



Transition Night 2010

Presented
by

The Attleboro Area School to Career Partnership
and
Foxborough Public Schools

Wednesday, November 17, 2010
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Foxborough High School Cafeteria

Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: ALTERNATIVES – Main Office

Company Address: 50 DOUGLAS ROAD,
WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588
508-234-6232

WWW.ALTERNATIVESNET.ORG

Contact Person: LOCAL CONTACT – ARLENE BECK
WRENTHAM COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
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Day programs at nearby locations:

Community Connections is a Day Habilitation program located in Wrentham funded by Medicaid that focuses on teaching daily living skills, improving communication and facilitating community integration. Nursing, Physical, Occupational, and Behavioral therapies are also provided. This program specializes in supporting individuals with behavioral challenges. Services for individuals with physical and medical challenges are provided at our conveniently located **Center for Personal Achievement** in Hopedale.

Employment Services are funded by DDS, DMH and MRC focus on assisting individuals to choose, get, and keep real jobs. **Group Supported Employment** consists of work crews and small group employment enclaves in employers' settings; **Individual Supported Employment** is employer-based work with job coaching; **Competitive Employment** is full or part time employment, directly hired by the employer. Individuals may also participate in a variety of volunteer positions.

Residential and Family Support Services:

Community Residences funded by DDS provide a safe, nurturing home environment for between 4-6 people. In these small groups, people learn how to apply the practical skills of daily living in real life settings. **Shared Living** funded by DDS or Medicaid creates the opportunity for an individual to become part of a host family. Each household is a place where all members experience the mutual benefits and responsibilities of life sharing as they grow together. Alternatives' visiting nurses and Case Managers carefully monitor each situation and offer expert assistance as needed.

Adult Family Care funded by Medicaid provides families with financial resources as well as the support of visiting nurses and case managers. **Family care stipends can be used in an unlimited variety of ways to assist families to cope and best support their child.**

Creative Service Alternatives combine various funds for which an individual is eligible such as from DDS and Medicaid to develop an innovative service design that is personally tailored to the individual's needs and preferences.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Amego, Inc.

Company Address: 33 Perry Avenue

Contact Person: Linda Ingram-Director of Social Services

City: Attleboro

State: MA

Zip: 02703

Telephone Number: 508-455-6200

FAX Number: 508-455-6211

E-mail: lingram@amegoinc.org

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

Amego was founded in 1071 by a small group of parents. Today our services include a fully accredited school, 17 private residential homes, a day habilitation program and a community centered employment program.

Amego offers services for both children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental disabilities.

Our staff understands the unique needs of servicing those with behavioral challenges. We use Applied Behavior Analysis and Treatment principles because they create a stable and measurable foundation for growth and progress.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Arbour Health System

Company Address: 200 May St.

Contact Person: Courtney Greenwood, Senior Community Relations Coordinator

City: South Attleboro

State: MA

Zip: 02703

Telephone Number: 508-838-230

FAX Number:

E-mail: Courtney.greenwood@uhsinc.com

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

Arbour Health System is the largest private mental health system in Massachusetts. Our system consists of Arbour Hospital, Boston; Arbour-Fuller Hospital, South Attleboro; Arbour-HRI Hospital, Brookline; Pembroke Hospital; Westwood Lodge; Lowell Treatment Center; The Boston Center; Arbour Counseling Services, with eleven locations throughout eastern Massachusetts; and Arbour SeniorCare.

