

Fairfield Public Schools Transition Services & Community Partnership Program

Transition Issues & Topics Training Series 2017-2018

- **October 19th, 6:30 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**

“Transition from School to Adult Life”---Presented by Ct. Parent Advocacy Center

Students with disabilities, their parents and educators are invited to attend a presentation to gain a better understanding of transition planning and how they can become more active participants in the process. Participants will gain knowledge of the legal requirements of IDEA, the availability of adult service agencies, and options for what lies ahead after high school.

- **October 30th 2017 6:00 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**

“So you think you want to go to college after HS? What you should be doing NOW to prepare.

Ms. Debra Fairchild, from the Southern Ct. State University, Disability Support Center, will present information, strategies and processes that HS students and their parents should know and understand to make the transition from HS to College life. Mr. Bo Zamphir of the SCSU Center for Technology (CAT LAB) will review high and low tech hardware and software that student can use to improve their performance in and out of the classroom

- **November TBD , 6:30 @ Fairfield Warde High School**

“Charting the Life Course” – Presented by the State of Ct. Dept. of Developmental Services

Charting the Life Course is a framework that was developed to help individuals with disabilities and families at any age or stage of life think about what they need to know, identify how to find or develop supports, and discover what it takes to live the lives they want to live. Individuals and families may focus on their current situation and stage of life but may also find it helpful to look ahead to start thinking about what they can do or learn now that will help build an inclusive productive life in the future.

- **December 6th 2017, 6:30 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**

“What State and federal benefits, what might my student with a disability be eligible for and how do I apply”?

Mr. Brian Smith, Resource Manager for Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and Ms. Rachel Soares from the Bureau of Rehabilitation(BRS) will review eligibility criteria for their respective agencies and Ms. Leah Pavone review and discuss the LEVEL UP program of services from BRS

- **January TBD 2018 6:30 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**

Parent’s Panel: “Our experiences with exiting public school service and transitioning to adult agency supports.

A panel parents of former FPS services will review and discuss their experiences working with adult service agencies, both private and state; the transition process and what they know now that would have helped them as their student was exiting

- **February 5th, 2018 6:30 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**

“After the Cap & Gown” This workshop is for parents and caregivers of teens and young adults, age 13-21, who meet the eligibility criteria for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and will be seeking DDS services upon high school graduation. Topics covered will include: what services will be available to young adults when they transition from school to adult services; what funding will be available for adult services when new graduates turn 21; and how to advocate for funding for your child or loved one with intellectual and developmental disabilities

- **May TBD 2018 @ 6:30 PM Fairfield Warde High School**

“Planning for your child with disability’s future, Estate planning, Wills and Special Needs Trusts” & Understanding the ABLE Act

Attorney James Funnell & Financial Planner Michael Leone will walk us through the complicated maze of estate planning for children with disabilities. A review of PLAN (Planned Lifetime Assistance Network) Services and Guardianship issues will be discussed. Mr. Funnell and Mr. Leone will also review and discuss the benefits and ramification of the landmark ABLE Savings Account legislation

