

To get the most out of this workshop, we highly recommend that you attend a **Basic Rights** workshop before attending the *Planning A Life* conference.

Topics of interest - circle all that apply

Guardianship – SSI - Self Advocacy

Vocational - Post Secondary Option

Estate Planning - Adult Agency Linkages

Employment - School to Career –

Transition Assessment

Other? _____

Please come prepared with knowledge of your child's interests, strengths, and their current skill level.

Questions to ponder before you attend.

- ◆ What makes your child happy?
- ◆ What is your child's vision for life after high school?
- ◆ What are your child's social/inter- personal skills?
- ◆ Do they take interest in their personal appearance, grooming, hygiene etc.?
- ◆ What skills do they have for community independence?
- ◆ Do they know how to ask for help, handle money, cross streets?
- ◆ What do they know about "working"?
- ◆ Is consideration given to skill development in these areas as you develop IEP transition goals?

Come and learn about:

- ◆ Creating a vision for your future
- ◆ Person Centered Planning
- ◆ Transition Requirements of **IDEA 2004**, The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004
- ◆ Importance of transitional assessments for best results
- ◆ Prioritize and incorporate transition goals into the IEP
- ◆ Employment, Job Development, Work Supports, Post Secondary Option
- ◆ Making connections and networking with other families going through the process.

To Register

Mail registration form with \$100 fee to

FCSN

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Planning a Life

Making the Most Out of High School



***Friday & Saturday
February 6 & 7, 2009***

Central MA



FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

In collaboration with the Massachusetts
Rehabilitation Commission—***Transition Works!***

Did you know...

Each year in Massachusetts, about 900 students transition from high school often unprepared to make real choices for a real life in the real world?

If you have a child with a disability approaching the ages of 15 to 21, this transition conference is an important opportunity for you.

Begin the transition planning process early and stay on schedule. Strategize now and prepare for a full productive life during and after high school.

Two action-packed days are filled with information and resources that will support you to understand your role, rights and responsibilities in the transition planning process.



We will offer follow up workshops on topics that participants identify as priorities.

The goal of this transition conference is to establish a statewide network of proactive, knowledgeable parents working in partnership with local schools to develop transition teams who will:

- ◆ Assist students to create a vision for high school and beyond.
- ◆ Identify necessary assessments to achieve that vision.
- ◆ Design supports & services that work!
- ◆ Explore student's special interests & provide innovative opportunities in school and in their community.
- ◆ Advance skills to prepare for post secondary education or successful employment opportunities.
- ◆ Encourage, support and celebrate all students!



Registration

Location: *Central MA*
TBA

Spaces are limited. Please fill out the following registration form completely & mail by *January 30, 2009*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Child's name/age _____

School _____ grade _____

Conference fee is \$100

(*limited scholarships are available)

**Mail registration with payment
by *January 30, 2009* to**

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