Arbour-Fuller Hospital offers the following programs -

- 24-Hour Evaluations, Triage, and Admissions
- Inpatient Treatment for Adolescents and Adults
- Partial Hospitalization for Adults
- Partial Hospitalization for Women
- Developmental Disabilities Inpatient Treatment for Adults
- Dual Diagnosis Services for Adults
- Dual Diagnosis Acute Residential Treatment Services (DDARTS/EATS)
- Partial Plus: short-term housing for men and women with dual diagnosis, substance abuse, or psychiatric disorders
- Dual Diagnosis Acute Residential Treatment Service (DDART/EATS)
- Community Services Program



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company:

The Arc of Northern Bristol County

Company Address:

141 Park Street
Attleboro, MA 02703

Contact Person:

Beth Bogus, Family Support Coordinator

City: Attleboro

State: MA

Zip: 02703

Telephone Number:

508-226-1445 or 1-888-343-3301 extension 3118

FAX Number:

508-226-1476

E-mail:

bbogus@arcnbc.org

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

The Arc of Northern Bristol County's vision is for people of all abilities to be empowered to succeed by making their own choices. Our mission is: To foster community partnerships, promote, individual advocacy, and create a pathway for growth and innovation by offering exceptional support and services to people with all abilities through the attraction, development and retention of superior talent who passionately demonstrate best practices. Within this context The Arc of Northern Bristol County's Child and Family Services department works with each family or individual to understand their needs, as well as, provide supports that will be meaningful to them. All services are driven by the individual and their family and are based upon their needs. Family Support services include but are not limited to connecting families with resources, holding trainings for parents, providing inclusive recreational opportunities for children, and hosting support groups.

For more information please contact Beth Bogus at 508-226-1445 extension 3118.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Attleboro Enterprises, Inc.

Company Address:

284 John Dietsch Boulevard
North Attleboro, MA 02763

Contact Person: William P. Healy

City: North Attleboro **State:** MA

Zip: 02763

Telephone Number: 508.695.4046 X110

FAX Number: 508.695.4080

E-mail: bhealy@attleboroenterprises.org

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:


Attleboro Enterprises, Inc. (AEI) is a non-profit human service organization that supports over 200 adults with diverse developmental challenges through four program areas; residential, employment, community based day supports and day habilitation services.

- AEI operates seven residences in southeastern Massachusetts.
- Employment training and job placement programs offer on-site employment opportunities at the North Attleboro site as well as job placement in the community.
- CBDS offers participants the opportunity to volunteer in the community and develop skills in vocational, social and recreational settings.
- Day Habilitation provides clinical and therapeutic supports as well as developmental skills education.

AEI's programs aim to empower individuals to become contributing members of society, build positive self-esteem, and enable them to achieve individual life goals. AEI's three year accreditation by CARF ensures the gold standard of industry excellence to its participants.

Day Habilitation

AEI's Day Habilitation program offers medical, therapeutic, and developmental support that promote the ability of individuals with developmental disabilities to live more independently in everyday community settings. Our inter-disciplinary team works with our participants designing individualized programs addressing the skills, knowledge, and ability one needs in order to self-manage in community settings. The composition of our interdisciplinary team includes a registered nurse, speech therapist, and developmental specialists. AEI's Day Habilitation



curricula address self preservation skills, communication skills, activities of daily living, understanding numbers and time, reading and writing skills, and money management.

Vocational

AEI's Vocational program provides an opportunity for individuals to become contributing members of the community through three different employment models:

- Our employment specialists work with local employers to match individuals' skills and career goals to specific needs of companies for permanent placement.
- Enclave models allow AEI to customize training and provide an AEI staff member and a team of workers to perform a job or series of jobs at the host company's work site.
- Subcontracted piecework is performed in AEI's facility based workshop in North Attleboro.

Community Based Day Support

Community Based Day Support (CBDS) provides activities and programs conducive to the development of interpersonal and social skills so critical to positive community interaction. During regular program hours, participants in the CBDS program go out into the community to volunteer at local nursing homes or soup kitchens, shop for groceries or simply to go to the coffee shop. For those seeking a paycheck, piecework is available and provides a sense of pride for participants without leaving the safety net of the facility. All the while, participants work on the development of life skills and simply learn to share the company of others in their community.

