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Registration Open for Harford County Expo for Transitioning Youth on April 7

BEL AIR, Md., (Feb. 8, 2018) - Registration is now open for Harford County's 2018 Expo for Transitioning Youth planned on Saturday, April 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bel Air High School, 100 Heighe Street, Bel Air. This free conference helps teens and young adults with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and 504 Plans to transition successfully from high school to adulthood. Young people, families, educators, and other professionals are welcome. The expo will include workshops and more than 40 exhibitors and representatives from vendors, agencies, organizations, and support groups.

The Harford County Expo for Transitioning Youth is a biennial event presented by the Harford County Department of Community Services' Commission on Disabilities in partnership with Harford County Public Schools' Department of Special Education, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, the Abilities Network, the Maryland Department of Education Division of Rehabilitation Services, and The IMAGE Center.

Workshops at the expo for both diploma and certificate track students will include:


- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Work Incentives - information about how individuals with differing abilities may work and still qualify for cash benefits and medical insurance;
- College 101 - helping students and their parents navigate the college journey;
- So You Want to Drive? - information on obtaining a driver's license in Maryland when specific medical conditions are present;
- Getting Out There - how to expand social opportunities and personal interests to create a full and rich life.

Additional workshops will cover the Developmental Disability Administration (DDA), the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), estate planning, and mastering your money after high school. A complete listing of workshops and their descriptions is available along with registration forms at <http://bit.ly/2AdoMEn>. Registration is strongly encouraged. To register by phone or to request a printed participation registration brochure, contact the Department of Community Services at 410-638-3389.

“We know that young people have questions as they transition to adulthood,” said Rachel Harbin, coordinator for the Harford County Office of Disabilities. “The expo will connect these individuals and their families with community resources to help them reach their goals after high school.”

The Harford County Commission on Disabilities was established in 1995 to serve as the voice of the disability community in Harford County. Members are appointed by the county executive, with the approval of the County Council.

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