

PIECING IT TOGETHER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WVPTI, INC.

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Value

WV PTI, Inc. affirms the rights of all individuals, with or without disabilities - to have an appropriate education and other needed services. In doing so, we value the intersectionality of diversity and equity of all.

Steps to Success for Youth with Disabilities and their Families

With graduation upon us, considering post-secondary transition planning may be at the top of your list. We all face transitions throughout our lives. Transitions can be planned or unplanned. In either case, change is unavoidable. As parents and caregivers of children with disabilities, we often feel overwhelmed and unsure of the next steps. WV PTI is here to help you 'guide' you with training, information, resources, and compassion. Many families' common target is to keep the 'end' in mind. All transitions begin with an end. Each transition will be a learning process for students with disabilities and their families. Transitions teach youth new growth and independence skills. Parents learn that during post-secondary transition, their roles change, too. It may not be easy, but this is your future and life. Your parents will always be part of your life, but you will make decisions independently. Parents and caregivers will be there to support you in your next steps.

GUIDING THE JOURNEY

A Transition Training Program For Parents



Guiding the Journey was a Transition Parent Training collaboration between WV Parent Training and Information and the WV Department of Education, Guideposts to Graduation pilot.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance education, inclusion, and transition opportunities for children and youth with disabilities and unique needs by empowering parents and caregivers to be effective self-advocates for their Children through training, information, resources, and building leadership skills.



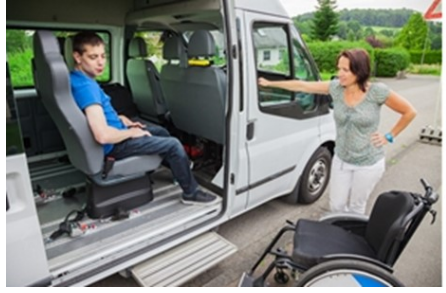
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From the Directors Desk

The WV Parent Training and Information staff will provide training and professional development to parents and caregivers of children with disabilities, transition-age students with disabilities, teachers, and related service providers who work with transition-age youth. WV PTI staff provide workshops on self-determination, self-advocacy, supported decision-making, and person-centered planning. Just remember that we are here for you.

Healthcare in Transition

Another role in transition is moving from a child—or family-centered model of health care to an adult—or patient-centered model of health care. This can sometimes be done with or without transferring to a new physician or other health care provider. As an adult (age 18), you are now in charge of your healthcare.



Read more about Health care in Transition.

<https://www.pacer.org/transition/learning-center/health/>

<https://www.gottransition.org/six-core-elements/>



April was Military Month

Purple is the official color of the military child.

Read more about children and youth with disabilities:

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/military-connected-children-with-disabilities/>

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/special-needs/medical-needs/benefits-for-families-with-special-needs/>

Upcoming Events

May 22, 2024, at 12:00 PM (Lunch and Learn)

Presenter: Cara Price

Please register with the link below:

IEP (program) vs 504 (plan) Workshop



Significant differences exist between a 504 Plan and an Individualized Education Program (IEP). A 504 Plan is developed for students with a disability that does not require special education services. An IEP provides a program specialized in instruction and support for accessing and progressing in the curriculum.

The session will be conducted virtually on Zoom. Please register using the link below, or if you have any issues, please call the WV PTI office at (304) 472-5697.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuf-2sqjgtHtwKLuiCzBzXT058eAtOrzFR>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

On **May 29, 2024**, at 12:00 PM
(Lunch and Learn)

Presenter: Tammy Lane

Overview of West Parent Training
and Information



In this workshop, you will learn about WV PTI, who we are, and what services we provide to help you support your child and youth with a disability.

The session will be virtually on ZOOM. Please register using the link below, or if you have any issues, please call the WV PTI office at (304) 472-5697.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85237080644?pwd=QmZYQUJaVVZ6eDZiMi81dGFDZHUydz09>

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