

Piedmont Regional Education Program

PREP/PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Providing information and support to families of children with disabilities



Life After High School Transition Conference and Resource Fair

WHEN: Saturday, March 2, 2013 (Snow Date March 16, 2013)
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
(8:30 - 9:00 Check in)

WHERE: Charlottesville Albemarle Technical Education Center
1000 E. Rio Road, Charlottesville

Conference and Resource Fair for middle and high school youth with disabilities and their parents! Meet exhibitors and hear presenters who can answer your questions about the Transition to Adulthood and help you plan for your future NOW!

Sessions include:

Transition 101

Self-Determination

Postsecondary Education

Employment Models & Expectations

Health Care & Guardianship Issues

So You're 18: Legal Rights and Obligations

Sexuality

Special Student Breakout Sessions

Registration is free - lunch included with pre-registration!

For more information and to register:

Sarah Blech, PREP/Parent Resource Center (434) 975-9400 ext. 68032 or sblech@k12albemarle.org

In collaboration with the VDOE I'm Determined Project & VDOE Region 5 T/TAC

Subscribe to the PRC email newsletter!

Contact:

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Jill and Tim Rose are videographers for VCU's Partnership for People with Disabilities. They are presently working on videos highlighting workplace accommodations for people with disabilities. Videos are focusing on both the people with disabilities seeking necessary accommodations and employers willing to consider the accommodations.



Jill and Tim would love to discuss accommodations with anyone who has insights and experiences to share. Personal stories are often the most effective way to educate and effect change. For more information contact Tim at timrose999@gmail.com

DARS is launching a temporary **Lifespan Respite Voucher Program**. The *Virginia Lifespan Respite Voucher Program* is funded through a federal grant awarded to the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging --Office of Home and Community Based Services. The *Virginia Lifespan Respite Voucher Program* provides reimbursement vouchers to home-based caregivers for the cost of temporary, short-term respite care provided to individuals of any age with a disability or special need (children and adults, including elderly persons).

Individuals eligible to apply for voucher funding through the *Virginia Lifespan Respite Voucher Program* include Virginia caregivers of children or adults who reside in the same household as the person receiving care. Voucher funding is limited to a total of \$400 per family. All funds must be expended by July 31, 2013.

Respite funds must be requested by the primary caregiver who resides full time in the same household. Funds may not be used to reimburse household expenses or daycare; funds must be used to reimburse an individual respite care provider or an organization that provides respite. Due to limited funds, not all eligible applications will be approved.

You will find an overview and all of the forms required to apply under "Services". <http://www.vadrs.org/services.htm>

You will find a section called "Respite Services". Read below that for instructions and you will find the forms downloadable in both word and PDF. The PDF version you can fill out on your computer and print out.

Free Workshop

"IEP: TIPS AND TRICKS"

The Individualized Education Plan ("IEP") is the road map for the school system to provide services to a child with special needs.

Understanding the process will help you advocate for your child's education.

Emily Dreyfus, Presenter

Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Region Ten, 500 Old Lynchburg Road, C'ville

Front Entrance to Conference Room

RSVP To Carol Hagen, BRCCC,

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Reading and Writing Interventions

Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 3:30—5:30 pm Ivy Creek School Gym, 225 Lambs Lane, Charlottesville

For more than more than 30 years, Don Johnston Incorporated has continued to be a driving force in education reform—in the beginning, supporting students with disabilities reach their reading and writing potential. Whether the student is taking the SOLO assessment or alternate assessment, every student can develop literacy skills.

In this session we'll explore writing interventions that range from planning to publishing. Don Johnston writing interventions build skill while providing support and accommodations for struggling writers. We will also look at reading tools. Many of these tools may already be in place in the districts--like Co:Writer and Write:Outloud for writing and Read:Outloud and Bookstream provided by AIM VA for reading. We will also explore new assessments and look at new tools like Snap&Read. Presented by Dave Butler, Don Johnston Incorporated

For more information and to RSVP: Helene Freiman at hfreiman@k12albemarle.org

Save The Date!

