Lake Travis ISD Special Services Presents

## Creating a <br> Roadmap to Independence

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## Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

5:30-8:30pm<br>LTHS Main Cafeteria

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Families, you are present in your child's life before, during, and after public schooling, whereas your child's teachers are only involved for a short time. Because of this, you have a very important role during your child's transition process.

When you have a good understanding of transition, you are better able to support your child in developing and implementing a plan to achieve their goals after high school.

Although the transition period is an exciting time in your child's life, it is also a time when you may have many questions and concerns about your child's future. The good news is there are people and organizations to help you and your child with the transition to adult life.


We hope you are able to connect with some of these amazing people and organizations tonight by visiting their informational tables and attending their presentations!

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> We would like to extend huge thank you to our 18+ Program for preparing and serving a delicious meal for our Presenters \& Volunteers.


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| Presenters (schedule subject to change) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Adults Independent \& Motivated (AIM) | 15 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1: 6:00-6:25pm } \\ & \text { 2:6:30-6:55pm } \end{aligned}$ | C109 |  |  |  | x |  | x |
|  | Presentation Description: AlM's model for independent living with appropriate supports for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities is transformative for the individuals and their families. This session explains how AIM makes independence possible, the many benefits of this model and how to explore AIM as an option for your family. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aggie HOPS Program Texas A\&M | Texas A\&M University's Aggie HOPS is a post secondary program for individuals with disabilities. We offer horticulture classes in order to obtain a horticulture credential upon graduation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Presentation Description: Learn more about the Aggie HOPS program. The HOPS Project is a two semester (approximately 32 weeks) training program whose purpose is to provide instruction and support individuals with disabilities to gain the necessary skills and experiences in work readiness in order to successfully transition into competitive integrated employment in the horticulture industry. Students have the option to become certified on the state/national level. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The ARC of
the Capital Area

The Arc of the Capital Area, a nonprofit organization, is committed to empowering Central Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through compassionate case management and innovative programs. The Arc connects individuals and families to education, work, recreation, and lifelong services so they achieve lives of joy and dignity.
Presentation Description: Learn more about Navigating Medicaid waivers and services and programs offered at The Arc of the Capital Area.
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2: 6:30-6:55pm
C111
ARCIL, Inc. of Austin, Texas provides independent living services to persons with disabilities, their families, and communities throughout Travis and surrounding counties. ARCIL also provides services throughout Hays, Caldwell, Comal, and Blanco counties at ARCIL San Marcos (San Marcos, Texas), and Williamson, Bell, Burnet, and Milam counties at ARCIL Round Rock (Round Rock, Texas). ARCIL is a private non-profit corporation dedicated to the advancement and full participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life. ARCIL works with persons with disabilities to increase their personal self-determination and minimize dependence on others.
Presentation Description: Interact more with others and make new friends! Build confidence in yourself! Learn more about and participate in leisure \& recreation activities in and around Austin! Gain skills that will assist you in becoming more independent now and after graduation from High School! DLS/ WIPA and Public health.

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ACC's STEPS is a program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities interested in gaining skills to enter the workforce or continue to develop their education. STEPS provides a wealth of support to help adults achieve their individualized goals. Working together with agencies and schools, we provide comprehensive supports through their entire two years leading towards increased independence and employability. STEPS offers many levels of support, choices, and plans for students.
Presentation Description: Beyond 18+, Preparation for College for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities - Overview of the ACC STEPS Program

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## D105

The mission of Student Accessibility Services is to provide equitable and effective access for students with documented disabilities in order to support their full participation in Austin Community College classes and activities.
Presentation Description: Are you curious about the differences between disability services at the high school vs post-secondary level? Then join Austin Community College (ACC) Student Accessibility Services (SAS) as we provide a brief overview of the changes that occur when a student with a disability makes the transition from high school to college. We'll review differences in rights and responsibilities, accommodations, and academics. Questions can be answered after the presentation at the SAS info table!
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Bloom Consulting provides HCS Waiver programs, TWC Employment Supports, and a College Support Program called Campus Connections. We provide services throughout the state of Texas. Bloom Consulting is a comprehensive company providing services to individuals with disabilities. We provide the following programs in the Austin area: Campus Connections, Pre-ETS Summer Camps and School Year Classes, and Employment Supports. Stop by our booth to learn more!
Presentation Description: Learn more about how Bloom Consulting provides transition and skills support through their programs.
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3: 7:00-7:25pm
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College Living Experience (CLE) is the industry's leading provider of post-secondary supports, including academics, social skills, independent living
and career development, for neurodivergent young adults. Our wrap-around support services help students build the authentic college experience they've always wanted while getting the support needed to reach their goal of independence.
Presentation Description: Session 3 ( 25 minutes)- How CLE supports students with growing independence in college, career, and life after high school (Kati Strong, Program Director, CLE-Austin), Session 4 (25 minutes)- Developing Structure: How to Conceptualize Needs After High School (Michael Chappo, Director of Social Engagement, CLE-Austin)

