

Registration Materials

Navigating the Road from School to Adulthood For All Youth with Disabilities in Maryland

Annual Conference

Wednesday, November 28 - Thursday, November 29, 2007
Martin's West
6817 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

**Deadline for Registration is November 16, 2007
and will close when maximum capacity is reached- so register early!!!**

Initial Lead Sponsors: Maryland State Department of Education - Division of Rehabilitation Services, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, Division of Career Technology and Adult Learning, Division of Student, Family and School Support; Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - The Developmental Disabilities Administration, Office for Genetics and Children with Special Health Care Needs, and the Mental Hygiene Administration; Maryland Department of Disabilities; TransCen, Inc.; The Parent's Place of Maryland; Governor's Interagency Transition Council for Youth with Disabilities; The Mid Atlantic RCEP, George Washington University; and the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council.

This annual event has become Maryland's *premiere event* for individuals responsible for and interested in the transition of youth with disabilities to successful and productive post-school outcomes.

Who Should Attend?

- Youth with disabilities / families / advocates / caregivers;
- Vocational Rehabilitation personnel including administrators, rehabilitation counselors, vocational evaluators, rehabilitation teachers; assistive technology and medical rehabilitation professionals;
- Secondary educators including directors of special education, transition coordinators, special education teachers, career and technology prep teachers, school counselors and pupil personnel workers; school psychologists, school health professionals; and juvenile justice professionals;
- Post Secondary educators; two and four year college disability support staff; and trade and technical school teachers and administrators;
- Developmental disabilities and mental health professionals (counselors, community rehabilitation and psychiatric rehabilitation program staff serving transition age youth, service coordination, administrators); and
- Workforce development professionals/One-Stop Centers disability navigators, benefits specialists, policy makers, employers, and other advocates interested in the successful transition of youth with disabilities to productive lives.

Special Features, including

- ★ Over 35 Best and Promising Practice Sessions from locally and nationally known transition experts
- ★ Youth focused sessions, designed particularly for youth.
- ★ Phenomenal "Jazz Youth Ensemble" [Band].
- ★ "Listening Post" - Opportunity for all to share transition hopes, dreams, challenges, issues and concerns one-on-one with Ms. Cathy Raggio, Secretary, Maryland Department of Disabilities and Mr. Robert A. Burns, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Rehabilitation Services.
- ★ Showcasing Posters & Exhibits - Community colleges, community rehabilitation programs/ services /organizations, schools, vendors - sharing their best practices, new trends, transition programs, products and other relevant topics with conference participants throughout the day.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Location: Martin's West, 6817 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Phone 410-944-9433

Directions: Take I-695 to Exit 17, Security Boulevard-West. Turn right on Belmont Avenue. Follow Belmont Ave approximately ½ mile and Martin's will be on your left, facing Baltimore Beltway. The building is located at the corner of Belmont Avenue and Dogwood Road. Parking is accessible from either Belmont Avenue or Dogwood Road.

Hotel Reservations: Martin's West is located adjacent to Best Western Hotel –Baltimore West, 1800 Belmont Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Phone 410-265-1400. A special room rate of \$77.97 has been obtained for single/double occupancy. The Best Western Baltimore West is located 12 miles from the Baltimore Inner Harbor and BWI Airport, conveniently located off of Interstate 695 the Baltimore Beltway, Exit 17.

Fees: \$45.00 for 1-day or \$60.00 for 2-days; Youth with disabilities \$10.00 for 1-day or \$20.00 for 2 –days.

Partial Scholarships: A limited number of scholarships are available for families with limited resources. Please call 410-554-9409 for details before October 30, 2007.