Residential

Operating homes in Lakeville, Swansea, Somerset, and Fall River, our programs work through Individual Service Plans to set annual goals and strategies to attain those goals, while continuously monitoring achievement. Residential programming offers safe, home-like living environments allowing each resident full access to his/her community while being supported in a manner that promotes independence. All referrals to our Residential Program are made by the Department of Developmental Services through the Taunton and Fall River offices.

Transition Night Information Sheet



Name of Company: Attleboro Area School-to-Career Partnership, Inc.

Company Address: 42 Union Street

Contact Person: Christine LaChance-Director

City: Attleboro

State: MA

Zip: 02703

Telephone Number: 508-222-5150 ext 534/307

FAX Number: 508-222-0981

E-mail: clachance@schooltocareer.info

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

The Attleboro Area School-to-Career Partnership was created in 1995 as a result of the National School-to-Work Opportunities Act. In 2000, the Partnership incorporated to Attleboro Area School-to-Career Partnership, Inc.

Currently more than 500 “employer partners” have worked with us to provide 1,500 internships and full-time positions. Working together, we have developed tools and training for careers and internships at local companies that help students learn the life skills necessary to be successful in the work place. Qualified students are employed for twenty hours a week for six weeks during the summer.

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Foxborough High School: Ellen Pillsbury
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Norton High School: Barbara Ellis
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North Attleboro High School: Julie Ensign
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508-643-2115 ext. 237



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Bristol Community College

Company Address: 11 Field Road

Contact Person: Judy Bolandz
Lara Akinyemi

City: Attleboro

State: MA

Zip: 02703

Telephone Number: 508-226-2484

FAX Number: 508-222-7638

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Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

About Bristol Community College

"Community" is our middle name

Bristol Community College aims to provide educational opportunity and solid career preparation in southeastern Massachusetts. Our open admission policy, affordable costs, liberal financial aid resources, and flexible class schedules put a college education within reach.

Here's a snapshot of Bristol Community College:

Type of college

Bristol Community College is a two-year, comprehensive community college offering career and transfer programs of study that lead to associate degrees or certificates.

Programs offered

More than 120 programs of study lead to an associate degree in science, associate degree in arts, associate in applied science or a certificate.

Campus

The College has a campus in Attleboro, a campus in downtown New Bedford and satellite campuses at the Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School in New Bedford and at Mulcahey Middle School in Taunton. Our main campus is located in Fall River, conveniently located off routes 24 and 195.



Resources for Students

The Office of Disability Services at Bristol Community College provides a full range of advocacy services to a diverse population of students with disabilities. Disability Services provides support services that enable students with disabilities to fully participate in the life of the academic community. Support services include scheduled meeting with Learning Specialists on staff, assistive technology, ASL Interpreters, and specialized testing accommodations.

The Tutoring and Academic Support Center (TASC) is dedicated to providing academic support for the entire BCC community. This support takes the form of providing one on one tutoring, small group tutoring through the Supplemental Instruction (SI) program, and computer instructional, audio-visual and written material. A major goal of the TASC is to help students develop independent learning skills in order to achieve their educational goals.

The Writing Center assists students with all of their writing needs. The Writing Center offers help to students on any aspect of the writing process, including term papers, providing the practical help students need to become better writers.

Enrollment

During the Fall semester 2009, approximately 8,700 day and evening students were enrolled in credit-granting courses. Many thousands more enroll in noncredit leisure and business courses, adult literacy, and more.

The Community College Advantage

What is the Community College Advantage? It's the affordable, local, transferable, smart choice for students who want an education that will work for them, but don't want to mortgage their future to get it.

Do you want to know more?

Click around on our web site, request a catalog, or come visit! Or do all three! You'll find the Community College Advantage can work for you.

For the Bristol Community College academic catalog or more information, please contact the Admissions office at 508-678-2811 ext. 2179, (TTD for the hearing impaired, 508.677.1230).

