

Audience

Stakeholders supporting post-school outcomes for youth/young adults with disabilities including: Intermediate unit and school district transition consultants; General, special education, and career and technical education teachers and supervisors; Vocational Rehabilitation counselors & supervisors; Representatives of post-secondary education and training; Guidance counselors; Occupational Therapists; Physical Therapists; Speech Language Therapists; Families/Caregivers; Youth/young adults involved in secondary transition planning; School psychologists; Social workers; MH/MR/C&Y case managers and supervisors; Regional Department of Public Welfare staff (OMR/OMHSAS/OCYF); Community adult service/rehabilitation providers (employment, residential, and others); State/County Department of Health staff; School Health Nurses; Juvenile justice direct service staff (community-based, institution-based, residential); Others interested in secondary transition planning).

For More Information

- No registration fee will be charged for this training event
- For content information about this event contact: Michael Stoehr, 800-446-5607 x6864 (PA only) or via e-mail, mstoehr@pattan.net
- For registration information, please contact: Kristen Olszyk, 800-446-5607 x 6848 (PA only) or via email, kolszyk@pattan.net

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PA Community on Transition

Effective Practices in Self Advocacy for Secondary Youth



March 25, 2009
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

PaTTAN Harrisburg
PaTTAN King of Prussia
PaTTAN Pittsburgh
Various downlink sites
across PA

repeated on:

April 14, 2009
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

PaTTAN Harrisburg

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Effective Practices in Self Advocacy for Secondary Youth

Description

Frequently youth and young adults with disabilities are viewed as needing protection, which often results in others making decisions for them. When young adults are not allowed to make decisions, they often cannot pursue dreams, anticipate the consequences of decisions, or learn from mistakes. Both self-advocacy and self-determination promote the empowerment of young adults with disabilities to make choices and take proactive roles in making decisions. This session will provide information from young adults with disabilities, family members, educators and adult service providers regarding the importance of youth knowing about their responsibilities, rights, making choices, being able to speak for oneself, asking for help when it is wanted or needed, and taking responsibility for one's life. Information regarding effective practices and model programs from across Pennsylvania will be presented.

Learner Outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Describe why self advocacy and self determination are vital for secondary youth
- Identify agency partnerships
- Identify resources to assist youth in developing self advocacy and self determination skills
- Describe model programs from across Pennsylvania that promote self advocacy and self determination skills

Presenters

Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance (PaTTAN) staff; Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) staff; Higher Education staff; Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN) representation; School District and Intermediate Unit staff, Provider Agency Staff; Parent Education Network (PEN) staff

Agenda

9:00 am - 9:40 a.m.	A personal perspective on Self Advocacy
9:40 am - 10:00 a.m.	The importance of Self Advocacy: A higher education prospective
10:00 am - 10:20 a.m.	The importance of Self Advocacy: An employer's prospective
10:20 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 10:50 a.m.	Letting go while continuing support – Self Advocacy and the family
10:50 am - Noon	Effective practices and model programs from across Pennsylvania
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00 pm - 2:15 p.m.	Effective practices and model programs from across Pennsylvania
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Putting it all together – A Young Adult's prospective

Act 48

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1. Access our online registration system, CourseWhere, through PaTTAN's homepage (www.pattan.net)
2. Select "Online Registration", select "Begin Registration", then select "[Click here to access registration](#)"
3. Select "[Logon](#) toChange Personal Information"
4. Enter your User ID and Password
5. Click on the "Logon" button
6. A message will appear that says you are now logged on
7. Click on "[Change Personal Info](#)"
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10. Your account has been updated

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