

Are you concerned about the transition to adulthood for someone you care about?



Plan and Prepare:

Transition to Adulthood Conference

April 30th and May 1st

Parents and professionals alike need help to learn how to maximize the effectiveness of transition planning and services to create the best possible future.

Don't miss this excellent conference that offers answers, options and connections!

Los Angeles Valley College, Monarch Hall
5800 Fulton Ave
Valley Glen, CA 91401

Two day early bird registration	\$150 before 3/31/10
	\$195 thereafter
Single day registration	\$100 before 3/31/10
	\$120 thereafter

Price for the two day conference includes:

- Two full days of excellent speakers and panelists
- Breakfast, lunch and snacks
- The "**Transition to Adult Living**" information and resource guide from the California Dept of Education
- A **flash drive** will be given to all those who register, courtesy of Easter Seals and ASLA. The jump drive includes a resource guide full of relevant local information, including resources, websites and other information key to navigating transition to adulthood.
- **Parking is free**

We are a Regional Center Vendor

Space is limited so register today at www.asa-la.org.

Conference Topics and Speakers

April 30, 2010

Step One in Transition Planning: Creating a Vision for the Future

Emily Iland, M.A. President, Autism Society of Los Angeles

How to Create a Transition Plan

Keynote speaker Diana Blackmon, Ed.D. Dr. Blackmon is the primary author of the California Department of Education document, *Transition to Adult Living: A Resource and Information Guide*, that will be provided free to all conference attendees.

Implementing the Transition Plan

Geri Fuchigami, M.A., Transition Youth Coordinator, Los Angeles Unified School District
Panel of experts

Legal Considerations in Transition and Future Planning

Mark Woodsmall, Esq., Attorney
Panel of experts

Navigating Services and Supports: A Panel Presentation

Moderator, Sarita Freedman, Ph.D.
Panel of agency representatives and service providers

May 1, 2010

Residential Options and Supports Guadalupe Trevizo-Reinoso Regional Vice President, Easter Seals Southern California

Connection to the Community: Panel of self-advocates, agency representatives and service providers

Options for Post-Secondary Education, including College Keynote Speaker Olivia Raynor, Ph.D, noted expert and specialist on the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in employment, volunteerism and service, post secondary education, and the arts.

Connection to the Community: Panel of educational representatives and service providers

Safety and Independence in the community: A Law Enforcement Perspective

Detective III Gil Escontrias of the Los Angeles Police Department and
Emily Iland, M.A., Project Manager of the AS LA-LAPD Autism Awareness Project

Self-advocacy and Self-disclosure in Higher Education and the Workplace

Linda Andron, LCSW

Connection to the Community: Panel of self-advocates, agency representatives and service providers

Work Options and Job Training

Cynthia Kawa, CEO New Horizons

Connection to the Community: Panel of agency representatives and service providers

How our conference is organized:

All presentations are general sessions for the entire audience. Presentations offer the key “must know” information on the most relevant topics in transition planning. There are no break-out sessions.

Many presentations will be followed by a panel of experts representing local services providers, agencies and individuals. We call this making the “connection to the community,” to put ideas into action. The audience will become familiar with how the service systems work, and learn about a variety of agencies and providers in our area. This paves the path for follow-up after the conference, if desired, for more information, individual questions, personal consultations or application/ enrollment in programs.

This is a “green” conference; printed material will be kept to a minimum. No handouts or PowerPoint slides will be provided at the conference. Handouts and PowerPoint presentations and other conference material will be made available to paid attendees in three ways:

1. **PowerPoint slides and handouts for all sessions will be emailed to paid attendees at least two weeks in advance of the conference. Those who wish to do so can print them out and bring them to the conference for personal use.**
2. **All paid attendees will receive the PowerPoint slides and handouts from the conference sessions on a flash drive for personal use at the conference. The flash drive also includes a huge offering of other valuable materials on all conference topics. Thanks to Easter Seals for providing the flash drives!**
3. **All paid attendees will receive a free copy of the book, "Transition to Adult Living" courtesy of the California Department of Education.**