

Fairfield Public Schools Transition Services & Community Partnership Program

10/26/18 UPDATE 

- **October 10th 6:00 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**
 - **“How to be prepared for Post-Secondary Education setting and how to access supports – Presented by Disability Resource Center and CEAT at SCSU**
 - Mr. Goldie Adele, from the Southern Ct. State University, Disability Support Center, will present information, strategies and processes that 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 Educational & Assistive Technology (CEAT) at Southern Ct. State University will review high and low tech hardware and software that student can use to improve their performance in and out of the classroom
- **October, 29th-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 understand 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.
- **November 19th 2018 6:30 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**
 - **“Changing Expectations” - Presented by CtARC**
 - How funding impacts choice and options in the world of adult services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Topics covered will include: some basic facts about how Medicaid, the primary funding source for adult services, impacts funding, choices and options; challenges that make funding for adult services uncertain; guidance on how to use this information to advocate for your loved ones and to create more choice & opportunity for adults with I/DD
- **December 18th 2018 6:30 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**
 - **“WELCOME TO ACCESS-T”- Present by: The Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)**
 - The ACCESS presentation is an informational workshop on how to navigate the adult system of services that assist individuals with disabilities in Connecticut. The *goal* of the presentation is to raise awareness of the community supports and services that may be available to you as a student, or for your son or daughter in future years.
- **January 23rd 2019, 6:30 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**
 - **“What state and federal benefits might my student with a disability be eligible for and how do I apply”? – Presented by Dept. of Developmental Services & Bureau of Rehabilitation Services**
 - Mr. Brian Smith, Resource Manager for Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and Ms. Leah Pavone from the Bureau of Rehabilitation (BRS) will review eligibility criteria for their respective agencies. Ms. Leah Pavone will also review and discuss the LEVEL UP program of services from BRS
- **February (TBD) 2019 6:30 PM @ Fairfield Warde High School**
 - **Former FPS Students and Parents of Former FPS Discussion Panel: - Presented by Fairfield Public Schools**
 - Our panel members 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 they were exiting into Adulthood
- **March (TBD) 2019 @ 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”:- Presented by Fairfield Public Schools**
 - Attorney James Funnell 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 will also review and discuss the benefits and ramification of the landmark ABLE Savings Account legislation
- **April (TBD) 2019 6:30 @ Fairfield Warde High School**
 - **“Charting the Life Course” - Presented by Fairfield Public Schools and Cooperative Education 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.
- **May (TBD) 2019 6:30 PM@ Fairfield Warde High School**
 - **“Building A Bridge” – presented by Fairfield Public Schools**
 - This interactive guidance document provides information to students with disabilities and parents, guardians, family members on how to be proactive in ensuring that goals for self-advocacy, college, training, employment and/or independent living are included in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This presentation will focus on how you can use this interactive guide to create better IEP’s

