Work Incentives, Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA)

Join us and learn how WIPA can help you to have a successful future!

Success Starts Now!
Transition Age Youth Conference

Friday June 5, 2015
9:00am to 3:00pm
Hostos Community College, Savoy Manor Building
120 East 149 Street Bronx, NY 10451

There is a great amount of valuable information that students and parents should have before youths leave school. The conference seeks to address the unique issues and challenges encountered by transition age youth (TAY) “age 14 to 25” as they move from school to adult life, and the opportunities and resources available for them to become successful adults.

GOALS:
1. To increase the awareness that youth with disabilities have the ability and opportunity to explore and pursue employment.
2. To highlight to the multiple resources that are available to help transition age youth gain educational/vocational training or meaningful employment as they move into adult life.

PURPOSE:
To provide quality information to youths, their parents, and service providers on how to better coordinate services to support and enable youth to make informed choices about successfully transitioning into adult life.

The conference begins with a Panel Presentation that will address opportunities and challenges encountered by TAY making decisions about the path to follow to reach self-sufficiency.

This will be followed by three repeated morning and afternoon workshops to provide conference participants with the opportunities to engage in open discussion with experts in the different fields serving TAY.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

Workshops

Vocational Training & Rehabilitation
Learn how NYS Education Department’s ACCES-VR’s services can help TAY prepare to enter the workforce.

Facilitators:
Maria Betances and Brian Alvarado
Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
Adult Career and Continuing Education Services ACCES-VR
Vocational Rehabilitation Services

David Kilgannon
Job Developer Transition Coordinator
Jeffery Rapport School NYC, DOE

Navigating Social Security Work Incentives
Learn about Social Security special rules and work incentives for TAY receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) to support youths participating in career training, attending college or working.

Facilitators:
Ninoska Uribe and Marsha Russo
Bronx, WIPA Benefits
(Work Incentives Planning & Assistance, Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development)

Linking Employment Academics and Disability Services
Learn about CUNY services available to assist students with disabilities with accommodation solutions, career and academic guidance, skill development for job search and retention to enhanced employment opportunities.

Facilitators:
Barbara Bookman, LaQuon Johnson and Simone Sylvester
CUNY LEADS, (Linking, Employment, Academics and Disability Services)

Reflection on Learned Experience:
Closing Remarks and Q&A
Dean Dr. Rosa of City University of New York, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs will deliver the closing remarks and will be available to participate in the Q&A session, together with the panelists.

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