

Lake Travis ISD Special Services Presents

TRANSITION NIGHT 2023

Moving Towards Independence



Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

5:30-8:30 pm

LTHS Main Campus

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Leverage **T**heir Independence*

Lake Travis Special Services

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.

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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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www.ltisdschools.org/Page/4187

We would like to extend huge thank you to the following student organizations for supporting tonight's event:



Presentation Descriptions

ACC STEPS Program - continue.austincc.edu

Table 10, Presentations at 7:10-7:30 & 7:40-8:00, Room D105

The STEPS program provides a path for students with mild to moderate disabilities to cultivate skills for a successful future. By valuing each student's unique abilities and developing their individual potential, we provide educational enrichment and the skills for meaningful employment.

Christine Price presenting on: Beyond 18+, Preparation for College for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities.

Adults Independent and Motivated (AIM) - AIMtx.org

Table 25, Presentations at 6:10-6:30 & 6:40-7:00, Room C112

AIM is a non-profit community of adults with disabilities like autism and Down syndrome who live independently in their own apartments with appropriate support. AIM provides transportation, Special Olympics basketball team, learning, fitness, and fun.

Presented by: Rhonda Phillips, Ashley Sanchez and AIMbassadors

Arc of the Capital Area - www.arcaustin.org

Table 27, Presentations at 6:10-6:30 & 6:40-7:00, Room C108

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.

Zac Godfrey presenting on Alternatives to Guardianship & Guardianship, We will discuss Guardianship and the Alternatives available to families who aren't quite sure which options to choose.

ARCIL - arcil.com

Table 26, Presentations at 7:10-7:30 & 7:40-8:00, Room C108

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.

Rebecca Clark presenting on 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!

Bloom Consulting, LLC - www.bloomconsultingco.com

Table 5, Presentations at 6:10-6:30 & 6:40-7:00, Room C111

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.

Sarah Lopez presenting on Home and Community Based Services (HCS) and Individualized Skills and Socialization (ISS).

College Living Experience - www.ExperienceCLE.com

Table 17, Presentations at 7:10-7:30 & 7:40-8:00, Room C108

CLE is a wraparound postsecondary support program for young adults with Autism and other exceptionalities who are learning to live independently while pursuing their college and/or vocational goals. Using an individualized, strengths-based approach, CLE guides and supports student efforts to develop stronger Academic, Career Development, Independent Living, and Social Skills on their road to maximizing independence and fulfillment in their adult lives.

Presented by: Kati Strong

Friends Shine Online - friendsshineonline.com

Table 24, Presentations at 6:10-6:30 & 6:40-7:00, Room C110

Friends Shine Online is a happy, positive, online community for participants with disabilities 18 years of age and older. We offer 3-hour interactive sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, for 5-15 participants. Each session includes short presentations on various topics in order to stimulate conversation.

Presented by: Mary Maluski, Celeste Thompson, Denise Ligouri

Goodwill Internships - www.goodwillcentraltexas.org

Table 4, Presentations at 6:10-6:30 & 6:40-7:00, Room C109

We will be presenting on the two summer internship programs offered by Goodwill for students with special needs. SYEP (Summer Youth Employment Program) trains and places ages 13-23 in internship sites with a Job Coach in groups of 5-6.. For those who need more job coaching in smaller groups or 1:1, Goodwill runs SEAL. Summer Earn and Learn is another paid summer internship program through TWC.

Presented by: Morgan Marley, Mara Rodriguez

Independent Identity - www.independentidentity.org

Table 23, Presentations at 7:10-7:30 & 7:40-8:00, Room C110

Independent Identity is a therapeutic day program for adults with autism and IDD who require higher levels of support. Clients spend the day at II and receive ABA therapy in groups of 4 or less to achieve goals geared toward independent living, vocational skills, social skills, leisure skills, and communication. Independent Identity was created to serve clients with challenging behaviors or those who need higher levels of support who are ineligible for other programs due to this need. There are no programs like Independent Identity in Texas.

Presented by: Jenna Taylor, Winnie Le

Lifelong Learning with Friends - joshuasstage.org

Table 19, Presentations at 7:10-7:30, 7:40-8:00, Room C112

A postsecondary education program aimed at adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Sharing general program information and Spring 2023 course schedule.

Marbridge Foundation - www.marbridge.org

Table 22, Presentations at 7:10-7:30, 7:40-8:00, Room C112

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.

Jenna Hudson presenting on Residential and Resident Services at Marbridge.