**Technology
and
Brain-based Learning**

Judi Sweeney

President: Onion Mountain Technology

<http://www.onionmountaintech.com/vita.php?id=1>

Explore the myriad of research findings that focus on how students learn and how you can change the learning environments in your classroom to best meet their needs and strengths. Judi will demonstrate low to high tech tools to create specialized lessons based on brain-based learning. Topics to include lighting, sound, music, sensory, using digital images and graphics, memory aids, etc.

March 22, 2013, Comfort Inn, Charlottesville, VA

Cost: \$25.00 (Includes continental breakfast and afternoon snack)

Target Audience: Administrators, Special education teachers, General education teachers, SLPs, PTs, OTs, ITRTs, Behavior specialists, and Assistive technology professionals. **Sponsored by:** **Region 5 T/TAC @ JMU AND PREP.** Registration to open February 11, 2013 @

<http://www.jmu.edu/ttac/training/index.shtml>

The Winter edition of *dis-Abilities Celebration Connection* is available to view at [disAbilitiesCelebrationConnection-Winter2013](#)

The University of Virginia Child and Family Psychiatry Clinic is conducting a research study of an investigational medication for ADHD in adolescents, ages 13 – 17. There will be approximately 10 visits to the Child and Family Psychiatry Clinic involving mental and physical health assessments, over about 3 months. Compensation may be provided for completed visits. Dr. Vishal Madaan will be the principal investigator for this study. For more information please contact Leigh Gayle at (434) 243-3678 or leigh.gayle@virginia.edu. (IRB-HSR#16451)

Camp Virginia Jaycee (CVJC) is a premier Virginia summer camp for children and adults with developmental disabilities on 90 beautiful acres in Blue Ridge, Virginia. Our management staff, who live in camp for the summer, have a total of over 35 years of experience in disabilities camping. Scholarships are available and based upon a first come, first served bases so please apply early! For more information: info@campvajc.org or call (540) 947-2972.

**Shirley O'Brien, Ph.D.. Director
Camp Virginia Jaycee**

Charlottesville Families!

Middle/High Schoolers' Game Night & Family Meeting

Wednesday Feb. 6 at 5:30pm

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library

Central Branch at 201 E. Market St.

Parent/family meeting in the Madison Room

Share information and hear updates from School Board member and staff

Gamers in the McIntire Room

**Please come to this free event: fun for teens and pre-teens,
and helpful information for family members.**

Sponsored by the Charlottesville Special Education Advisory Committee

Youth Leadership Forum 2013

Apply Now!

High School Students with Disabilities

(rising juniors and seniors)

Virginia's Youth Leadership Forum Alumni have become better advocates for themselves and greater advocates for others. They have returned to their homes, schools, and communities empowered to take control of their futures and be influential leaders to others. They have taken a more active role in their academics and gotten involved in extracurricular activities, matriculated to institutions of higher learning and earned degrees; and as they've blossomed into adulthood, they've become gainfully employed, committed in relationships, and living independently. They have joined or been appointed to local or national civic organizations and become decision makers.

See the potential in your son, daughter, or student! Help us recruit new leaders to the Forum from your community! Share this email with your colleagues, parents, and members of your social organizations. **And please share this opportunity with your students or children!**

The YLF will offer 25 Student Delegates an opportunity to: discover their leadership potential; work in small groups to explore their plans for the future; and in large groups, be inspired by and network with peers and motivational speakers with disabilities; experience public speaking in a friendly environment, and have fun. This "life changing" experience will take place July 29-August 2 on the campus of VCU with all expenses paid and accommodations provided.

To compete for this opportunity; encourage your student or child to:

Apply Today by going online to complete the YLF Application at www.vaboard.org/ylf/htm (select *Recruitment*) and submitting all required paperwork as instructed by the **March 29, 2013** deadline.

The YLF will be held at **Virginia Commonwealth University, July 29-August 2, 2013**. It is open to students who:

- rising juniors and seniors (or post seniors returning to school for at least one year)
- have a disability as defined by Americans with Disabilities (ADA)
- reside in Virginia
- demonstrate qualities of a leader or have the desire to become a leader

Learn more by visiting <http://bit.ly/YLF13Va> and <http://bit.ly/ylf-va13>

Thank you for seeing your child's potential and encouraging them to apply.

Kara A. White
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