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NEW ON THE UPC WEBSITE: EARLY CHILDHOOD BEHAVIOR WEBINAR



The Utah Parent Center is pleased to announce that our Early Childhood Behavior Webinar is now available! This webinar will provide information on basic behavior, principles of behavior and reasons that challenging behaviors happen. While the intended audience is parents and caregivers of children ages 2-4, much of the information can be utilized to help older children.

This webinar was produced by the Utah Parent Center in 2012 and funded in part by a grant from the Interagency Outreach Training Initiative (IOTI).

More Utah Parent Center webinars and videos are available at www.youtube.com/user/UtahParentCenterUPC

YOU FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL. NOW WHAT? TRANSITION WORKSHOP ON EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

6:30 PM

Utah Parent Center, Cottonwoods Room
230 West 200 South, Suite 1101, Salt Lake City

Please join the Utah Parent Center for a transition workshop on employment and education for **parents and students** who have youth ages 16 and above who are now on or have been on an IEP, Section 504 or a Special Health Care Needs Plan. This workshop will discuss planning early for the future and life after high school by learning what options are available for students with disabilities in education and employment. No one person can achieve his/her educational goals without the help of others. Come find out what supports are available.

Topics include:

- Why employment is important.
- Supports for employment.
- Agencies that can help including Vocational Rehabilitation, Choose to Work, Supported Employment
- Further Training and Schooling

[Click here to Register Now!](#) If you have questions about this event or would like to register by phone please call the Utah Parent Center at 801.272.1051 or toll-free at 1.800.468.1160



OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR MEDICAID AUTISM WAIVER PROGRAM

The Department of Health is pleased to announce the open enrollment dates for the Medicaid Autism Waiver Program. The Department will be accepting applications to fill 35 openings. From June 17, 2013 to July 12, 2013, interested families can apply online at <http://health.utah.gov/autismwaiver> or by mail or fax. Printable copies of the application are available on the website.

Interested individuals who have children currently enrolled in traditional Medicaid will not be automatically eligible for the program and will need to apply. Children currently participating in the Medicaid Autism Waiver Program will not need to reapply.

At the conclusion of the open enrollment period, if more than 35 applications are received, random selections will be made based upon geographical area, with openings allocated according to population figures from the 2010 Census. The Department of Health will be making contact with those selected during the week of August 5-9, 2013. Individuals are not selected on a "first come, first served" basis, so please encourage anyone who may be able to benefit from the program to apply.

In order to be eligible for the program, additional medical documents will be requested to support the Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis received. For examples of the types of observations that will be required, please visit the website at <http://health.utah.gov/autismwaiver>

UTAH POST HIGH SCHOOL OUTCOMES PROJECT

In June, youth who exited school during the 2011-12 school year by graduating with a high school diploma, reaching maximum age (age 22), or dropping out, will be contacted to participate in a telephone survey about their activities since leaving school. The results of the survey are reported in Indicator 14 of the Annual Performance Report submitted each February to the Office of Special Education Programs by the USOE. The telephone survey is designed to protect confidential information; results are reported for the entire district or charter school, and are not available for individual students. Parents or other family members may answer the questions if the former student is not available or is unable to participate in the survey. Participation in the survey is voluntary, but the results help school districts and charter school improve secondary transition programs leading to better postsecondary employment and education options for students with disabilities.

More information about the survey may be downloaded at <http://www.utahposthighsurvey.org/documents/UTAHSpecNoteYouthFamilies.pdf>.

The survey questions and post-school outcomes reports for the past five years may be viewed at <http://www.utahposthighsurvey.org/welcome.php>.

If your son or daughter is contacted to participate in this survey, please encourage him or her to do so. If he or she is not available, please take a few minutes and answer the questions. Any information provided is confidential and will help improve secondary transition programs for future students.



CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CAN HELP STUDENTS WHO ARE TRANSITIONING TO EMPLOYMENT!

Tim J. Lewis, Disability Law Center

Students who are transitioning from school into employment or further education will most likely be introduced to Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) as they develop an individualized education program (IEP) focused on transition services. Students who have an IEP and are receiving special education services, may be eligible to receive services from VR while they are in school.

VR's goal is to help individuals with disabilities in facing a number of challenges finding and maintaining employment. There are a number of resources available to assist individuals with disabilities navigate unique challenges to employment. One of these resources is the Client Assistance Program (CAP) at the Disability Law Center. The CAP program is designed to protect the legal rights of people who apply for or are already clients of Utah's VR program. This means that CAP may be able to help you if you feel that your VR counselor has denied you a service or found you ineligible for services. If you just don't feel right about the services you are receiving from VR, feel free to contact us. We are happy to review your situation. Our services are free of charge. Here are a few things that CAP can help you with:

- Work out problems between you and your VR counselor.
- Make sure you get the services from VR that you need to get a job.
- Teach you how to protect your rights and stick up for yourself
- Assist you in appealing a denial of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.
- Explain your rights and responsibilities as a VR client so you can understand them.

CAP seeks to enforce and strengthen laws that protect opportunities, choices and legal rights of people with disabilities in Utah. We hope you will take advantage of our services as needed. Please feel free to contact us at 1-800-662-9080 or visit us online at www.disabilitylawcenter.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date: June 12-13, 2013

Time 8:30 AM -3:30 PM

Event: Utah Multi-Tiered System of Supports and Effective Practices Conference

Location: Davis Conference Center, 1651 North 700 West, Layton, Utah, 84041

Registration is required. Visit <http://www.updc.org/umtss-conf/> for more information.

UMTSS is a set of activities designed to support the implementation of a data-driven, problem-solving model within a multi-tiered delivery system. It is a continuous-improvement model in which problem solving and evidence-based decision-making occurs in an on-going way and across multiple levels of the educational system. UMTSS will positively impact student outcomes by creating capacity for an integrated academic and behavior support system that can be implemented with fidelity, is sustained over time, and utilizes data-based decision making at all levels of implementation.

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2013

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Event: Community Social Club Summer Kickoff Dance

Location: Golden Spike Elks Lodge (South Door), 1875 West 5200 South, Roy, Utah 84067

For more information, contact Sherry at 801.648.7437.

Be sure to eat dinner before you come. Refreshments (punch and cookies) will be served.



Date: Thursday, June 27, 2013 Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Event: Symposium on Transition to Career Pathways

Location: Larry H Miller Conference Center, 9750 South 300 West, Sandy, Utah

The Symposium on Transition to Career Pathways, sponsored by Utah State University's Institute for Interdisciplinary Transition, is a one-day brainstorming session addressing the challenges faced by youth and young adults with disabilities in developing career pathways. The purpose is to get actively involved in groups whose objective is to address real challenges facing individuals in transition. There is no cost to attend, lunch is provided.

Register at: <http://sper.usu.edu> Chose Symposium on Transition, then click Symposium Registration.

Date: August 8 – 9, 2013 Time: TBD

Event: Utah Institute on Special Education Law

Location: Eccles Conference Center, 2415 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

Registration is required. Visit <http://www.cvent.com/events/2013-utah-institute-on-special-education-law/event-summary-4532d43177334cd18d4ae9b89af96239.aspx> for more information. This annual

conference is designed for administrators, educators, service providers, parents, families, and others responsible for the implementation of IDEA 2004 and the accompanying regulations.

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