NonPareil Institute - www.npusa.org

Table 18, Presentations at 7:10-7:30, 7:40-8:00, Room D104

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.

Kim Tigge presenting on Launching into life after high school. Join us to learn how nonPareil is unlocking the potential of adults with autism and supporting them in building their future!

Project Search - www.projectsearch.us

Presentations at 6:40-7:00 & 7:40-8:00, Room C106

Project Search is a program is a work based program training students in the workforce and helping them attain fulltime employment after completion.

Presented by: Kristin Curtis (LTISD), Rebecca Beede (Goodwill)

Solutions for Special Needs Families -

www.solutionsforspecialneedsfamilies.com

Table 2, Presentations at 6:10-6:30 & 6:40-7:00, Room C113

Solutions for Special Needs Families listens to families concerns for their loved ones current and future needs. We help obtain government benefits, maximizing SSI benefits, appeal a denial of benefits, help understanding how earned income affects benefits and planning for the future.

Barbara Bush presenting on *What is SSI and How Do I Get it?* This presentation will talk about how to file an SSI application with the Social Security, how to get the maximum SSI benefit and what happens if you are able to work. **and,**

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.

Temple College - Temple.edu/Hutto

Table 13, Presentations at 7:10-7:30 & 7:40-8:00, Room D103

Temple College offers classes in Hutto at the East Williamson County Higher Education Center. A variety of offerings are available, including general academic classes, career and technical programs, and health professions programs, just to name a few.

Joe DeLeon presenting on: College can be Accessible, Affordable and Attainable!

Join us for an interactive session on the programs, certificates and degree plans offered that directly support the high-paying careers in a growing workforce in Central Texas and beyond.

Texas ABLE Account - TexasABLE.org

Table 7, Presentations at 7:10-7:30 & 7:40-8:00, Room C113

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. 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, and for everyday expenses.

Presented by: Anna Mallet

Texas State Technical College - tstc.edu

Table 14, Presentations at 6:10-6:30 & 6:40-7:00, Room D103

TSTC is a Technical College aiming to place more Texans Higher paying Jobs. One session discussing TSTC as an option for college, vocational trades and job connections with TSTC.

Presented by: Kristin Hookassan

Texas Tech University CASE Program -

www.depts.ttu.edu/burkhartcenter/case/

Table 15, Presentations at 6:10-6:30 & 6:40-7:00, Room C113

The CASE program assists students with Autism and other developmental disabilities to navigate college and empower them to reach their postsecondary academic goals and to find competitive employment after graduation.

Presented by: Taylor Fidler

Texas Workforce Solutions -

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

Table 3, Presentations at 6:40-7:00 & 7:40-8:00, Room C109

Vocational Rehabilitation Services (TWSVRS) and Pre-Employment Transition Services can help you and your student prepare a plan for life after high school.

Presented by: Bonnie Lastor

UT Austin E4Texas - disabilitystudies.utexas.edu/e4texas

Table 12, Presentation at 6:10-6:30, 6:40-7:00, Room D105

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, and are employment-focused. The E4Texas 3-semester experience combines classroom instruction with practical career building experiences, independent living skills, and self-determination.

