



Pathways to Success: Transitioning into Tomorrow Together

The primary purpose of this conference is to expand the capacity of schools, agencies and communities, in partnership with youth, young adults and families, in promoting the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post-school outcomes of employment, post-secondary education and training, community participation and healthy lifestyles. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about effective practices to assist youth/young adults with disabilities to explore possibilities, take advantage of their opportunities, and actively advocate for their future.

The primary focal points of this year's conference are:

- Accommodations & Assistive Technology
- Assessment
- Collaborative Partnerships
- Employment
- Effective Educational Practices
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Independent Living & Community Participation
- Knowledge Building Sessions
- Models For Success
- Post-Secondary Education/Training
- Promoting Youth Development & Youth Leadership
- Transition & Career Assessment
- Youth Family Partnership Collaborative Sessions

The conference will feature:

- Keynote and feature presentations
- Approximately 80 breakout sessions
- Sessions and activities designed for youth and young adults
- Family engaging sessions and networking opportunities
- Accommodations and Supports Expo, featuring hands-on assistive technology exhibits, vendor displays and resource tables

Who should participate?

Stakeholders supporting post-school outcomes of youth/young adults with disabilities, including:

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| Advocates | Medical Health Services Workers |
| Agency Administrators | Occupational Therapists |
| Assistive Technology Professionals | Office of Developmental Programs Staff |
| Business/Employers | Paraprofessionals |
| Career & Technology Educators | Partnerships for Youth Affiliates & Staff |
| CareerLink Staff | Physical Therapists |
| Direct Support Providers | Psychologists |
| Drug & Alcohol Program Workers | Public & Private Child Welfare Workers |
| Education Administrators | School Nurses |
| Family & Caregivers | Secondary Educators |
| Family Health Representatives | Social Security Benefits Counselors |
| Foster and Adoptive Parents | Social Security Staff |
| Guidance Counselors | Social Workers |
| Health Professionals | Special Educators |
| Higher Education Professionals | Speech/Language Therapists |
| Independent Living Staff | Transition Coordinators |
| Juvenile Justice Affiliates | Transportation Affiliates |
| Job Coaches | Vocational Evaluators |
| Local Government Officials | Vocational Rehabilitation Staff |
| Local Service Providers | Workforce Investment Board Members |
| Local Youth Councils | Youth & Young Adults |
| Medical Assistance Program Staff | Youth Served in Foster Care |

Save the Date!

Penn Stater Conference Center & Hotel
State College, PA
August 9 - 11, 2017

Call for Proposals to Present:

We encourage all transition stakeholders to submit a proposal to present a 90 minute session at the transition conference. The proposal is to be submitted electronically to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017PATransConf>. **Submission deadline is January 23, 2017. Please note: All presenters must register for the conference and pay the registration fee.**

Conference Fees:

- A per person registration fee of \$150 will be charged for this year's conference.
- A limited number of scholarships will be available for family members or caregivers and accompanied high school youth between the ages of 16- 21 who are currently enrolled in a high school program and need support in order to attend the conference. Scholarships will be awarded by an application selection process. The scholarship will cover the registration fee and hotel (one room up to a maximum of 3 nights).
- Additional information regarding scholarships and the conference registration fee will be available online after **May 15, 2017** at www.pattan.net.

Hotel Information:

A block of rooms at various hotels have been held for individuals who will be attending the conference. Participants are responsible for calling the hotel directly and making their own reservations. Participants will be responsible for the cost of their hotel rooms and must be billed directly. A list of hotels will be available at www.secondarytransition.org and www.pattan.net.

Available Credits: Act 48, CRC



Individuals attending this conference must arrive on time and stay the duration of the conference in order to receive Act 48 Professional Education hours. Requests for exceptions are to be brought to the attention of the individual's Superintendent or IU Director prior to the conference.



Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification (CRCC): Continuing Education credits for professionals with Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) credentials will be offered for attendance of this program. CRCC Continuing Education Certificates will be available upon successful completion of the program for interested

In the upcoming months, look for additional information on www.secondarytransition.org and www.pattan.net