

# 2017 Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities

For Students with a Disability \* It's not just about a 4-year degree \*

**WHEN:**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
**8:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**WHERE:** **Ed Roberts Campus**  
**3075 Adeline Street**  
**Berkeley, CA 94703**  
(located above Ashby BART)

**WHAT:** This conference is for parents and students with disabilities, ages 14 and older, to learn and explore the landscape of post-secondary educational options including vocational programs, adult education, community college, university, and lifelong learning.

## **Registration**

***DEADLINE November 27th***

\$20.00 Individual Registration

\$25.00 Family Registration (2-4 adults from same family)

**Register early! Space is limited to first 180 registrants. No walk-in registration accepted.**

Conference fee includes morning refreshments and all conference materials.

**In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations should notify Vi Ibarra or Amanda Verbrugge at least two weeks prior to the conference.**

**Questions? Please contact:** Vi Ibarra

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**\*Please refrain from wearing scented products\***

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**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**  
**Registration and Refreshments**

**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM**  
**Welcome and Keynote Address**  
**Sandi Soliday, Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council**  
*Presenter: Stephen Hinkle – Motivational Speaker*

Learn about preparations for going to college, support at college, dorm life, jobs, independent living, adult social life, and more. When students reach the end of high school, it can be a complex experience for parents and students with disabilities to navigate the adult service system, educational system, find employment, and to plan for a quality adult life. In my presentation, you will hear strategies to open the door to a good quality of life for people with disabilities.

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*Following the keynote address, attendees will have the opportunity to choose which workshop to attend during each breakout session. Each session will last 50 minutes and allow time for Q&A with the presenters.*

## **9:40 AM – 10:30 AM**

### **Session 1A: Using the IEP Transition Planning Process to Prepare for Post-Secondary Programs: An Overview**

Presenters: Cheryl Theis – Education Advocate, DREDF and Amanda Verbrugge, Case Manager – Regional Center of the East Bay

The transition requirements for students with IEP's are often poorly understood and under-utilized by schools and families. We will explore how families and youth can use the IEP and transition planning process to prepare for education and training opportunities after special education exit (with or without a diploma). Focus will be on acquiring critical self-advocacy, problem solving, independent living and disability awareness skills, and exploring options available for further education with the support of the special education team.

### **Session 1B: Post-Secondary Paths to Employment**

Presenter: Sheraden Nicholau – State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Learn how policy and legislation like the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), CA Employment First, Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE), and Paid Internship Programs (PIPs) and interagency collaborations such as Project SEARCH and Adult Ed certificate programs help propel California's students with developmental disabilities towards employment success.

## **10:40 AM – 11:30 AM**

### **Session 2A: College Options**

Presenters: Mary Rose Ciddio – Counselor, Merritt College and Ron Nelson – Counselor, Merritt College

Explore career readiness options at the Community College, including new preparatory classes in Math and English to ready students for our new programs, non-credit classes and certificates that would prepare one for employment and/or further education, support available through the Disabled Students' Program, and transferring to a four year college.

### **Session 2B: The Need for Connection in Young Adults on the Autism Spectrum, or with Similar Disabilities: An Interactive Workshop**

Presenter: Peter August - Therapist

Development is not a straight line. People don't always grow up in the ways we expect them to. They sometimes even seem to 'reverse course.' Understanding why this is so and what purpose it serves can be essential to helping them keep moving. For example, young adults on the Autism Spectrum can discover earlier feelings of loss and being lost just when they are beginning to establish more independent lives. But how does one know this is what is going on and, more importantly, how do we respond?

## **11:40 AM – 12:30 PM**

### **Session 3A: Funding Your College Dream**

Presenter: Olga Shvarts – Accommodations Consultant, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and City College of San Francisco

Overview of how to use SSI, DOR, Pell grants, financial aid, etc. to fund post-secondary opportunities.

### **Session 3B: Wheelchair Users Guide to their First Year at College**

Presenter: Nikki Brown-Booker – Executive Director, Easy Does It Emergency Services

Presentation from a wheelchair-using alumni who successfully negotiated and navigated her first year living away from home. From hiring attendants to seeking accommodations in the dorm, Nikki will share her perspective and story.

## **12:30 PM – 1:00 PM**

**Final Q & A Session:** Many presenters will be available for additional questions at this time.

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**Registration is available online at:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/post-secondary-educational-opportunities-for-students-with-a-disability-tickets-39198015319>

A per person service fee will be charged as shown on the registration portion of the web page.

Space is limited to the first 180 registrants. To avoid being placed on a wait list, please register early! No walk-in registration will be accepted on the day of the conference.

**Registration Deadline = November 27, 2017 or until full**

**Choose Registration Option:**

\$20.00 Individual Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Family Registration (2-4 adults from same family): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Registrant Attending:	
Name(s) of Family Member(s) additional registrants Attending:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Total amount enclosed: (Registration fees) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify if you are a first time attendee to the conference: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify if interpretation services are needed Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please list requested language \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your selection for each session	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Registrant 1	1A or 1B	2A or 2B	3A or 3B
Registrant 2	1A or 1B	2A or 2B	3A or 3B
Registrant 3	1A or 1B	2A or 2B	3A or 3B
Registrant 4	1A or 1B	2A or 2B	3A or 3B

Mail completed form to address below with check made payable to "Care Parent Network"

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## Public Transportation:

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For accessible transportation, please visit <http://transit.511.org/accessible/>

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**2 hour STREET parking limit in surrounding neighborhood**

## The Going to College with a Disability Conference is sponsored by:

Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council, Care Parent Network, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Family Resource Navigators, Regional Center of the East Bay, and State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