For information about the Attleboro Campus please call our Enrollment Center at 508-226-2484.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Cardinal Cushing Centers

Company Address: 405 Washington Street
Hanover, MA 02339
www.coletta.org

Contact Person: Michelle Markowitz, Vice President, Admissions

City: Hanover **State:** MA **Zip:** 02339

Telephone Number: 781-8291205

FAX Number: 781-829-0881

E-mail: mmarkowitz@coletta.org

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

Cardinal Cushing Centers is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages and faiths by offering innovative opportunities for success through three programs – Cardinal Cushing Centers at Braintree, Cardinal Cushing Centers at Hanover and Cardinal Cushing Centers Adult Services. At Cardinal Cushing the importance of achieving increased levels of independence, personal growth and self-esteem is recognized and emphasized. Programming at the two schools and in the adult services residential and working environment is based on individual needs and developed within a nurturing atmosphere of acceptance and respect. The common goal for every child and adult served by Cardinal Cushing Centers is to realize his or her potential and to see themselves as valued important members of their society and to lead a full and meaningful life.

Cardinal Cushing Centers also offers recreation programs to children and young adults in the community. These programs include; Monday through Thursday afterschool recreation programs, weekend recreation activities, as well as activities during school vacations. For more information on our Community Recreation Programs, please contact Tom McElman at 781-826-6371 or tmcelman@coletta.org.



CO-OP Fact Sheet

CO-OP (also known as Cooperative Production) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving individuals with intellectual and other disabilities since 1972. Today, the agency provides a comprehensive menu of services in Southeastern Massachusetts, enabling people of all abilities to become valued members of their communities. Our funding partners include the Department of Developmental Services, the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, the Division of Medical Assistance and local school systems.

Services & Supports

CO-OP offers a wide range of individualized services to enhance skills, encourage community participation and help develop meaningful relationships. The agency's day habilitation services are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Other services are licensed and certified by the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services.

- Community Living
- Day Habilitation & Community Services
- Employment & Self-employment Services
- Clinical Support Services including:
Psychology Services, Nursing Services, Case Management, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Assistive Technology, and Outsource/referral services

Staff Support

Supportive relationships between staff and consumers are evident throughout all of CO-OP's program services. The agency employs over 225 staff to meet the various clinical and support needs of people served. Levels of staff assistance range from 24 hour supervision to semi-independent support – depending on the needs of each individual.

Hours of Operation

Our Business Office at 455 Somerset Avenue, N. Dighton is open Monday – Friday;

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Phone: 508.824.1717 / Fax: 508.822.0919

Additional Information

Please visit our webpage at www.CO-OP.cc to learn more about the agency and the various services we provide. Questions? Email us at info@co-op.cc, or feel free to contact our CEO, Bill Corbett at 508.824.1717



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Department of Developmental Services

**Company Address: 21 Spring St., Suite 1
Taunton, MA 02780**

Contact Person: Susan Griffin

City: Taunton

State: MA

Zip: 02780

Telephone Number: (508)824-0614

FAX Number: (508)824-9451

E-mail: susan.griffin@state.ma .us

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is the agency within the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services that is responsible for providing services and supports to Mass. Citizens with intellectual disabilities.

The Taunton/Attleboro Area covers the towns of: Attleboro, Berkley, Dighton, Lakeville, Mansfield, Middleboro, North Attleboro, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Taunton and Seekonk.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Greater Attleboro Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)

Company Address: 10 Oak Street

Contact Person: Joanne Laferrara

City: Taunton

State: MA

Zip: 02780

Telephone Number: 508-823-8828

FAX Number: 508-824-3756

E-mail:

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

Transportation services in the area. Public bus as well as paratransit (Dial-A-Ride) services offered to individuals with disabilities and senior citizens. Greater Attleboro, Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) provides comprehensive quality public transportation to meet the mobility needs of people throughout 26 member communities. These communities include; Attleboro , Bellingham, Berkley, Carver, Dighton, Duxbury, Foxborough, Franklin, Kingston, Lakeview, Mansfield, Marshfield, Medway, Middleborough, Norfolk, North Attleboro, Norton, Pembroke, Plainville, Plymouth, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Taunton, Wareham, and Wrentham.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: GROW Associates, Inc.

