

Pennsylvania Secondary Transition Guide

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,



Your transition from school to adult life is an important series of steps. To help you map out this process, the Bureau of Special Education has developed a website for you, your family and school. The name of the website is "Pennsylvania Secondary Transition Guide." The address for the website is www.secondarytransition.org.

The website is organized by topics. The topics cover key areas of your secondary transition, including post-secondary education and training, employment and community living. Some of the information on the website suggests important subjects and activities for you to think about, based on your age. The website also has links to other Pennsylvania agencies and departments that can help support your transition. You can access the website any time and look for information when it's important to you. If you cannot access the website, you can request a CD or printed copy of the website's core documents, available in either English or Spanish, by contacting your school or by calling the Pennsylvania Training & Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) at 800-446-5607.

Please know that specific questions about your transition from school to adult life can be addressed by your school's Transition Coordinator or Director of Special Education.

To learn more about the website, please attend the "Introduction to the Pennsylvania Secondary Transition Guide" webinar scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration is available through the PaTTAN website <http://www.pattan.net>. The session will be recorded and available for future viewing.

Numbers to call for assistance

Special Education ConsultLine

800-879-2301 Voice, 800-654-5984, TTY, <http://odr-pa.org/contact-consultline> is a program of the Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, used by parents or parent support organizations to answer questions about school-related concerns, special education, and the complaint system. It is designed to be a one-stop service for parents concerning special education services and programs.

Disability Rights Network of

Pennsylvania, 800-692-7443 Voice, 877-375-7139 TTY, www.drnpa.org, whose mission is to advance, protect and advocate for the human, civil, and legal rights of Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

For information and support to parents of children with disabilities, contact the following Pennsylvania, federally-funded projects through the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP):

- **Parent Education Network (PEN)**
800-522-5827, V/TTY
www.parentednet.org
- **Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center**
866-950-1040, V/TTY
www.pealcenter.org
- **The Mentor Parent Program, Inc.**
888-447-1431 or 814-226-4151
www.mentorparent.org
- **Hispanos Unidos para Niños Excepcionales (HUNE), Inc.**
215-425-6203 Voice, <http://huneinc.org>
- **Mission Empower**
855-825-0788 or 814-825-0788
<http://www.missionempower.org>