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Upcoming Events

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**Saturday, March 6th** - Guardianship or Alternatives to Guardianship

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February’s Transition Focus is on Getting the Most Out of Webinars

Trainings and informational events have looked different over the past twelve months, but the good news is that they are still happening! The benefit of virtual webinars allows for more flexibility with scheduling and can be done from anywhere you have internet access. This month’s newsletter is filled with amazing, free upcoming trainings and informational events that you and your family may find helpful. Take a look, register, and enjoy the learning opportunities!

Did you know that previous LTISD Transition Newsletters are online?

Head over to the Lake Travis ISD Website and find them under the Special Services Section!
https://www.texastransition.org/
Upcoming & Summer Opportunities for Students

Bloom Consulting - Spring Break. Registration currently available. Interested? Contact Erika Musick by March 8th to assist with setting up an appointment with our TWC VR Counselor to begin the referral process.

Bloom Consulting - Spring Break Pre-ETS Virtual Camp

March 15 - 19th
Monday - Friday
9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm
6 hours each day
Fun Activities and Learning

Topics Include:
- Interview Skills
- Completing Job Applications
- Deciding the Right Job for Me
- Social Skills in the Workplace
- Knowing my strengths
- Speaking up for myself
- Following directions at work
- Planning my day at work
- Asking for help
- Skills needed to keep my job

Location:
Virtual using Zoom (with Encryption)

2021 Spring Break "On the Right Track" Camp

March 15th - 19th
Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm
Fun & Safe Activities and Learning

Topics include:
- Interview Skills
- Completing Job Applications
- Deciding the Right Job for Me
- Social Skills in the Workplace
- Knowing my strengths
- Speaking up for myself
- Following directions at work
- Planning my day at work
- Asking for help
- Skills needed to keep my job

Location:
Bloom Consulting Austin Office
3001 Joe DiMaggio Blvd.
Building 300
Round Rock, TX 78665

*Enrollment is Limited and COVID Protocols will be followed*

Cultivating My College Experience & Beyond!

Virtual Pre-ETS Class focused on Exploring and Learning about Post-Secondary/College Options and Requirements

Understand what supports you need, and how to get them in college. Learn about education options and requirements for your career of interest, and learn about the outcome of various education options. A total of 20 hours of instruction on post-secondary opportunities!

March 15th - March 19th, 2021
Log In 2x Daily
12pm-2pm AND 4pm-6pm
**Summer Youth Employment Program** - *Applications due March 15th*

**Summer Program Dates:** June 7th - July 9th, 2021  
**Hours:** 8-12 OR 1-5 (20 hours a week for a total of 100 hours)  
**Pay:** $7.25/hr.  
**Delivery Mode:** Virtual only this year (SEAL has in-person internships)  
**Required Training:** Online on zoom over Spring Break, for new students  
Monday & Tuesday 9-12 noon OR Wednesday & Thursday 9-12 noon  
For returning students, Self-paced online training  

**Eligibility:**  
- Must Attend Socially Distanced Paperwork Session and online training  
- Must Be at Least 14 by April 1, 2021  
- Must reside in Travis County and have proof of disability  
- Must be able to work in groups of 5 with a job coach  
- Must be capable of intermittent independent work. (Ie. Get carts and report back to job coach)  

**NEXT STEPS:** Fill out an SYEP application  
Email us to receive application or ask to be transferred to SEAL for in-person internship.  
Still have questions? Give us a call or email!  
Internships@goodwillcentraltexas.org 512-637-7537 or 512-309-1949  

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**Summer Earn And Learn 2021** - *Registration open now through March 31st*

**Summer Program Dates:** Cohort 1: June 7th – July 9th  
Cohort 2: July 12th – August 13th  
**Hours:** 8am-12pm OR 1pm-5pm  
**Pay:** $8.50 per hour  
**Required Training:** 10 Hours of Work Readiness Training is required to participate in SEAL. Training will be provided virtually over ZOOM  

**Eligibility:**  
- Must Be 16 – 22 years of age  
- Must have a documented disability or is receiving special education services  
- Must be enrolled in an educational program  

**NEXT STEPS** To enroll in the Summer Earn and Learn program you must contact your Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) to fill out a SEAL application.  
If you do not currently have a TWC VRC contact the Goodwill SEAL Program Coordinator Mindy Canipe at: Cell – 512-348-8289  
Email – Mindy.Canipe@goodwillcentraltexas.org  

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**2021 Recreation & Camp Guide for Students and Adults with Special Needs**  
https://drive.google.com/file/d/10FBCDpXktNuKJ7GF8BqL6GNsxoEur_tLM/view

Thank you to staff from DSACT, RRISD, EISD and GISD for updating and publishing the 2021 Recreation & Camp Guide. Any reference to a camp, recreational program, activity, or business is not an endorsement by DSACT, Round Rock ISD, Eanes ISD or Georgetown ISD. This resource guide is not meant to be comprehensive and each entry may not outline the full list of services provided. Families should contact the resource directly to make an informed choice.
Webinars: Which Should I Attend?