Company Address: 101 Wales Avenue

Contact Person: Hilda Egel and/or Wanda Soto

City: Avon

State: MA

Zip: 02322

Telephone Number: 508-408-4210

FAX Number: 508-408-4215

E-mail: wsoto@grow-associates.org
hegel@grow-associates.org

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

GROW is a facility that has been providing programming for adults and students with developmental disabilities since 1973. Started by a small group of parents with twenty individuals in a small school building, GROW has developed into a program serving more than 140 individuals with a variety of services. Programs offered in employed training, on site job coaching, volunteering within the community, teaching basic daily living skills, community involvement and recreational services gives to the adult with developmental disabilities a sense of accomplishment and self-worth.

The above services and opportunities are available to high school students. GROW provides job training, skill development, vocational assessments, opportunities for volunteer and paid work experiences and much more to prepare the students with developmental disabilities for life in the community upon reach age 22 and leaving the public schools.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: HMEA, Inc. (Horace Mann Educational Associates)

Company Address: 8 Forge Park East

Contact Person: Kevin Salera, Director of Employment Services

City: Franklin

State: MA

Zip: 02038

Telephone Number: (508) 298-1161

FAX Number: (508) 298-1461

E-mail: ksalera@hmea.org

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

HMEA is a non-profit corporation that provides innovative services to over 2400 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families in more than 110 communities in Massachusetts. Through its mission, HMEA affirms and promotes the values, dreams and potential of people with developmental disabilities through education, support and life experiences. HMEA has a long-standing history (founded in 1961) of delivering high quality day, employment, educational, family, and residential supports to individuals with developmental disabilities by a creative, dedicated, and diverse workforce. HMEA is chartered through its vision to working in partnership with people with developmental disabilities and their families to create individualized supports that best meet their unique needs. HMEA thrives in the provision of services to individuals with diverse needs (behavioral, medical, physical, etc.) and allows service models to remain fluid and current to adjust to the changing needs of individuals currently served and those being referred for services.

HMEA currently operates five Day Habilitation Programs and five Employment Programs across central and southeastern Massachusetts, supporting over 300 individuals with developmental disabilities. In addition, HMEA other services such as: Family Supports, Early Intervention, Residential supports, Shared Living, and Adult Family Care (AFC).



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Lifeworks Employment Services

Company Address: 1400 Providence Highway, Suite 2300

Contact Person: Mary Ellen Cameron

City: Norwood

State: MA

Zip: 02062

Telephone Number: 781-769-3298

FAX Number: 781-551-0045

E-mail: mecameron@lifeworksma.org

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

Lifeworks Employment Services (LES) is a private non-profit agency providing job preparation, training and placement for adults with developmental disabilities. The services we provide are: Job Development and placement, Job Coaching, in house/sub contract work and evaluations.

Job development and placement consists of finding jobs for people and coaching them in these positions. LES employs a full time job developer who is responsible for creating job opportunities for those served in the program. These jobs vary depending on the ability of each person.

LES provides Job Coaching once a job is found. The amount of time spent on Job Coaching depends on the need of the individual and the company. We use a fading process, which allows time for the individual to learn the job as the natural supports of the job take over.

In house/sub contract work enables people to perform a variety of tasks and get paid for the work completed. Lifeworks currently works with several companies who provide in house work. Some examples of sub contract work are: labeling, packaging, kitting, folding, heat sealing, shrink wrapping and collating.

