



Family Support Network™ of WNC

7th Annual WNC Regional Transition into Adulthood Conference

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

Saturday, November 18th, 2017
Check-In Begins at 8:30 AM
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



[Registration is Required Click Here](#)

Mission Health/A-B Tech Conference Center
340 Victoria Road
Asheville, NC 28801

The vision of Mission Family Support Network for this conference is that all WNC youth and young adults with disabilities will successfully transition to the role of productive, participating adult citizens. Youth will be empowered to recognize their talents, strengths, and voice and have equal access to resources that promote full participation in the communities of their choice.

The primary purpose of this conference is to expand the capacity of schools, agencies and communities, in partnership with youth, young adults and families, in promoting the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post-school outcomes of employment, post-secondary education and training, community participation and healthy lifestyles. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about effective practices to assist youth/young adults with disabilities to explore possibilities, take advantage of their opportunities, and actively advocate for their future.

The conference will feature:

- Keynote and feature presentations
- Breakout sessions
- Sessions and activities designed for youth and young adults
- Family engaging sessions and networking opportunities
- Accommodations and Supports Expo, assistive technology exhibits, resource vendor displays

2017 Keynote Speaker




Kiel Baumbach is an Independent Living Specialist at Disability Partners in Asheville North Carolina. Kiel has been working under that title at Disability Partners since January 4 of 2016. As an independent living specialist with Disability Partners; Kiel assist people living with disabilities by:


- ❖ Providing them with information
- ❖ Referrals them to community resources
- ❖ Advocating on a federal, state and local levels
- ❖ Peer counseling
- ❖ Teaches independent living skills
- ❖ Transitioning People from assisted-living facilities/homelessness into community based living

In 2016 Kiel was recognized for his hard work and achievements by receiving the "Employee of The Year" certificate. When Kiel is not helping his peers; he enjoys his free time with his fiancée Shanna, her two daughters and their pets. He is currently working with consumers on their goals and helping them strive to live independently. You can reach him at kbaumbach@disabilitypartners.org.


Itinerary:

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Check-In Begins (Exhibit Hall Opens)	
9:00 –9:30 AM	Welcome – Opening Keynote	
9:30 AM	<p>Youth & Young Adult Activities Begin for the Day:</p>  <p>Building My Dreams for the Future</p> <p>The youth will have four breakout sessions that will capture relevant transition topics. The breakout sessions will be interactive and engaging for the participants. (Limited space available)</p>	
9:30 – 10:15 AM SESSION 1 (Choose One)	Parent/Family Session Options	
	1A	<p>High School Transition Planning (Bring your Transition Plan)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Janet Roberts, Transition Specialist , Buncombe County Schools, Holly Sutter, EC Instructional Facilitator, Asheville City Schools</p>
	1B	<p>Navigating Adult Community Services</p> <p>Vaya Health is a public managed care organization (MCO) that oversees Medicaid, federal, state and local funding for services and supports related to mental health, substance use and intellectual/ developmental disability (IDD) needs. This session will provide participates with how to access services like Supported Employment, Housing options, Innovations Waiver through Vaya Health provider network.</p> <p>Vaya Health, Care Coordination Department</p>

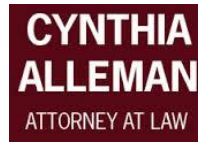
10:15-10:30 AM	1C	<p>Putting Together the Pieces for a Successful Transition to Adult Healthcare</p> <p>Transition involves many moving parts and partners. It requires education, planning, skill building, advocacy and resources that are of value to youth, families and healthcare professionals. This session will provide an overview of best practices and tools that can lay the foundation for a successful healthcare transition.</p> <p>Karen Luken, Disability and Health Consultant and Kerri Eaker, Mission Family Support Network, Parent</p>
	BREAK (Exhibit Visitation)	
10:30 – 11:15 AM SESSION 2 (Choose One)	2A	<p>Working Towards Work- Vocational Rehabilitation</p> <p>Pre-Employment Transition Services-Five ways your student is prepared for the future through PETS services. Why this is important under new WIOA laws.</p> <p>Vocational Rehabilitation-From picking a job goal to keeping the job, How to access services, But what about Social Security?</p> <p>Laura Dawson, NC Vocational Rehabilitation Services</p>
	2B	<p>Project Search</p> <p>Project SEARCH is a unique, business led, one year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace. Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through worksite rotations.</p> <p>Emily Danciu-Grosso, Project SEARCH Instructor, Timothy A. Blekicki, Employment Specialist, The Arc of North Carolina</p>
	2C	<p>Supported Living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What is Supported Living ❖ How does it work for Young Adults ❖ Who qualifies for this services <p>Janet Price-Ferrell, FIRST Director, Lars Johnson, Staff- My FIRST Key Program</p>

