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**Harford County Expo for Transitioning Youth Connects Hundreds of Local Families to Resources for Teens and Young Adults with Differing Abilities**

**BEL AIR, Md.**, (Apr. 18, 2018) - More than 400 individuals attended Harford County's biennial expo to assist teens and young adults with differing abilities in planning their journey to adulthood. The highly anticipated Expo for Transitioning Youth was held on April 7 in Bel Air, connecting local families with support and resources for success beyond high school. The expo's more than 60 local exhibitors offered a vast array of services and workshops on topics including employment, college opportunities, financial support, transportation, tips for social success, recreational opportunities and ways to stay active in the community.

"The Expo for Transitioning Youth was very informative!" said Sharyn Guercio, mother of a student at Fallston High School. "Not only did the exhibitors provide me with resources for after high school, but the workshops allowed me to learn about important topics that will impact my child. This information will be very useful as my son transitions into adulthood."


The Harford County Commission on Disabilities and the Office of Disability Services would like to thank the expo sponsors including APG Federal Credit Union, which provided healthy refreshments for the attendees; Harford County Public Schools' Office of Special Education; The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS); Abilities Network, and the IMAGE Center, as well as the more than 20 student volunteers who helped make the expo a success.

The Harford County Office of Disability Services provides free local events, educational opportunities, community partnerships and resource referrals to citizens of all ages and abilities, and their families. The Harford County Commission on Disabilities was established in 1995 to serve as the voice of the disability community in Harford County. For more information on these organizations, contact Rachel Harbin at 410-638-3389 or [disability@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:disability@harfordcountymd.gov).



*Photo caption: Attendees find resources at Harford County's Expo for Transitioning Youth held on April 7 at Bel Air High School*

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