LES is also able to do a comprehensive evaluation for those who need one. This is a good opportunity to assess skill level and abilities of people who are interested in entering the work force.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Company Address: 150 Mount Vernon Street

Contact Person: Diane Crouse, LCSW
Children Specialist/ Case Manager

City: Boston Dorchester

State: MA

Zip: 02125

Telephone Number: 617-740-1652

FAX Number: 617-740-1850

E-mail: diane.crouse@state.ma.us

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

MCDHH is the agency within Massachusetts that services all Deaf and Hard of Hearing people of all ages. Children Specialists provide assistance to children from birth to age 22 and their families. We act as a liaison between parents and school systems, advocate for appropriate placements and school services, guide families in decisions related to language choice and mode, consult with school systems and other state and local agencies. Referrals can be made by school systems, doctors, agencies and families for any child who has been diagnosed with hearing loss.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

Company Address: 21 Spring Street

Contact Person: Raymond Oliver, MA LRC

City: Taunton

State: MA

Zip: 02780

Telephone Number: 508-823-8141 ext. 15

FAX Number: 508-821-3796

E-mail: Raymond.oliver@state.ma.us

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

MRC's Vocational Rehabilitation Program assists individuals with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment. The Vocational Rehabilitation Program helps individuals with physical, psychiatric, and/or learning disabilities face the challenges of the modern workplace. This may include identifying job goals based on individual interests and aptitudes, providing funds for college and vocational training, assessing worksite accommodations, educating and employer about the Americans with Disabilities Act, or assisting and individual returning to work after adjusting to a new disabling condition. Vocational rehabilitation services can often reduce or remove barriers to employment. Priority is given to those individuals who have the most severe , work tolerance, and work skills. To be eligible for VR services from a State VR agency, a person must have a physical or mental impairment that is a substantial impediment to employment; be able to benefit from VR services in terms of employment; and require VR services to prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain employment.

Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Massasoit Community College

Company Address: One Massasoit Boulevard, Brockton, MA 02302
(Additional locations in Canton and Middleboro)

Contact Person: Nicole Precourt, Admissions Counselor
One Massasoit Boulevard

City: Brockton **State:** MA **Zip:** 02302

Telephone Number: Nicole: (508) 588-9100 x1416
Admissions Main Office: (508) 588-9100 x1411

FAX Number: (508) 427-1257

E-mail: nprecourt@massasoit.mass.edu (Nicole)
AdmOffice@massasoit.mass.edu (Admissions Main Office)

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

Massasoit Community College is a two-year school with locations in Brockton, Canton and Middleboro. We have over 50 career and transfer programs including Associate Degrees, one-year certificates and short-term training options. We offer part-time and full-time day and evening options, and for most of our programs we have open enrollment (unless noted otherwise). Financial Aid is available to qualified applicants for qualified programs. Massasoit Community College has small class sizes, is competitive in cost and offers many services to students, such as: free tutoring, additional academic support services (LATCH, PLAN, CHOICES), disability services, career planning and assistance, 16 computer labs...just to name a few. Please stop by our table, check us out on our website, or contact us if you would like more information.

www.massasoit.mass.edu



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: New York Life

Company Address: 800 South Street
Suite 600
Waltham, MA 02453

Contact Person: Sean McCabe, Leo Rotman, Chris Sweet

City: Attleboro

State: MA

Zip: 02703

Telephone Number: 508-245-9343

FAX Number:

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Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

We present the inter-relatedness between special needs planning and financial planning. Some of the specific topics we help families with include negotiating the government benefits maze, Medicaid vs. Medicare, the importance of having a special needs trust, typical benefits which can be paid from a special needs trust and issues related to selecting a proper trustee. We offer seminars and webinars for schools/families on these concerns. We also offer on-site programs for schools/families such as child id programs, and custom trading cards from events your children have attended.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Patrick W. McDermott

Company Address: 35 Shawmut Road

Contact Person: Patrick W. McDermott

City: Canton

State: MA

Zip: 02021

Telephone Number: 781-830-1271

FAX Number: 781-830-4310

E-mail: Patrick.mcdermott@jud.state.ma.us

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

Two of the many issues adjudicated at the Probate and Family Court are guardianship and conservatorship. Guardianship of the person is when a guardian is appointed to handle the personal/legal affairs of the incapacitated individual. Conservatorship is when a conservator is appointed to handle the financial affairs of a protected individual.

