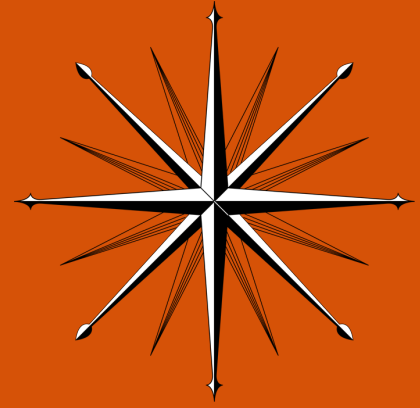


The Compass

Helping You Navigate Your Roadmap to Adulthood



Planning for Adult Life activities, events, and materials are conducted and developed in partnership with The Arc of New Jersey with funding from the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Welcome to the Planning for Adult Life monthly newsletter, **The Compass!** This newsletter will highlight upcoming monthly events, updates on supports and services, and opportunities to gather information available through our program.

National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month



Observed each October, NDEAM has celebrated for more than 70 years the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a diverse workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. Click the picture to learn how you can start spreading the word!

Transition Planning 101: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and exploring career options for your student

The New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) helps job seekers with disabilities who are having trouble finding or holding a job because of their disability. DVRS can provide:

- Vocational Counseling and Guidance
- Placement Services
- Supported Employment



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Webinar

- Skills Training
- College Training
- Diagnostic Evaluations
- Driver Training

If having a disability is preventing your student from working or jeopardizing their present employment, you may wish to submit a referral for services. The updated DVRS website provides information on completing an confidential online referral form, office locations and more information: [To get started](#)

HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR SPOT?

FREE Parent Forum and Opportunity Expo

October 15, 2016 in Somerset, NJ
Register Today!



Parent Forums include workshops (45-60 minutes) on specific topics including information on support coordination, the continuum of community services, financial planning, eligibility requirements, and where to find help. The **Opportunity**

Expo features a variety of exhibitors including: state and county government entities, community service providers, service coordinators, local health care support and recreation providers, additional information and referral services. By attending this FREE Expo, families will be introduced to supports and services in their area. You don't want to miss it!

Workshops to be covered (Varies by Location):

- A Parent's Experience
- Exploring Employment
- Understanding Guardianship
- SSI and Medicaid's Role in Obtaining Adult Services
- Accessing Services and Natural Supports

Starting in OCTOBER! For a list of dates, Click [HERE](#)

Want reserve a FREE VENDOR table for your agency or program at these events? Click [HERE](#)

Wednesday Series

October 19, 2016
6-7pm

What are Pre-Employment Transition Services and how your student can explore the world of work

To Register, Click [HERE](#)

Student Planning Activity



What are entry-level jobs?

Employers are only interested in hiring employees who want to work. If you have little or no job experience then employers will hire for entry-level jobs. This can give you an opportunity to start at the bottom and work your way up. Employers will see that you really want to work.

[Click here for more on finding entry-level jobs.](#)

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Things To Consider:

Parents also play an important role in providing invaluable career guidance and support to young adults

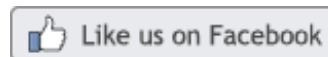


To successfully transition to adulthood, all youth should be exposed to a range of work-based exploration experiences such as

site visits, community service, job shadowing, and paid and unpaid internships.

Unfortunately, it is estimated that only one-third of young people with disabilities who need job training receive it. Here are some [resources](#) to help you prepare for employment.

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Archived Webinars



Missed a Webinar? Check Out Our Archived Videos: **Working Toward Employment**

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