



**Saturday, April 4, 2020**

**8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Bel Air High School**

**100 Heighe Street | Bel Air, MD 21014**

## **Program & Schedule**

**8:30 a.m.**                      **Registration**  
**Enjoy Continental Breakfast and Visit Exhibitors**

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**        **Breakout Session 1 | 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 them, how to apply, and the role of Service Coordination of Harford County. Presenter: 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: Jan Stauffer, DORS *Audience: Self advocates and parents/caregivers*

### **Workshop C - 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: Gary Stapleton, Financial Education, APGFCU *Audience: Self advocates and parents/caregivers*

### **Workshop D - Take Charge of Your Career: Market Yourself to Get a Job**

Finding a job is a job 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 that they can use IMMEDIATELY practice what they learn before they leave in a mock interview with a real business person. Presenter: Willamae Williams, Transcen. *Audience: Self advocates*

### **Workshop E - Housing 101: Understanding Your Options**

Join housing specialists Kate Wallace and Hindley Williams as they discuss affordable housing, what it takes, and how it works. Get your questions answered and gain a solid understanding of housing opportunities alongside a breakdown of some complicated housing vocabulary. Presenters: Kate Wallace and Hindley Williams, The Image Center *Audience: Self advocates and parents/caregivers*



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**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.      Breakout Session 2 | Select One**

### **Workshop F - Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) and Workforce Technology Center (WTC)**

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### **Workshop G - College & Disability - Strategies for Success**

This workshop is designed to assist students and parents prepare for college life. Topics covered: Preparing self in high school for college, selecting a college, procedures for college enrollment, campus support services, student responsibility and classroom accommodations. Presenter: Disability and Student Intervention Services, Harford Community College. Audience: *Self advocates and parents/caregivers*

### **Workshop H - Begin with the End in Mind**

To ensure students' successful transition into adulthood, begin planning with the end in mind. The continuum of HCPS transition services, with a focus on middle school age, will be discussed. Talk transition in an open forum setting, led by HCPS' Transition Resource Itinerant staff. Presenters: Abbe Schoenfeld and Laura Feiler, HCPS. Audience: *Middle school parents/caregivers*

### **Workshop I - 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 Audience: *Self advocates*

### **Workshop J - ABLE Accounts**

Learn about ABLE accounts, a new and innovative way for people with disabilities to save money without jeopardizing means-tested benefits, such as SSI or Medicaid. A representative from Maryland ABLE will describe and answer questions about the program features, such as eligibility, how to save money in an ABLE account, and state income tax deduction opportunities. Presenter: Kelly Nelson, Maryland ABLE Audience: *Self advocates and Parents/caregivers*



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**11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.      Breakout Session 3 | Select One**

### **Workshop K - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Work Incentives Overview**

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: Kate Wallace, independent living specialist and benefits counselor, The Image Center *Audience: Parents/caregivers*

### **Workshop L - Get Active**

Come join the Fun and learn about how to get out and be active within Harford County! Learn about local Parks and Recreation programs that are available to you, what Therapeutic Recreation means and what they offer, and hear about new programs coming soon. Presenter: Rachel Kollasch, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist  
*Audience: Self advocates*

### **Workshop M - You Can Do It! Raising Independent Teens**

Do you question your teen's ability to demonstrate independence in the real world? Raising Independent Teens will provide you with activities to boost daily living skills at home, show you how to increase social skills, foster independence in the workplace, and highlight the importance of health education.  
Presenters: Jessica Boros & Christie Hall, special educators, Future Link, Harford County Public Schools  
*Audience: Self advocates and parents/caregivers*

### **Workshop N - 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: Monty Knittle and James Curran, The Curran Knittle Group. *Audience: Parents/caregivers*

### **Workshop O - High-Demand Occupation Training (H.O.T.) Programs and Apprenticeships, HCC**

This workshop is for everyone who is interested in a career pathway that is in high-demand without going through traditional college. Harford Community College offers H.O.T. Certificates, including apprenticeships, which will train you in skilled careers that will offer strong employment opportunities, economic independence and growth, and personal and professional success! Presenter: Matt Baylis, Harford Community College *Audience: Self advocates and parents/caregivers*

### **Workshop P - Guardianship and Other Alternatives**

This workshop will explore the pros and cons regarding guardianship of a family member with a disability. Should I have a guardian? This is a question that often arises for persons with developmental disabilities. Many parents feel that they must establish guardianship to ensure adequate care for the family member but in many cases, their well-meaning actions can lead to unimagined consequences for other family members in the future. Ask questions and learn all about guardianship as well as other options for your family. Presenter Sally Stanfield, Law Offices of Mark B. Martin. *Audience: Parents/caregivers*