

Registration Information

There is no fee to attend these workshops however, pre-registration is required.

Register by March 12th

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The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport, Inc (The Arc of GHN) is a grassroots, individual and family focused advocacy agency and community builder supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families through Advocacy, Resources and Customized services. Established in 1962 by parents of children with developmental disabilities, The Arc of GHN is a non profit 501 (C) (3) charitable organization.

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Do you have a teen/young adult diagnosed with developmental disabilities ages 14-22?

Do you have questions about services after they leave high school?

Do you worry about the future and would like to learn about the options available?

Be sure to attend

Transition

to

Adulthood

A series of informative workshops providing the information you need to help plan for the future!

Wednesday Evenings

March 17, 24, 31

April 7, 2010

7:00-9:00 PM

TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD

Session 1: March 17, 2010

Getting the Most from Your IEP

7:00-9:00 PM

Learn about the Federal and State laws and how the IEP can help your teen/young adult prepare for the future.

Presented by: Pat Pakos, M.Ed, Transition Specialist, Arc of Massachusetts

Held at RAN Middle School Library, Newburyport

Session 2: March 24, 2010

Overview of Chapter 688: The Roles and Responsibilities of DDS

7:00-9:00 PM

This workshop will guide you through the State transition laws and processes and an overview of the Department's eligibility, prioritization and services.

Presented by: Sue Day McIntire, Transition Coordinator, Merrimack Valley - Department of Developmental Services (DDS),

Victor Hernandez, Senior Project Manager, DDS

NOTE: Held at Newburyport High School - Room 118

Session 3: March 31, 2010

Understanding the Benefit Maze

7:00-9:00 PM

At the age of 18, your child may be eligible for Mass Health, SSI, or SSDI. What does it all mean and who is eligible?

Presented by: Linda Muse, Benefits Specialist, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

Held at RAN Middle School Library, Newburyport

Session 4: April 7, 2010

Life after the IEP What are the Options?

7:00-9:00 PM

What types of services and supports are available for your young adult? Who funds them? What are the options?

Presented by: Kerry Mahoney and Barbara Pandolfi, The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport and a parent panel

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