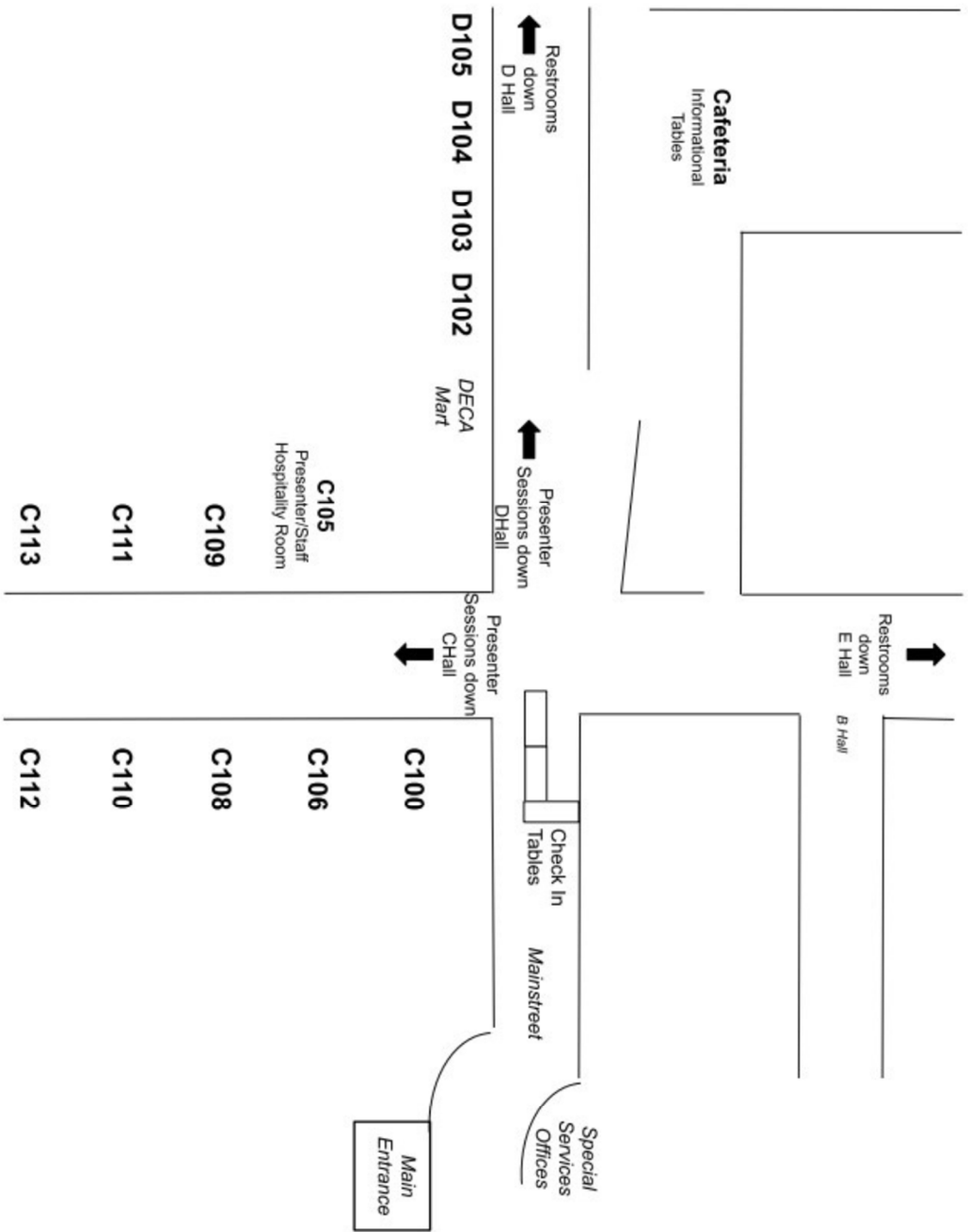
Presented by: Joe Tate

Schedule of Presentations

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C100	LTISD: Middle School Teacher Panel	LTISD: High School Teacher Panel	LTISD: Middle School Teacher Panel	LTISD: High School Teacher Panel
C106	LTISD: 504 Panel	LTISD: Project SEARCH	LTISD: 504 Panel	LTISD: Project SEARCH
C108	ARC of the Capital Area	ARC of the Capital Area	ARCIL	ARCIL
C110	Friends Shine Online	Friends Shine Online	Independent Identity	Independent Identity
C112	Adults Independent & Motivated (AiM)	Adults Independent & Motivated (AiM)	Marbridge	Marbridge
C109	Bloom Consulting	Bloom Consulting	-	-
C111	Goodwill Industries - Summer Internships	Texas Workforce Solutions - Vocational Rehabilitation	Goodwill Industries - Summer Internships	Texas Workforce Solutions - Vocational Rehabilitation
C113	Solutions for Special Needs Families, LLC: <i>What is SSI?</i>	Solutions for Special Needs Families, LLC: <i>Navigating Life After 18</i>	Texas ABLE Accounts	Texas ABLE Accounts
D102	College Living Experience (CLE)	College Living Experience (CLE)	Lifelong learning with Friends	Lifelong learning with Friends
D103	Texas State Technical College	Texas State Technical College	Temple College	Temple College
D104	Texas Tech University: CASE	Texas Tech University: CASE	nonPareil Institute	nonPareil Institute
D105	UT Austin: E4 Texas	UT Austin: E4 Texas	Austin Community College: STEPS	Austin Community College: STEPS

Information for the following organizations are also available throughout the evening at the marked tables.

LTISD - Special Olympics	Joshua's Stage	Texas Parent to Parent	Down Home Ranch
A.C.C. (SAS) Student Accessibility Services	Aggie HOPS/WACO Programs	Integral Care - Austin/Travis County	
Texas Tech Burkhardt Center for Autism Education and Research		Partners Resource Network	



Plan your schedule here

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Informational Tables

ACC, Student Accessibility Services - Table 9

Student Accessibility Services provides equal and effective access for students with disabilities in order to fully participate in academic programs and all other aspects of Austin Community College.

