

# The Compass

Helping You Navigate Your Roadmap to Adulthood



**March 2015**

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.

## March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and those directly impacted by someone with an intellectual and developmental disability (I/DD) are in the best position to raise awareness about I/DD.

Take advantage of any or all of these resources leading up to and during March and join The Arc of New Jersey in putting I/DD awareness front and center this year! For more information please [click here](#)



## **FREE** Parent Forum and Opportunity Expo! You don't want to miss this!

The Planning for Adult Life program is excited to offer three (3) events in three different areas of the state. This event is **FREE** for students in special education ages 14-21 and their families. Come join us to learn what transition planning is all about and the things you

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## Mark your Calendar for March Prep Club Meetings (Weather permitting, please RSVP)

3/3 Gloucester/ Mercer Counties  
3/10 Mercer County  
3/11 Middlesex County  
3/12 Salem County  
3/19 Camden/Somerset/Cape May Counties  
3/23 Burlington County  
3/24 Cumberland County  
3/25 Monmouth/Morris/Ocean Counties  
3/26 Hunterdon/Salem Counties

[Click Here](#) to view the calendar for meeting times and locations.

need to know as your child moves from school to adult life.  
Workshops include:

- Parent's Perspective on Planning
- Employment Options for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- Guardianship: What you need to know
- Understanding SSI and Medicaid
- Housing Options in New Jersey
- College Opportunities for Students with Disabilities
- Transportation Options for People with Disabilities
- Helping Your Child be Social and Much More!

Parent Forum - SOUTH  
April 25, 2015  
Burlington County  
Emergency Service Training Center  
53 Academy Drive  
Westampton, NJ 08060  
9:00am-1:00pm

Parent Forum- CENTRAL  
May 30, 2015  
Crown Plaza-Monroe  
390 Forsgate Drive  
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831  
9:00am-1:00pm

Parent Forum- NORTH  
June 6, 2015  
Hilton Garden Inn  
375 Mount Hope Avenue  
Rockaway, NJ 07866  
9:00am-1:00pm

Meet with service providers and adult service agencies  
Professional Respite Available for  
Families Attending The Forum  
(Space is Limited)

[Click Here for Registration Details!](#)



### Free Webinar

Join us for a FREE webinar on  
Mar 31, 2015 at 6:00 PM

**ASSESSMENTS:**  
Why They Are Important and  
How Families Should Approach  
Them

[Click Here to Register](#)

### Student Planning Activity

Develop a student portfolio, include samples of job applications, resumes, sample addressing envelope, a list of five references, a sample application, a list of their goals for six months, one year and five years, and letters of inquiry and thank you for a job interview. This is a wonderful tool that will allow the student to have all of this information in one folder for when they go out and apply for jobs.

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**DCF Camp Funding Applications Now Available**

The Department of Children and Families (DCF), which serves children and youth up to age 21, is now accepting requests from families for financial assistance toward the 2015 summer camp session. To obtain application please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit PerformCare's website.

**Requests must be submitted to PerformCare by Thursday, April 30, 2015.**



**Please note:** Individuals 21 years of age and older are served by The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). Information for camp assistance through DDD will be sent out as soon as DDD publishes the information.

Planning For Adult Life serves student 16-21 years old with developmental disabilities and their families.  
[PlanningForAdultLife.org](http://PlanningForAdultLife.org)