

Transition: A Parent Workshop and Networking Opportunity

This workshop will focus on parents of students with intellectual disabilities, multiple disabilities including deaf/blindness, blind or visually impaired.

Students are invited to attend and will spend time in the NCECBVI sensory room, gym, and/or wellness room focusing on recreation and leisure activities, while parents attend the workshop.

Saturday, August 26, 2017, at NCECBVI 824 10th Avenue in Nebraska City 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided and catered by Valentino's. If you or your student has any special dietary needs or restrictions, you are encouraged to bring your own lunch and snacks in a container clearly marked with both the first and last name of the individual(s).

Transition is the process for preparing your student for where he or she will live, work, and learn after high school. The best practice for preparing for life after high school is to start planning early, as young as 12 and 14 years of age. Teaching skills for independent living can be started even earlier. This will be an introductory training to help you connect with people who can assist in this process. We will discuss an introduction to transition, discuss transition timelines, learn about assistance available, and provide contact information to help get you started. Topics include Developmental Disabilities, Supplemental Security Income, Aged and Disabled Waiver, Enable Savings Plan, Advocacy, Parent Training and Information Center, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI) and more as guided by the group.

This workshop will be led by Leslie Wagner, M.Ed., Transition Specialist at NCECBVI. Leslie has more than ten years of experience working in the field of Special Education and Transition. She provides Outreach services to students who are blind or visually impaired, parents, and teachers across the state of Nebraska.

In addition, Seamus Kelly will be present to discuss levels of Guardianship. Seamus is an attorney whose practice is dedicated to serving the needs of people with disabilities, their families, and caregivers. Seamus is a parent of a child with a disability so he understands a parent's perspective.

RSVP by August 18 to Leslie Wagner: lwagner@esu4.net or call 1-800-826-4355.