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Howdy, Down Home Ranch is a residential community for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. We are located on a beautiful 410 acre working ranch in Elgin, Texas. Down Home Ranch is on a mission to empower the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through social, educational, residential and vocational opportunities. Services include short and long term housing, day and overnight camps, year-round respite and day program.
Presentation Description: Down Home Ranch is on a mission to empower the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through social, educational, residential and vocational opportunities. Come learn and ask questions about their short and long term housing, day and overnight camps, year-round respite and day program services.

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| Integral Care Austin/Travis County (ATCIC) | 3 | 1:6:00-6:25pm | D104 | X | x |  |  |  | x |
|  | Integral Care works with children and adults living with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to make sure they have the tools they need to thrive. We create opportunities for people to form healthy relationships, live in the community and lead meaningful lives. Services are available regardless of ability to pay and can be provided in many languages. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Presentation Description: A discussion of the IDD Intake Process at Integral Care as well as the services available including General Revenue, Community First Choice, TX Home Living, Home and Community Based Services as well as our IDD Crisis Prevention teams. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Joshua's Stage | 16 | 4: 7:30-7:55pm | C110 |  |  |  | X |  |  |
|  | Joshua's Stage is an enrichment program for special needs individuals featuring after-school programs, camps, Theater Arts \& More! programs, and Individual Enrichment Programs including activities such as theater arts, improv, arts and crafts, music, dance, create-a-story, and showcase. Participants will have the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity, increase their self-confidence, and build their social skills in a warm and welcoming environment led by our caring and qualified team. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Presentation Description: Learn more about Joshua's Stage - an enrichment program for special needs individuals including Theater Arts \& More!, camps, and Individual Enrichment Programs including activities such as theater arts, improv, arts and crafts, music, dance, create-a-story, and showcase. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marbridge | 12 | 3: 7:00-7:25pm | C109 |  |  |  | x |  | x |
|  | Celebrating our 70th year of service, Marbridge provides post-secondary training \& education in a community setting to adults with intellectual differences and cognitive challenges. We also have a skilled nursing program and a summer camp experience. Marbridge is a residential community in southwest Austin for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Three facilities on one campus accommodate multi-abilities. Training and Education classes are provided for resident engagement and to help foster like skill improvement. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Presentation Description: Residential and Resident Services at Marbridge - Learn more about Marbridge to include our history, our residential services, and admission opportunities and criteria for those planning for their loved one's life beyond high school. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| nonPareil Institute | 27 | 4: 7:30-7:55pm | B113 |  |  |  |  | X |  |
|  | At nonPareil, adults with autism learn in demand skills in digital art, design build, and information technology. Along with technical training, individuals practice work readiness skills to build confidence and feel prepared to navigate a professional environment. But this journey is not a solitary one, nonPareil has a thriving social community that builds comfort in social connections and starts friendships that can last a lifetime. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Presentation Description: Unlock the potential of adults with autism at nonPareill Launching into life after high school can be intimidating. Preparing for your next steps involves more than just hard skills: it takes social finesse and adaptability. These are difficult concepts for anyone - but especially for individuals with autism. Join us to learn how nonPareil is unlocking the potential of adults with autism and supporting them in building their future! |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Partners Resource Network | 1 | 1/2: 6:00-6:55pm 3/4: 7:00-7:55pm | C112 | x |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Partners Resource Network is a non-profit agency federally funded by the Department of Education that serves as the Texas Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center as mandated by the IDEA law. We assist parents of children with disabilities and youth with disabilities from ages 0 to 26 years old. Our services are free. The purpose of Partners Resource Network is to empower parents of children with disabilities and youth with disabilities in their roles as decision makers and advocates. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Presentation Description: ( 50 minutes) Young Adults Transitioning from High School to College -This workshop will provide parents and high school students with disabilities practical suggestions and information about the college admissions process. Topics including disclosure of disability, self-advocacy,available accommodations and other resources will be discussed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Primerica: Jeff Paull \& Brandon Collier | 11 | 3: 7:00-7:25pm 4: 7:30-7:55pm | C111 |  | X |  |  |  |  |
|  | Primerica shares that they are the only advisor guided ABLE account on the market through American Funds. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Presentation Description: Learn more about ABLE Accounts and services provided by Primerica. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Solutions for Special Needs Families, LLC Barbara Bush | 9 | 1/2: 6:00-6:55pm 3/4: 7:00-7:55pm | C113 | X | X |  |  |  |  |
|  | Solutions for Special Needs Families works with families who have special needs adult children navigating government benefits, such as SSI/Medicaid, SSDI or RSDI and Medicare, continuity of care and supervision, and funding for long term needs. As a National Social Security Advisor, help families navigate the many financial and legal decisions to ensure their loved ones are protected and provided for now and in the future. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Presentation Description: Session 1 (50 minutes) - Navigating Life After 18. What parents need to consider when your special needs child turns 18. Guardianship vs Supported Decision Making Agreement; SSI before and after age 18; SSI-Medicaid; RSDI-Medicare; Making sure your disabled adult child will receive part of their parents Social Security retirement benefit. You will learn about these topics and more. Session 3 ( 50 minutes) - Effects of Earned Income when receiving SSI benefits? Can you work and not lose your social security benefits? Yes, but you need to understand the formula SSI uses to determine your Countable Income. Rules regarding submitted wage information to SSA and how to avoid an Overpayment Letter from the SSA. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Texas Comptroller's Office - ABLE Account | 6 | 1:6:00-6:25pm | C111 |  | x |  |  |  |  |
