



WAZE TO ADULTHOOD

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Planning for YOUR Future

PEATC's Transition to Adulthood Newsletter

What are Pre-Employment Transition Services or Pre-ETS?

The Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) program is provided to students with disabilities ages 14 to 22 by Virginia’s [Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services \(DARS\)](#) and the [Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired \(DBVI\)](#). DARS and DBVI work with the students, their families, their schools, and community partners to help students gain knowledge and experiences so that they can make choices about their future, including their future careers. Pre-ETS covers five topics for students including Job Exploration and Counseling, Work-Based Learning Experiences, Counseling on Educational and Training Options, Workplace Readiness Training, and Self-Advocacy Training.

Pre-ETS is a free service, no matter your financial situation, that is offered to students who are in a recognized education program (i.e., high school, homeschool, college/university, trade school). A student who is involved in the Pre-ETS program can have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that can help them to find their interests when it comes to their future and to prepare for life after high school.

Helpful PEATC Resources:

[Parent Factsheet](#)

[Youth Factsheet](#)

[FAQ Flyer](#)



Other Helpful Resources:

DARS Pre-ETS flyer ----- [ENGLISH](#) | [SPANISH](#)

DARS Consent and Information Release Form for Pre-ETS ---- [ENGLISH](#) | [SPANISH](#)



Check out additional PEATC resources [here](#)

PEATC Transition Happenings

YET Council

Next meeting: April 8, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.



Calling all youth aged 14-26 who are self-advocates or want to learn self-advocacy skills.

The **Youth Empowerment Transition (YET) Council** is looking for new youth council members to join in on conversations! The YET Council is a group that empowers Virginia students with disabilities, ages 14-26, as they begin their transition from High School to Adulthood with monthly discussions about empowering themselves and increasing their self-advocacy.

Meetings are held on Zoom every 2nd Monday of the month. If you know of a youth interested in joining the YET Council, [click here](#) to share and have them complete the interest form!

Turning 18 in Virginia: What Individuals with Disabilities Need to Consider in partnership with Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind April 10, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

Turning 18 is a big deal. An 18-year-old is legally considered an adult in Virginia and can make legal, financial, medical, and educational decisions in their life. For some individuals with disabilities, this will not be an issue. Others may need support. This workshop will share basic information about things that need to be considered as your loved one turns 18. ALS interpretation, Cued speech, transliteration, and captioning are available. [REGISTER HERE](#)

WAZE en Español: Parent and Professional Training “Path to Success: Employment as an Option” April 17, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEBINAR WILL BE COMPLETELY IN SPANISH Many young people with disabilities want to work after high school or college, just like their peers. Vocational rehabilitation (VR) is a program that provides services and supports to help people with disabilities prepare for, get, and keep a job. Join us for this Zoom webinar to learn more about how VR programs in your state can support students with disabilities. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Real Work, Real Pay – From High School to Employment for your Child with a Disability in collaboration with DARS April 18th or April 25th, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.

THIS TRAINING IS FOR FAMILIES Learn how your child with a disability can get a job in the community earning minimum wage or higher after graduating high school. Even students with the most significant disabilities can be a part of the workforce if they receive the proper support. In this session, you will learn about the benefits of competitive integrated employment (CIE), address fears and myths about working, and look at ways to reduce barriers to your young adult getting and keeping a job.

[REGISTER HERE FOR APRIL 18th SESSION](#) -or- [REGISTER HERE FOR APRIL 25th SESSION](#)

Disability Benefits: Social Security and VA Medicaid Waivers in partnership with Prince Edward County Public Schools April 25, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.

THIS TRAINING IS IN-PERSON Families of children with disabilities need to have an understanding of government benefits available to them as part of planning a future for their loved ones. Navigating the world of disability benefits can be tricky, time-consuming, and overwhelming. This in-person event will help make that process easier as we discuss in clear language: what are Social Security benefits, what are Virginia’s Medicaid Waivers, who is eligible, and how do I apply? [REGISTER HERE](#)

Other Happenings

Student Driven Cross-Agency Assessment Coordination and Implementation: An Overview of the New NTACTION Collaborative Assessment Guide for Transition Planning April 18, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.

This engaging webinar presented by youth and family representatives and NTACTION staff, will provide an overview of the new NTACTION Collaborative Assessment Guide for Transition Planning (CAG). The CAG is intended to help students, family members, educators, vocational rehabilitation (VR) counselors, human services and health agency staff, and other partners develop a coordinated assessment approach for transition planning and service delivery. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Think College: Flexible Supports for College Success May 6, 2024 | 3:00 p.m.

Join Think College for an informative conversation tailored for families and prospective students. This training will explore the unique differences between college programs designed for individuals with intellectual disability and autism. From eligibility requirements to the diverse array of support services available, this training will delve into the details your family will need to make informed decisions about your postsecondary education. This interactive session offers practical advice and expert insights to empower you in your college journey. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Check this out!

Check out this list of Assistive Technology (AT) that many campuses use to support diverse learning needs. [CLICK HERE](#)



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