With so many options, how do you choose which webinars to attend? Each student and family’s needs are specific to where they may be in the transition planning process. Not sure where to start? That’s okay too! Your child’s case manager or the district Transition Specialist can help.

Suggested webinars are listed chronologically, beginning with webinars taking place this week, with category indicators to assist with selection.

Finance

WEBINAR: Should I open an ABLE account?
DATE: Tues., March 2, 2021, 12:00 noon Central
SPEAKERS & HOST: Fort Bend Center for Independent Living has invited Allison Schaberg to present on this important topic!
DESCRIPTION: Living with a disability is often associated with significant costs. That’s why you should consider an ABLE account that offers tax-advantaged savings to fund disability expenses. Join us as Special Needs Advisor Allison Schaberg, from Consolidated Planning Group, explains how to successfully plan for your financial future utilizing an ABLE account.

RSVP for this event here
WEBINAR: Transitions- Tips for Launching your Special Needs Teen into Adulthood  

DATE: Wed., March 3, 2021, at 12:00 noon  

SPEAKERS & HOST: Student HireAbility Navigator and Workforce Solutions of Central Texas have invited Allison Schaberg with Consolidated Planning Group to speak!  

DESCRIPTION: As special needs children transition to the teen and young adult years, their needs change significantly. You can prepare your child (and yourself) for a successful transition to independence. From diagnosis to transition, learn the key steps you can take to make the transition as smooth as possible.  

RSVP for this event here

TRANSITIONS - Tips for Launching your Special Needs Teen into Adulthood

As special needs children transition to the teen and young adult years, their needs change significantly. You can prepare your child (and yourself) for a successful transition to independence. Special Needs Financial Planner Allison Schaberg will help you understand the key steps you can take to make the transition as smooth as possible.

This presentation is hosted by Student HireAbility Navigator and Workforce Solutions of Central Texas.

Zoom Meeting ID: 918 5955 1540
VIRTUAL EVENT: Destination...Life Transition Fair & Conference
DATE: Sat., March 6, 2021, at 9 AM - 2 PM
SPEAKERS & HOST: Speakers from throughout the region representing local and state organizations, and more!
DESCRIPTION: Free Transition Fair & Conference providing information and support for families and students with disabilities ages ECSE through 18+ services in Austin and surrounding areas. Virtual Sessions and Virtual Booths for students with disabilities, helping prepare students for life today and beyond high school.
Link to Schedule: [ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#)
Link to Website: [https://tinyurl.com/destination-life-fair](https://tinyurl.com/destination-life-fair)
No RSVP required! To attend Destination...Life all you need to do is visit our website on March 6th

This year’s Destination...Life Transition Fair & Conference will provide endless opportunities and resources to prepare your child for the future. LTISD has partnered with over a dozen school districts to present this event and will not hold a Transition Night within the district. Stay tuned for the LTISD Transition Night event to return next school year!

Need assistance choosing which sessions to attend? Contact Erika Musick for help!

Unable to attend the live sessions during the event? Recorded sessions will be made available on the website following the conclusion of the event.

Want to continue to access Exhibitor information and resources? All information will remain available on the Destination...Life website.
WEBINAR: Guardianship or Alternatives to Guardianship – Which works for my family?

DATE: Sat., March 6, 2021, at 11 AM

SPEAKERS & HOST: The Down Syndrome Assoc. of Houston has invited Allison Schaberg with Consolidated Planning Group along with Attorney Boyd Handley to present.

DESCRIPTION: What do you do when your loved one cannot care for themselves, either partially or completely? We all want our loved ones to live meaningful lives but sometimes they may lack the capacity to do so independently. That’s when a discussion about Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship is prudent.

Join us for a presentation in partnership with Down Syndrome Assoc. of Houston, Allison Schaberg from Consolidated Planning Group, and Attorney Boyd Handley.

RSVP for this event here
WEBINAR: SSI and Social Security Benefits for Children and Adults with Disabilities

DATE: Thurs., March 11, 2021, at 12:00 noon
SPEAKERS & HOST: Partners Resource Network invites Allison Schaberg with Consolidated Planning Group
DESCRIPTION: This presentation is one of the most informative and useful discussions you will hear about Social Security benefits for children and adults with disabilities. Andy Hardwick, Public Affairs Specialist for Social Security Administration, enjoys educating families about the benefits which Social Security programs provide. Mr. Hardwick's expertise is unmatched and he looks forward to providing this important information to you as well as answering your pressing questions.

Your questions like these will be answered by Mr. Hardwick:

- How is SSI different from Social Security
- Can my child qualify for Social Security?
- What about Medicaid?
- How do I maintain my child's Social Security Benefits?

RSVP for this event here

WEBINAR: The Top 10 Mistakes To Avoid During Post-Secondary Transition Planning/Evaluation

DATE: Wed., March 17, 2021, at 12:00 noon
SPEAKERS & HOST: Consolidated Planning Group invites Dr. James Williams with Bloom Consulting
DESCRIPTION: Join us as Dr. Williams helps us understand the important issues surrounding Transition Planning and Evaluation for young adults. If you have concerns about what happens after your child leaves high school, you won't want to miss this important discussion!