|  | The Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (Texas ABLE®) Program helps Texans with disabilities and their families save and pay for disability-related expenses in a tax-advantaged account while maintaining eligibility for certain means-tested benefits such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. Texas ABLE is based on federal and state legislation and is administered by the state through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Presentation Description: Learn more about Texas ABLE Program. Funds in an ABLE account can be used to pay for qualified disability expenses that relate to the beneficiary's blindness or disability and are used to maintain or improve his or her health, independence or quality of life. Eligible individuals can save for long-term goals, such as a mobility van or education; for everyday expenses, such as medical bills or groceries; or for long-term care for a loved one. Enroll online at TexasABLE.org. 844-4TX-ABLE (844-489-2253) customerservice@TexasABLE.org |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Texas Tech Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research | 23 | 1:6:00-6:25pm | B113 | x |  |  |  | x |  |
|  | The mission of the Burkhart Center is to increase the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families by providing services, preparing educators, and conducting research. The Center provides a variety of resources in the areas of adult transition, early intervention for children, and community outreach services. <br> Presentation Description: Building Meaningful Outcomes- Come engage in a discussion around meaningful and necessary skills needed for your child to live as independently as possible as an adult. Also, learn about current resources and programs offer at through the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research at Texas Tech University. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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| 29 Acres | 14 |  |  |  |  |  | x |
|  | 29 Acres is a supportive enviroment \& living community for neurodiverse adults. We offer evidence-based support services such as our living community, Day program \& Two-Year Transition Academy. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greenleaf Neurodiversity Community Center (Easterseals) | 21 |  |  | x | x | x |  |
|  | Greenleaf is a community center that focuses on individuals who are neuro-divergent. We have an 18 plus program, a social creativity club \& vocational training. We also provide social creativity clubs which are offered in the evenings. Some examples of our clubs this fall are: Wellness club, Art club, Gaming Club, Dungeons and Dragons, Book Club, Museum Club, Kareoke Club, Neuroqueer Club \& Dance Club. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goodwill Industries Summer Internships | 4 |  |  | x |  | X |  |
|  | Goodwill Industries Central Texas is a provider \& works on programs that include Project Search \& summer Internships for youth with disabilities (SEAL \& SYEP). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friends Shine Online | 17 |  |  |  | X |  |  |
|  | Friends Shine Online is an online program for adults with special needs who wish to remain connected with friends \& engage in the world around them. Facilitated by professional staff, we offer structured activities that nurture mind/body \& promote personal interaction that everyone needs, in a wholesome, friendly environment. Friends Shine Online is a happy, positive, online community for participants with disabilities 18 years of age \& older. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximus Giomara Cintron | * | x | x |  |  |  |  |
|  | Giomara Cintron is Long-Term Services and Support Specialist covering 30 counties here in Region 7, specializing in targeted outreach to STAR Kids transitioning to STAR+PLUS. Gio represents Texas Health Steps Outreach \& Informing, Texas STAR, STAR+PLUS, STAR Kids programs serving Medicaid children \& families. We educate clients on how to use their Texas Health Steps Medicaid benefits, assist on choosing a medical or dental health plan \& a Primary Care Physician \& do plan changes if necessary. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strategic Financial Group | 9 |  | x |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strategic Financial Group provides financial planning solutions for parents with Special Needs Children. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UT Austin - E4 Texas | 22 |  |  |  |  | x |  |
|  | E4Texas is a post-secondary opportunity for people with or without a disability, who are over the age of 18 , who have a high school diploma, \& are employment-focused. The E4Texas 3-semester experience combines classroom instruction with practical career building experiences, independent living skills, \& self-determination. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VELA | 7 | x | x |  |  |  |  |
|  | VELA is an Austin-based nonprofit that supports and empowers parents of children with disabilities through skills-building courses, case management, monthly support groups and community building events. All services can be offered virtually wherever the parent is, in-person, in English or Spanish and are all free of cost. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lake Travis ISD Special Education Parent Advisory Council | Lake Travis ISD Program Tables |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | The Lake Travis Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a parent-run group working to promote a network of parents, guardians \& caregivers of children with special needs. We work to encourage understanding, respect, acceptance, \& inclusion of all students to improve the lives and educational outcomes of students with special needs and their families. Come by our table to learn more about getting involved with LTISD SEPAC! |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lake Travis ISD Special Olympics | Special Olympics is a global movement of people creating a new world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted \& welcomed, regardless of ability or disability. We are helping to make the world a better, healthier \& more joyful place-one athlete, one volunteer, one family member at a time. Learn more about Lake Travis ISD Special Olympics, including volunteer opportunities! |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Don't forget to stop by the presenters' Informational Tables! Tables will be open from 5:30-8:15pm