The Norfolk Division of the Probate and Family Court Department has partnered with the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association to assist families with these complex guardianship and conservatorship issues by hosting volunteer lawyers every Wednesday at the courthouse. Attorney Jessica Baker (7 West Street Walpole, MA 02081; 508-668-5977) will be available to explain the legal process involved when applying to be a guardian and/or conservator.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Social Security Administration

Company Address: 106 Pleasant Street

Contact Person:

City: Attleboro

State: MA

Zip: 02703

Telephone Number: 888-655-6469

FAX Number: 508-222-5338

E-mail:

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

We assist individuals in filing for Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and Medicare benefits and we are the primary contact point for dealing with any changes that may affect the delivery of those benefits or the individual's eligibility to continue to receive benefits.

Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: Talk About Curing Autism (TACA), Massachusetts Chapter

Company Address: (meeting location) Council on Aging, 400 Taunton St.

Contact Person: Cheryl Gaudino, Co-coordinator

City: Wrentham

State: MA

Zip: 02093

Telephone Number: 949-640-4401

FAX Number: (949) 640-4424

E-mail: Cheryl.gaudino@tacanow.org

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

Talk About Curing Autism (TACA) provides information, resources, and support to families affected by autism. For families who have just received the autism diagnosis, TACA aims to speed up the cycle time from the autism diagnosis to effective treatments. TACA helps to strengthen the U.S. autism community by connecting families and the professionals who can help them, allowing them to share stories and information to help people with autism be the best they can be.

TACA provides REAL HELP NOW to families living with autism today. 17,500 families across the U.S. need TACA to help with the following program and services:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parent education in 26 locations across the United States- One on one mentoring- Web site and LIVE CHAT support- In 2009 TACA will hold over 250 parent education meetings- Physicians training | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parent education guide filled with best practices- Free Resource libraries- Necessary families in crisis, scholarships & adopt a family programs for families in need- And a place to go for RESPONSIBLE HOPE for their children |
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Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: The Bridge Center

Company Address: 470 Pine Street

Contact Person: Chris McHatton, Program Director

City: Bridgewater

State: MA

Zip: 02324

Telephone Number: 508-697-7557

FAX Number: 508- 697-1529

E-mail: info@thebridgectr.org

Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

The mission of The Bridge Center is to support families by providing children with opportunities to build social, emotional, and physical skills so they may participate fully in their communities. The Bridge Center offers a variety of programs which are described in detail in our website at www.TheBridgectr.org. For teens and young adults, our Bridges to Independence program, offers the opportunity to learn and practice the career, life, vocational, and social-emotional skills necessary for independent adult living. These programs provide experiential learning activities in an environment that is both structured and supportive. Programs are designed and run by staff experienced in fields such as special education, vocational rehabilitation and social work as well as speech, occupational and physical therapies.



Transition Night Information Sheet

Name of Company: The Gottschall Autism Center

Company Address: (Office) 500 East Washington St, Box 50

Contact Person: Cheryl Gaudino, Executive Director

City: North Attleboro

State: MA

Zip: 02760

Telephone Number: 774-282-0293

FAX Number: 508-695-3956 (please call before faxing)

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Paragraph or two explaining the service that you provide:

Through our **Biomedical Conference Series**, the Gottschall Autism Center provides education and training to parents and professionals about the need and benefits of implementing nutritional and biomedical therapies as part of a comprehensive treatment plan for individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

Our **Teen & Adult Employment Initiative** provides vocational training and employment opportunities for those with autism in an organic farm setting. If needed, job coaches and behavioral support staff are available at no cost to the employee.