

The Compass

Helping You Navigate Your Roadmap to Adulthood



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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.

Transition Planning 101: Get Information on Services and Supports to Help All People Work

The **Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)** is committed to ensuring that everyone receiving services has an opportunity to become competitively employed.



To that end, they are offering DDD's Commitment to Employment: Services and Supports to Help All People webinars to assist Supported Employment providers and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in understanding the scope of employment services that can be accessed through Division funding to assist all individuals, regardless of level of support needed, in finding and maintaining competitive employment in the general workforce.

PRESENTERS:

Jennifer Joyce, Director, Supports Program and Employment Services
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TOPICS INCLUDED:

- Funding for the discovery process
- Services available to provide support
- Initiatives implemented as a result of Employment First, the national initiative adopted by New Jersey in April 2012

Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

[REGISTER HERE! for DDD's Commitment to Employment: Individual/Family-focused webinar](#)

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Webinar Wednesday Series

Join us for our upcoming **FREE** webinars:

May 11th at 6:00pm

" Exploring Housing for Persons with Developmental Disability"

[Click here to register](#)

June 22nd at 6:00pm

"10 Things Every Student Should Explore During Summer Break"

[Click here to register](#)



Planning For Adult Life

**FREE PARENT FORUM AND
OPPORTUNITY EXPO**

STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION 14-21 AND THEIR FAMILIES

REGISTER TODAY!

Come and learn about how to plan for life beyond high school- whether it's finding work, continuing your education, getting your own place or even starting a business. Find out what services are available to help you build your roadmap to adult life.

**Parent Forum and
Opportunity Expos 2016
9:00-1:00pm**

**May 7, 2016
Special Olympics-NJ
Campus
(Lawrenceville, NJ)**

**June 4, 2016
Celebrate the Children
(Denville, NJ)**

[Click Here to Register](#)

Workshops Sessions Include: (vary by location)

- Parent's Perspective on Planning
- Yes, Your Child Can Work
- College Options For Students with I/DD
- Applying For Medicaid and SSI
- Accessing Services and Supports in Your Community

Are you a provider? To reserve an exhibit table: [Click Here](#)

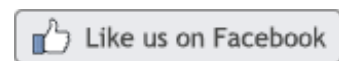
**Student Planning
Activity**



Understand the importance of thinking before and during shopping trips.

- Learn how coupons and store cards can help with shopping.
- Use a shopping list and stick to it.
- At the store, read the price labels to see which brand is the better value.

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Things To Consider:

10 Things To Know About Housing from Disability.gov

The Fair Housing Act protects you from discrimination when you're renting, buying or getting financial help for any type of housing. It is very important that you know your rights concerning housing when planning for your student's transition to adult life. Disability Connection Newsletter lists [10 Things To Know About Housing](#):

1. **Equal Access to Housing**
2. **Rental Assistance**
3. **Tips for First-time Homebuyers**
4. **Making a Move**
5. **Does Your Home Fit Your Needs**

[Click here to read the full Disability Connection Newsletter on 10 Things To Know About Housing...](#)



Check Out Our Archived Videos: Understanding Guardianship

[Click here to view the video!](#)

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