11:15-12:00 PM Exhibit Visitation	LUNCH Provided (Pizza, Salad, Water, Tea, Punch) <u>Youth & Young Adults will rejoin Parents during Lunch Break</u>
12:00 – 12:45 PM 	<p>The North Carolina Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) and NC ABLE Accounts</p> <p>The 2015 NC ABLE Act allows people with disabilities to save in a tax-advantaged account and maintain Medicaid, SSI, SSDI and other supports. NC ABLE Account savings can be used for qualified disability expenses, such as those related to health/wellness, employment supports, education, housing, and more. Learn about ABLE, NC ABLE Accounts and how to enroll.</p> <p>Mary Buonfiglio, Deputy Director, Supplemental Plans, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer</p>

1:00 – 1:45 PM SESSION 3 (Choose One)	3A	<p>Supported Employment 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What is Supported Employment ❖ How does it work for Young Adults ❖ Who pays for this services <p>Brandon Tilmann B.S. QP, Employment Specialist Coordinator, Duncan Reid Regional Director, The Arc of North Carolina</p>
	3B	<p>Youth in Transition Services & Benefits</p> <p>Do you know it is possible to work without losing your Medical benefits? The Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs include a number of employment support provisions commonly referred to as work incentives. This session will explain how these options work for youth living with disabilities.</p> <p>Amy Upham, Autism Society of NC; Courtney Bullman, Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Eva Reynolds, Disability Partners</p>
	3C	<p>A-B Tech Community College-Education Beyond High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Foundation Program at A-B Tech and sites ❖ Pre-employment Pathways at A-B Tech (Gardening, Food Services, Feeding Assistant) ❖ Project SEARCH Program through partnership with The Arc of NC, Mission, VR, and other local providers <p>Page C. McCormick, M.Ed., Coordinator for Transitional Pathways and Partnerships, Department of Transitional Studies (DOTS), A-B Tech</p>

1:45 – 2:00 PM	BREAK (Exhibit Visitation)	
2:00 – 2:45 PM SESSION 4 (Choose One)	4A	<p>Technology Allows for more Independent Living Options</p> <p>Participants will learn about different types of technology that will allow for the upmost independent living options for their youth adults in the near future.</p> <p>Anthony Devore, ResCare</p>
	4B	<p>Planning for the Future When Your Family Includes a Member with a Disability</p> <p>This session will provide education about the components of estate planning, the importance of special needs trust and the process of Guardianship. The second half of the session will be on Rethinking Guardianship: What are the alternatives and building a case for less restrictive alternatives.</p> <p>Cynthia Alleman, Attorney at Law, Linda Kendall Fields M.Ed., Jordan Institute for Families</p>
	4C	<p>University Participant Program at Western Carolina University</p> <p>The WCU University Participant (UP) Program is designed to provide a two-year, on-campus living and learning experience for college-age persons with intellectual disabilities. This session will give you an overview of the program, dynamic presentation from students and families sharing experiences along with how to apply.</p> <p>Kincade Fuller, WCU Student, Sam Garrison, WCU Student and Gretchen Reece, WNC UP Staff</p>
2:45 – 3:00 PM	BREAK (Exhibit Visitation)	
3:00 – 4:00 PM	<p>Panel of Young Adults Who Have Experienced Transition</p>  <p>This is the highlight of the Fair! You will not want to miss this session!</p> <p><i>Facilitated By:</i> Emily Danciu-Grosso and Timothy Blekicki</p>	

Program Sponsors & Exhibitors:



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

Important:

- **Childcare will not be provided**
 - ❖ *You can apply for NCCDD Jean Wolff-Rossi Fund*
- **Pizza/Light Refreshments will be available.**

For more information or if unable to register online

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The Jean Wolff-Rossi Fund for Participant Involvement (Rossi Fund) empowers people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their family members with opportunities to actively participate in decisions that often impact them personally. Through the Rossi Fund, individuals with I/DD and their family members can receive reimbursement for specific expenses for seminars and conferences designed to improve their knowledge, networking and skill levels for advocacy.

The NCCDD makes all decisions on the disbursement of funds. Applicants receiving Rossi funds will be asked to complete a Rossi Fund Participant survey and are expected to share their knowledge with the local community and with the NCCDD members.

Reimbursement funds are available for:

- Child Care or Respite (up to \$8/hr., maximum \$170/day)
- Personal Assistance Services (up to \$8/hr., maximum \$170/day)
- Conference/seminar registration
- Hotel/Lodging (up to \$71.20 in-state; \$84.10 out of state)
- Transportation (53.5 cents/mile under 100 miles, 17 cents/mile over 100 miles – NC State government rate is subject to change)

<https://nccdd.org/initiatives/conference-funding/jean-wolff-rossi-for-participant-involvement-fund.html>