Schedule at a Glance [tentative]

Wednesday, November 28, 2007 [focused for professionals w/ interest to family members]	Thursday, November 29, 2007 [focused for families and **youth w/ interest for professionals]
7:30 - 9:00 Registration Continental Breakfast	8:00 - 9:30 Registration Continental Breakfast
9:15 - 10:15 Welcome Opening Remarks	9:45 - 10:45 Concurrent Sessions
10:15 - 11:15 Concurrent Sessions	11:00 - 11:45 Youth Panel[s]
11:30 - 12:30 Concurrent Sessions	11:45 - 12:45 Networking Box Lunch
12:30 - 1:45 Networking Box Lunch "Youth Jazz Ensemble"	1:00 - 2:00 Concurrent Sessions
2:00 - 3:00 Concurrent Sessions	2:15 - 3:00 Listening Post
3:15 - 4:30 Concurrent Sessions Wrap-Up/ Closing	Continuing Rehabilitation Credits (CRCs) and Certificates of Attendance will be available end of each day at the registration desk
	**A few sessions are designed "just for youth"

Session Frameworks

- **Career Assessment** -- functional assessments/informal, functional assessments/formal, community based assessments, developing and utilizing portfolios in planning, tools developed by local transition teams/schools, occupational and labor market resources.
- **Youth Development and Youth Leadership** -- self-determination, decision making skill development, leadership, relationship building/social skills, self-awareness, youth development, mentoring.
- **Employment** -- business partnerships, employability acquisition, job coaching, job readiness, systematic career development strategies, customized employment, job analysis, self-employment, Maryland Career Clusters, work-based learning, job development.
- **Post-Secondary** -- assistive technology, rights and responsibilities, self-determination/self-advocacy and self efficacy, post secondary education planning, documentation guidelines for postsecondary, education and training, community adult learning options.
- **Community Participation, Independent Living and Healthy Lifestyles** [health care and service coordination, health insurance coverage, leisure-time physical activities, mental health, working with medical professionals, transition planning around health care management, social interaction and connections, supporting youth w/complex health needs, housing, transportation, nutrition and weight management, at-risk behaviors].
- **Aligning Accommodations and Supports** --aligning accommodations between high school and employment, universal design, aligning accommodations between high school and post secondary education training, creative funding of assistive technology and accommodations.
- **Achievement** – high school reform, Indicators 1, 2, 13, 14; progress monitoring, inclusive practices
- **Knowledge Building Topics** [career and technical education partnerships, legislative information[how a bill becomes a law, understanding legislation impacting transition youth, cultural diversity, ethics, outreach to emerging disabilities, outreach to underserved and/or low incidence populations, family/caregivers as equal partners in the transition process.

Additional information may be found at: www.dors.state.md.us or www.mdtransition.org.

Contact the following individuals with questions:

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REGISTRATION FORM

(Separate registration needed for each individual --copy as needed)

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MARTIN'S WEST

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Name: _____
 Title/Position: _____
 Agency: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
 (City, State) (Zip Code)

***For Students Only [complete name & address above plus information in this box]	
Name of School: _____	School Address: _____
_____ (City, State)	_____ (Zip Code)
Grade: _____	Age: _____
_____ (Parent or Guardian or School Authorized Signature [circle])	_____ (Phone or email if different from above)

If special accommodations are needed, please indicate below and return by November 9, 2007. Otherwise, this registration is due no later than November 16, 2007.

_____ Interpreter for Deaf and Hard of Hearing _____ Braille _____ Large Print
 _____ Other, please specify _____

Please Review Carefully [Registration fee includes materials, continental breakfast, and box lunch]

November 28 <small>[content focus on professional information w/ interest to families]</small>	Box Lunch selection [check 1] _____ Roast Beef on wheat _____ Turkey on a roll _____ Veggie wrap	Conference Fee: \$45.00
November 29 <small>[content focus on families & youth with interest to professionals]</small>	Box Lunch selection [check 1] _____ Roast Beef on wheat _____ Turkey on a roll _____ Veggie wrap	Conference Fee: \$45.00
All box lunches served with an apple, chips or cookies & assorted drinks. Condiments available for sandwiches		
Single day of attendance -- enclose \$45.00 Attend both days -- enclose \$60.00 ***Student Only Rate: \$10.00 per day		Total Check Enclosed \$ _____ Make checks payable to: DORS Transition-2007

STATE AGENCIES -- May use R-STAR for Transfer of payment
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MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO: Ms. Lusetta Misowitz, DORS, 2301 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.
 Registration will be CLOSED prior to Nov. 16, 2007 if maximum capacity is reached—REGISTER EARLY!

Employees of MSDE/DORS only, please include.

 Signature Date

 Signature of Supervisor Date

 Signature of Regional/OBVS/WTC Director Date

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