



PROGRAM and SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Registration
Enjoy Continental Breakfast and Visit Exhibitors

9:00-10:00 a.m.

1st Breakout Session – Select One

Workshop A – Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) Eligibility and Services

This workshop is designed for families and students who would like more information about the Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) including the services offered, who is eligible for services, how to apply, and the role of Service Coordination of Harford County.

Presenter: Beth Miller, Service Coordination of Harford County;

Audience: Parents/Caregivers

Workshop B – Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) and Workforce Technology Center (WTC)

Learn about the DORS programs that lead to employment. DORS helps eligible students plan for job training, higher education and employment. DORS provides personalized support and employment services so individuals with disabilities can plan a path to a successful career. The Workforce Technology Center (WTC) is a comprehensive rehabilitation facility that offers programs and services to prepare individuals with disabilities for employment and independence.

Presenter: Michelle Stewart, DORS;

Audience: Self Advocates and Parents/Caregivers

Workshop C - High-Demand Occupation Training (HOT) Program, HCC

Are you ready to succeed in some of the high-demand, high-growth careers available in today's economy but don't want to pursue traditional college-level coursework? Harford Community College's H.O.T. certificate programs can help you with the training you need to become economically self-sufficient. GED/ABE information will also be shared.

Presenter: Rod Bourne, Harford Community College;

Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers

Workshop D – Building Safe Relationships in the Community

The presenter will share information about being safe in the community. Participants will preview modules from *BE SAFE: The Movie*, including topics on safety laws and interacting with law enforcement.

Presenters: Trish Kane and Neal Lichter, Pathfinders for Autism;

Audience: Self-Advocates

(This workshop is open to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other intellection/developmental disability ages 12 and older. A parent/caregiver is welcome to attend and will be seated as an observer.)

Workshop E- Journey Into the Future: Resources to Help You Along the Way

Everyone faces questions and looks for answers to help them on their journey through life. Come and learn about how to use "Charting the LifeCourse" as a template for thinking about choices as well as options and possible resources for the future.

Presenter: Sue Rattman, Arc Northern Chesapeake Region;

Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers

Workshop F- Take Charge of Your Career: Market Yourself to Get a Job

Finding a job is hard and can be competitive - how does someone stand out above the crowd? Come to this session to learn how to really market yourself. Participants will discover ways to pick out their best features and turn them into benefits to the job they want by creating a marketing script that will wow businesses during their interview. Participants will walk away with skills they can use IMMEDIATELY by practicing what you learn in a mock interview with a real business person right after the workshop. Participants can create a great script AND practice using it all before they leave!

Presenter: Amy Dwyre D'Agati, Senior Associate, TransCen, Inc.;

Audience: Self-Advocates

10:30-11:30 a.m.

2nd Breakout Session – Select One

Workshop G – Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) and Workforce Technology Center (WTC)

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Presenter: Michelle Stewart, DORS;

Audience: Self Advocates and Parents/Caregivers

Workshop H- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Work Incentives Overview

This workshop is a great opportunity to find out how a transition-aged student with a disability may qualify for cash benefits (SSI) and medical insurance (Medical Assistance) and how he/she can work without losing these benefits.

Presenter: Paige Shepley, Community Work Incentives Coordinator, Open Doors Counseling;

Audience: Parents/Caregivers

Workshop I - Cruisin Through Your Financial Future

Learn to manage money, create a budget, and avoid credit card traps. This entertaining and interactive workshop will teach students how to be money smart in these financially challenging times. Presenter:

Sonya Pietrogiacomio, Financial Education, APGFCU;

Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers

Workshop J- Travel Training with Harford Transit LINK

Participants will learn everything they want to know about public transportation in Harford County including fixed bus routes, specialized services and the Ride Guide. Harford Transit LINK may be your ticket to work, recreation, shopping, medical appointments, etc.

Presenter: Alan Doran, Harford Transit LINK;

Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Family Members

Workshop K- College 101

This workshop is designed to assist students and parents prepare for college life. Topics covered include preparing yourself in high school for college, selecting a college, procedures for college enrollment, campus support services, student responsibility and classroom accommodations.

Presenter: Lorraine Peniston, Coordinator of Disability Support Services, Disability and Student Intervention Services, Harford Community College;

Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers

Workshop L- Assistive Technology: There's an App for You!

In this workshop, participants will discover how the iPad is a necessary tool for transition. We will share apps that enhance executive functioning skills including organization, memory, communication and pragmatics. Participants will leave with a list of apps they might find helpful in school, communication and the workplace.

Presenter: Denise Schuler, Maryland Technology Assistance Program, NASA Goddard;

Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

3rd Breakout Session – Select One

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Audience: Parents/Caregivers

Workshop N- Feed the Brain, Feed the Body

Health - whether physical, mental and emotional - is a key ingredient to living well. Disability and obesity can be challenging issues for all of us, but we each play a vital role in becoming and staying healthy. In this workshop, participants will learn tips and strategies to stabilize blood sugar, keep moods even and the brain and body active.

Presenter: Sharon Lipford, Healthy Harford;

Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers

Workshop O- Planning for the Future

Planning for the future of a loved one with a disability can be a complicated maze to navigate. Proper financial and legal estate planning can help protect eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and other government programs. These topics, as well as self-determination, guardianship, powers of attorney, circles of support and special needs trusts and how to create an estate to fund them will be discussed.

Presenter: Diann Jones, MBA, Financial Specialist;

Audience: Parents/Caregivers

Workshop P - So You Want to Drive?

Explore the “ins and outs” of obtaining a driver’s license in Maryland when various medical conditions are present. Learn about the role of the MVA’s Medical Advisory Board; the Adaptive Driving Assessment including Pre-Clinical Driving and Behind-the-Wheel Assessments; types of vehicle modifications; driving programs and the role of the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) in the process.

Presenter: Helene Dubay, OTR/L;

Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers

Workshop Q - Getting Out There: Increasing Opportunities for Social Success

Discovering social opportunities, meeting people and exploring personal interests and hobbies are significant to living a full, enriching life. This workshop is designed to highlight the benefits and resources of opening the doors to social success.

Presenter: Jessica Leone, The Image Center;

Audience: Self-Advocates