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| C100 | Lake Travis ISD: Project SEARCH | Lake Travis ISD: <br> Elementary School Teacher Panel | Lake Travis ISD: <br> Former Student Parent Panel | Lake Travis ISD: <br> Former Student Parent Panel |
| C106 | Lake Travis ISD: <br> LTHS Testing Coordinator | Lake Travis ISD: <br> High School Teacher Panel | Lake Travis ISD: <br> Middle School Teacher Panel | Lake Travis ISD: <br> High School Teacher Panel |
| C108 | Lake Travis ISD: Fostering Independence |  | Lake Travis ISD: Dyslexia 101 | Texas Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehabilitation |
| C110 | Bloom Consulting | Bloom Consulting | Lake Travis ISD: Section 504 Services | Joshua's Stage |
| C112 | Partner's Resource Network |  | Partner's Resource Network |  |
| C109 | Adults Independent \& Motivated (AiM) | Adults Independent \& Motivated (AiM) | Marbridge | Down Home Ranch |
| C111 | Texas Comptroller ABLE Accounts | ARCIL | Primerica | Primerica |
| C113 | Solutions for Special Needs Families, LLC: Navigating Life After 18 |  | Solutions for Special Needs Families, LLC: Effects of Earned Income on SSI Benefits |  |
| B112 | Thrash, Carroll, \& Vanway Law Group | Thrash, Carroll, \& Vanway Law Group | College Living Experience (CLE): Developing Structure | College Living Experience <br> (CLE): Program Overview |
| B113 | Texas Tech University Burkhart Center | University of Texas Longhorn TIES | University of Texas Longhorn TIES | nonPareil |
| D104 | Integral Care (ATCIC) | University of Texas Law: SDMA Clinic | ARC of the Capital Area | University of Texas Law: SDMA Clinic |
| D105 | Austin Community College Student Accessibility Services | Austin Community College STEPS Program | Austin Community College Student Accessibility Services | Texas A\&M University Aggie HOPS Program |

Additional Organizations with informational tables only (no presentation sessions)
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| Special Olympics <br> Lake Travis ISD | 18+ Program/Cottage Cafe <br> Lake Travis ISD | Goodwill Industries of <br> Central Texas | VELA | Friends Shine Online |  |
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| LTISD Special Education <br> Parent Advisory Council | Greenleaf 18+ Program <br> EasterSeals/Austin ISD | Strategic Financial Group | 29 Acres | UT Austin <br> E4 Texas Program |  |
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## Notes...

"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start." - Nido Qubein
"There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits." - Michael Phelps