RSVP for this event here
Did you know that the Texas Transition & Employment Guide is online?
Head over to the Texas Transition Network Website  https://www.texastransition.org/
Or download directly at

Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services supports people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain and advance in meaningful employment by providing a range of services based on an individual’s employment goals. Our Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselors work closely with job seekers to determine an employment goal, and then identify and arrange for the high-quality services that lead to successful employment.

https://www.twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/vocational-rehabilitation-services

LTISD Texas Workforce Solutions VR Counselor contact information:
Judy Gilliland  judy.gilliland@twc.state.tx.us

Need assistance scheduling an appointment with a VR Counselor?
Contact Erika Musick to schedule a virtual appointment, musicke@ltisdschools.org

Helpful Transition Resource Website:

Texas state ID card / Driver’s License - Texas Department of Public Safety
Obtaining a state ID or driver license prior to graduation will assist your student in many ways as they take the next steps in life! Please take a look at the information below for more information!

Texas Department of Public Safety Driver’s License / ID Website:
https://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/

Guide for First Time Driver’s License / ID Applicants:
https://www.dps.texas.gov/Internetforms/Forms/DL-100E.pdf

How to apply for a Texas Identification Card:
https://www.dps.texas.gov/driverlicense/applyforid.htm

Take a look at this brochure for more information:
Helpful Transition Resource Website:

https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability

Federal Programs for People with Disabilities

Eligible people with disabilities may qualify for federal and state programs that pay benefits, pay health care costs or provide food. If you are not already signed up for one of these programs, visit the sites below to find out if you might be eligible or to apply for benefits.

What is CLASS?

https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers/community-living-assistance-support-services-class

CLASS provides home- and community-based services to people with related conditions as a cost-effective alternative to placement in an intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability or a related condition. A related condition is a disability, other than an intellectual disability, that originated before age 22 and that affects a person's ability to function in daily life.

Interested in receiving CLASS services?

Those interested in receiving CLASS are placed on an interest list by calling 877-438-5658 and asking for the CLASS Waiver Program. The person will be contacted when funding becomes available. An offer of the CLASS Program depends on individual need and one’s date of placement on the interest list. Current contact information is required for each person on the CLASS interest list, and HHSC must be notified of any changes to address or telephone number.

For more information please contact CLASSPolicy@HHSC.state.tx.us

Helpful Transition Resource Website:

Austin Travis County Integral Care (formerly known as MHMR)

https://integralcare.org

Integral Care supports adults and children living with mental illness, substance use disorder and intellectual and developmental disabilities in Travis County. As the Local Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority, Integral Care strengthens our community by supporting our most important asset, our people, to achieve well-being. Integral Care provides individuals with high quality mental health care, collaborates with community partners to strengthen programs and systems, and works to raise awareness of mental health issues in our community.


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.

CALL US TO LEARN HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

To learn more about our programs and services for adults and children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, call us at 512-472-HELP (4357). Press 1 for English, then 3. We’re here Monday through Friday, from 8am to 5pm. Integral Care can also connect you to trusted community resources.
Helpful Transition Resource Website:

https://www.arcaustin.org/

The Arc of the Capital Area is one of the oldest continuously-operating non-profits in Austin. Since 1949 we empowered adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We serve over 1,000 individuals each year across 17 counties. Intellectual and developmental disabilities or I/DD is an umbrella term that includes more than 100 different diagnoses, including Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and Autism.

Intake & Referral Services
The Arc of the Capital Area offers a centralized telephone intake process for all of our services and programs. Please contact us at 512.476.7044, ext. 233, and an Intake Specialist will return your call within three (3) business days. Normal working hours are 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The first step is a brief screening to determine eligibility for services and, if so, which services would best meet the callers’ needs. The Intake Specialist will refer callers to other disability organizations and resources in the community, if appropriate.

Helpful Transition Resource Website:

ARCIL (A Resource Center for Independent Living)
http://arcilinc.org/

ARCIL is a consumer-driven, community-based, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the empowerment of persons with disabilities to achieve maximum independence and equal community access. Services are developed, directed and delivered primarily by persons with disabilities. ARCIL contributes to the development and improvement of attitudes, resources, methodologies, and opportunities for community integration.

Historically, ARCIL has developed programs that provide services in information & referral, peer counseling, independent living skills training and advocacy. Other ARCIL services are in the areas of transition services from school to adult life, transportation training, employment assistance, community education through ADA technical assistance and disability awareness training.

Helpful Transition Resource Website:

Autism Society of Greater Austin
https://www.texasautismsociety.org/

The Autism Society, the nation’s leading grassroots autism organization, exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism. We do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy.

The Autism Society of Texas changes lives by connecting families and individuals to community resources and support throughout Texas. Offerings include advocacy, education events, Information & Referrals, support meetings; on-line networking opportunities; Sensory Friendly films; and fun family activities. We rely on donations to support our work and keep services free for families and autistic adults.