



2013 Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference

Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow: Possibility, Opportunity, Action

The primary purpose of this conference is to expand the capacity of local education agencies and communities, in partnership with youth, young adults and families, in promoting the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post-school outcomes of employment, post-secondary education and training, community participation and healthy lifestyles. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about effective practices to assist youth/young adults with disabilities to explore possibilities, take advantage of their opportunities, and actively advocate for their future.

The primary focal points of this year's conference are:

- Behavioral Health
- Empowerment
- Family/Caregiver Engagement
- Gainful/Competitive Employment
- Health and Healthy Lifestyles
- Leadership
- Models For Success
- Partnerships
- Post-Secondary Education/Training
- Youth Engagement

The conference will feature:

- *Accommodations and Supports Expo, featuring hands-on assistive technology exhibits, vendor displays and resource tables*
- *Approximately 80 breakout sessions*
- *Family engaging sessions and networking opportunities*
- *Keynote and feature presentations*
- *Sessions and activities designed for youth and young adults by the PA Youth Leadership Network*

Who should participate?

Stakeholders supporting post-school outcomes of youth with disabilities, such as...

Advocates	Medical Health Services Workers
Agency Administrators	Occupational Therapists
Assistive Technology Professionals	Office of Developmental Programs Staff
Business/Employers	Paraprofessionals
Career & Technology Educators	Partnerships for Youth Affiliates & Staff
CareerLink Staff	Physical Therapists
Direct Support Providers	Psychologists
Drug & Alcohol Program Workers	Public & Private Child Welfare Workers
Education Administrators	School Nurses
Family & Caregivers	Secondary Educators
Family Health Representatives	Social Security Benefits Counselors
Foster and Adoptive Parents	Social Security Staff
Guidance Counselors	Social Workers
Health Professionals	Special Educators
Higher Education Professionals	Speech/Language Therapists
Independent Living Staff	Transition Coordinators
Juvenile Justice Affiliates	Transportation Affiliates
Job Coaches	Vocational Evaluators
Local Government Officials	Vocational Rehabilitation Staff
Local Service Providers	Workforce Investment Board Members
Local Youth Councils	Youth & Young Adults
Mental Assistance Program Staff	Youth Served in Foster Care

Save the Date!

Penn Stater Conference Center & Hotel
State College, PA
July 24 - 26, 2013

Call for Proposals to Present:

We encourage all transition stakeholders to submit a proposal to present a 90 minute session at the transition conference. The formal *Call for Proposals* is available at www.pattan.net. **Submission deadline is February 4, 2013.**

Conference Fees:

The conference registration fee is \$125 for all participants. Family and youth who need support in order to attend the conference can apply for a scholarship to cover the registration fee and hotel (one room up to a maximum of 3 nights). Additional information regarding family & youth scholarships will be made available at www.pattan.net

Hotel Information:

A block of rooms at various hotels have been held for individuals who will be attending the conference. Participants are responsible for calling the hotel directly and making their own reservation. Participants will be responsible for the cost of their hotel rooms and must be billed directly. A list of hotels will be available at www.pattan.net

Available Credits: Act 48, CRCC



Individuals attending this event must arrive on time and stay the duration of the event in order to receive Act 48 Professional Education hours. Requests for exceptions are to be brought to the attention of the individual's Superintendent or IU Director prior to the event.



Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification (CRCC): Continuing Education credits for professions with Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) credentials will be offered for attendance of this program. CRCC Continuing Education Certificates will be available upon successful completion of the program for interested participants.

Certificates of attendance for continuing education credits (speech, social work, vision rehabilitation) will be available after the conference.

In the upcoming months, look for additional information on the PaTAN website at www.pattan.net