<https://www.austincc.edu/students/student-accessibility-services-and-assistive-technology>

Aggie HOPS/WACO Programs - Table 11

We are a post secondary program for individuals with disabilities. We offer horticulture classes in order to obtain a horticulture credential upon graduation. cdd.tamu.edu

Down Home Ranch - Table 21

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. The ranch provides Day Program, Residential, Camp and Respite, and Vocational services.

downhomeranch.org

Integral Care, Austin/Travis County - Table 6

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.

integralcare.org

Joshua's Stage - Table 20

Joshua's Stage is an enrichment program for special needs individuals featuring camps, after-school programs, workshops, online programs, and individual enrichment programs including activities such as theater arts, improv, arts and crafts, music, dance, create-a-story, and showcase.

joshuasstage.org

Partners Resource Network - Table 8

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.

www.prntexas.org

Texas Parent to Parent - Table 1

Texas Parent to Parent provides support, information, and education for families of children and adults with disabilities, chronic and mental health conditions and other health care needs.

www.txp2p.org

Texas Tech Burkhart Center - Table 16

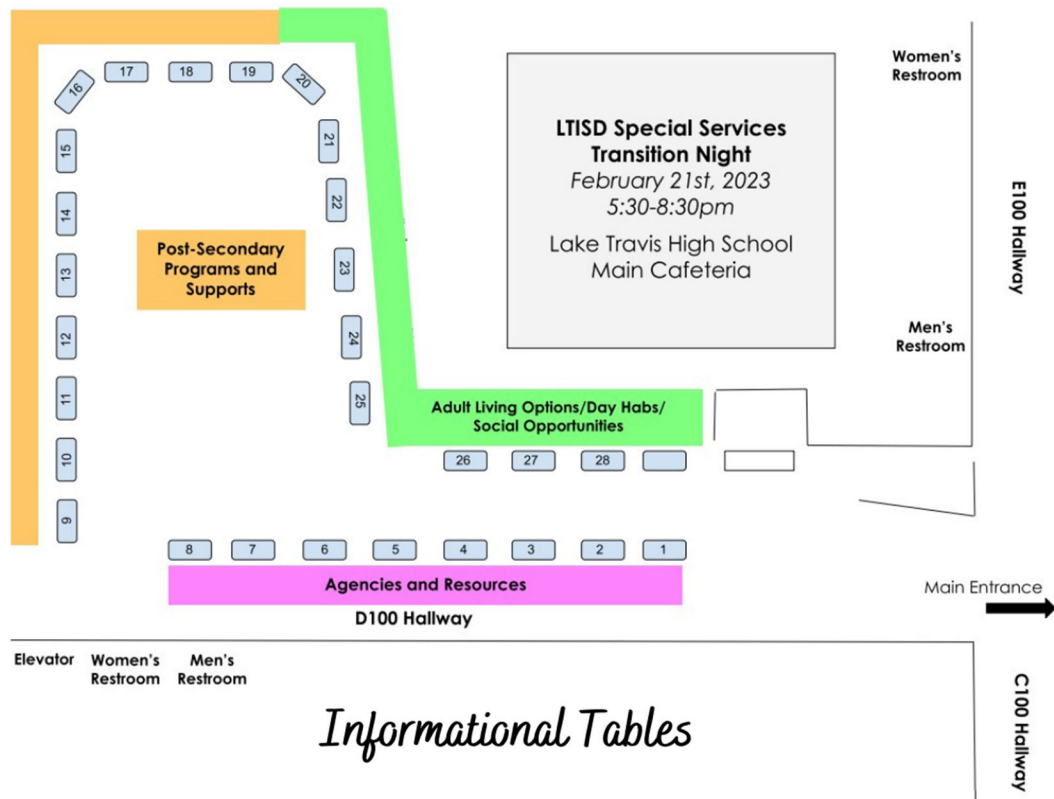
The mission of the Burkhart Center is to increase the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families by providing services, preparing educators, and conducting research. The Center provides a variety of resources in the areas of adult transition, early intervention for children, and community outreach services.

www.depts.ttu.edu/burkhartcenter

Lake Travis Special Olympics - Table 28

Special Olympics is a global movement of people creating a new world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability. We are helping to make the world a better, healthier and more joyful place—one athlete, one volunteer, one family member at a time.

www.ltisdschools.org/Page/303



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