disabilities. Youth with disabilities from across the Commonwealth meet to network and discuss issues of importance to youth and young adults with disabilities.

APPLY TO ATTEND HERE: https://bit.ly/3jjW1xj

Know of other transition to adulthood related happenings? We would love for you to share those with us at PEATC here.

Don't Forget!

Did you know some Parks & Rec departments may offer adaptive or therapeutic activities? For more information, reach out to your local Park and Rec department.

Did you know, the National Parks Service offers free lifetime passes to individuals with disabilities? Click here for more information.

Bayside Library Adults with Disabilities Social Group (Virginia Beach)

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