

11:00am-4:00pm Community Exhibitor's Fair

To have ample time to visit agency booths please allow yourself enough time before & after each educational session. Agencies will be present to provide information on the following topics:

Post Secondary Educational Options

Employment Options

Housing Options

Accessing Community Programs

Meet Our Keynote Speaker for 2016

11:00am-11:45am

Chris Egan has served as Executive Director of the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) for two years. As such, he oversees the efforts of the NCCDD to engage in innovative efforts to enable people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to exercise self-determination, be independent, be productive and to be integrated and included in all facets of community life. Chris has 28 years of experience working with and on behalf of individuals experiencing intellectual and other developmental disabilities and families in the public and private sectors.



With both undergraduate and graduate degrees in social work from East Carolina University (ECU), Egan's efforts are directed toward promoting respect and positive outcomes for people with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and other co-occurring disabilities.

Egan is the father of twins, a boy and girl born in 2001. His daughter was born with VATER Association resulting in numerous and significant medical complications, placing his daughter at significant risk of developmental delay. He involved natural and formal supports including North Carolina's Early Intervention services to provide supports for his daughter. "As a parent, I have a unique perspective of the powerful experiences associated with having a child born with a disability, and have benefited from the assistance of our service system."

Chris is also recognized for expertise and skill in areas of person-centered thinking and planning and for his commitment to the importance of personal outcomes achievement for people with disabilities. He has an extensive history of volunteer leadership including The Arc of the US, The Arc of NC and most recently, the ECU School of Social Work Board of Advisors.



12noon-1:00pm High School Transition Planning

The transition from high school to young adulthood is a critical stage for all teenagers and requires extra planning and goal setting. In this session, we will define and describe transition planning and how it can be utilized to maximize your teenager's future success.

- Post-secondary education
- Development of vocational skills and/or career paths
- Independent living skill development

Janet Roberts, EC Curriculum Manager, Buncombe Co Schools
Teri Queen, EC Instructional Facilitator, Asheville City Schools

1:20pm– 2:20pm Navigating Adult Community Services : Supported Employment, Community Navigator/Community Guide, Respite

Smoky Mountain LME/MCO (management entity/managed care organization) will present about the array of service options.

- Enrolling in the System
- Funding Sources and Service Array
- Community Support

2:40pm-3:40pm Youth Benefits and Services Training

An overview of

- Supplemental Security Income
- Work Incentive Program
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Amy Upham, Autism Society of NC
LaQuita Austin-NC Vocational Rehabilitation Services

4:00pm-5:00pm Planning for the Future When Your Family Includes a Member with a Disability

Estate Planning Basics:

- components of estate planning
- why is it so important?

Guardianship and the Available Alternatives:

- Who? What? When?
- Alternatives to guardianship
- Importance of **special needs trusts**

Rethinking Guardianship:

- Building a Case for Less Restrictive Alternatives initiative
- Consider how this initiative can impact individuals and families preparing for the transition to adulthood

Cynthia Alleman, Attorney at Law

Linda Kendall Fields M.Ed., Jordan Institute for Families

A few good "transition" websites to check out!

A Guide Book for Transitioning Into Adulthood can be downloaded from the Family Support Network™ of WNC website at :
https://www.mission-health.org/sites/default/files/transitions_guide_dir.pdf

RTLE — Roads to Learning and Earning After High School

<http://www.rtle.org/about.html>

FSN™ of WNC believes that by offering parent/provider led trainings, families, caregivers and providers will gain the skills needed to effectively support children with special healthcare needs and to change attitudes in our community.

Important:

- **No childcare will be provided for this event.**
- **Pizza/Light Refreshments will be available.**

For more information: Contact Kerri Eaker, Education Outreach Coordinator, 828-213-0047, Kerri.Eaker@msj.org

Directions:

Mission Health / A-B Tech Conference Center

Coming off of Biltmore Ave: Turn RIGHT (if headed south) or LEFT (if headed north) onto Hospital Drive.
At the first light, make a LEFT onto Victoria Road
Go straight through the light at the top of the hill (Mission Hospital entrance on the left) Go past the A-B Tech sign for Roberson Building (on right), Hemlock Building (on right). Immediately after Hemlock Building, on the right will be the Smith McDowell House. Just past the Smith McDowell House, make a RIGHT at the A-B Tech sign for "Coman Student Center, Maple, Chestnut"....etc. Go up the small hill and the Conference Center will be in front of you Go past the Conference Center and park either in the parking garage or the lot adjacent to the entrance to the parking garage. Exit the parking garage on the Conference Center side, or walk up from the parking lot between the Conference Center and parking garage under the covered walkway are 2 double doors; enter the doors on the right.

Coming off of Meadow Road: Turn LEFT onto Victoria Road, just over railroad bridge Go under the pedestrian overpass
Make the 3rd LEFT at the A-B Tech sign for "Coman Student Center, Maple, Chestnut"....etc. Go up the small hill and the Conference Center will be in front of you Go past the Conference Center and park either in the parking garage or the lot adjacent to the entrance to the parking garage Exit the parking garage on the Conference Center side, or walk up from the parking lot between the Conference Center and parking garage Under the covered walkway are 2 double doors; enter the doors on the right

A-B Tech Address:

**340 Victoria Road
Asheville, NC 28801**

Conference Center Information: (828) 398-7901

For updated information on inclement weather/school closing/delayed opening/general information: (828) 398-7900 or www.abtech.edu



**Family Support
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**6th Annual Regional
Transition into
Adulthood Fair**

*What happens next?
Post-secondary Education, Work?*

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Registration Begins at 10:30am

11:00am to 5:00pm



*A Journey Toward Independence:
Positive Outcomes for
Youth with Disabilities*

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