



2014 Lunchtime Webinars

The Transition Series

Most Thursdays through June 2014, Noon-1pm

Join Michigan Alliance for Families for a series of free webinars for parents, caregivers, and educators. A webinar is an online presentation you can attend without having to leave your home or office. This year's series will focus on the important topic of transitioning to adulthood. Sign up for the entire series or just the ones that interest you the most.

March 20 "Transition Overview" with Kelly Orginski from Michigan Alliance for Families

Kelly will provide basic information for parents to help young adults plan for a successful transition to adulthood, including rights and responsibilities. This includes tools for Person Centered Planning, Self-Determination and the use of transition assessments to guide the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

March 27 "Self-Determination: Building a Successful Future for People with Disabilities" with Angela Martin from Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State University

This presentation will describe the movement and principles of self-determination. This webinar will also provide an overview of arrangements that support self-determination and how they allow people to control their resources from the community mental health system.

April 3 "Person Centered Planning" with Sally Burton Hoyle, Eastern Michigan University Professor

This webinar will focus on Person Centered Planning, a problem-solving process used to help people with disabilities plan for their future and define the direction of their lives. Person Centered Planning can be used to develop personal relationships, participate in their community, increase control over their own lives, and develop the skills and abilities needed to achieve these goals.

April 17 "Transition and the Law" with Mark McWilliams from Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service

Almost all students in special education are entitled to prevocational, vocational and transition planning and services. The school should offer assessment and services to help your child prepare for life after school, including work and other community activities. The school must include transition goals and services in a student's IEP. Mark will explain the options, steps and timelines involved in transitioning from public schools

April 24 "Rethinking Guardianship: Facilitating Life-Long Self Determination" (Part 1) with Dohn Hoyle, Executive Director of The Arc Michigan

This presentation will provide participants with a long-term view of the consequences of establishing guardianship. It will cover alternative and empowering ways to address the barriers and circumstances which will inevitably face students with a cognitive or intellectual disability as well as those with communication

difficulties as they move into the adult world. This two hour presentation has been divided into 2 webinars. This is part 1 of 2.

May 1 “Rethinking Guardianship: Facilitating Life-Long Self Determination” (Part 2) with Dohn Hoyle, Executive Director of The Arc Michigan

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May 8 “Ask the Expert” with Dohn Hoyle, Executive Director of The Arc Michigan *1pm-2pm*

Please note this webinar deviates from our regular time and will broadcast from 1pm-2pm. Dohn will be with us for the entire hour, answering your questions about alternatives to guardianship. Questions may be submitted in advance to emilie@michiganallianceforfamilies.org, using the subject line: Ask the Expert.

May 15 “Transition IEP Alignment with Other Transition Planning Instruments” with Cheryl Levine from Michigan Special Education Mediation Program

Reduce duplication of work by learning how the transition IEP requirements can draw from other mandatory planning tools for students. Collaborative opportunities and prior assessment instruments will be identified to provide a framework for robust conversations around transition planning for students.

May 22 “Agency Support/Services Overview- CMH, DHS, MRS” with Sherri Boyd from The Arc Michigan and Michigan Alliance for Families

This webinar will highlight the most valuable supports/services available to adults with disabilities from agencies here in Michigan- including Community Mental Health, Department of Human Services, and Michigan Rehabilitation Services. This webinar will not address eligibility.

First time attendees are encouraged to check out our Frequently Asked Questions at www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/webinar-faq

Space is limited. Register online and you will receive a confirmation email with directions for the webinar. If you are viewing this document as a PDF file, clicking on a specific date will open the registration form. Registration links can also be found at www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/webinar

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