



Planning Today for a Winning Tomorrow

The primary purpose of the conference is to expand the capacity of schools, agencies and communities, in partnership with youth, young adults and families, in promoting the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post-school outcomes of employment, post-secondary education and training, community participation and healthy lifestyles. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about effective practices to assist youth/young adults with disabilities to explore possibilities, take advantage of their opportunities, and actively advocate for their future.

The primary themes of the 2018 conference are:

- Accommodations & Assistive Technology
- Assessment
- Collaborative Partnerships
- Employment
- Effective Educational Practices
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Independent Living & Community Participation
- Knowledge Building Sessions
- Models For Success
- Post-Secondary Education/Training
- Transition & Career Assessment
- Youth Development & Youth Leadership
- Youth-Family Partnership Sessions

The conference will feature:

- Keynote presentations
- Approximately 100 breakout sessions
- Sessions and activities designed for youth and young adults
- Family engaging sessions and networking opportunities
- Accommodations and Supports Expo, featuring hands-on assistive technology exhibits, vendor displays and resource tables

Who should participate?

Stakeholders supporting post-school outcomes of youth/young adults with disabilities, including:

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| Advocates | Occupational Therapists |
| Agency Administrators | Office of Developmental Programs Staff |
| Assistive Technology Professionals | Paraprofessionals |
| Business/Employers | Partnerships for Youth Affiliates & Staff |
| Career & Technology Educators | Physical Therapists |
| CareerLink Staff | Psychologists |
| Direct Support Providers | Public & Private Child Welfare Workers |
| Drug & Alcohol Program Workers | School Counselors |
| Education Administrators | School Nurses |
| Family & Caregivers | Secondary Educators |
| Family Health Representatives | Social Security Benefits Counselors |
| Foster and Adoptive Parents | Social Security Staff |
| Health Professionals | Social Workers |
| Higher Education Professionals | Special Educators |
| Independent Living Staff | Speech/Language Therapists |
| Juvenile Justice Affiliates | Transition Coordinators |
| Job Coaches | Transportation Affiliates |
| Local Government Officials | Vocational Evaluators |
| Local Services Providers | Vocational Rehabilitation Staff |
| Local Youth Councils | Workforce Investment Board Members |
| Medical Assistance Program Staff | Youth & Young Adults |
| Medical Health Services Workers | Youth Served in Foster Care |

Save the Date!

Penn Stater Conference Center & Hotel
State College, PA
July 25 - 27, 2018

Call for Proposals to Present:

We encourage all transition stakeholders to submit a proposal to present a 90 minute session at the transition conference. The proposal application is available at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018PATransConf>.

Submission deadline is January 22, 2018. Please note: All presenters must register for the conference and pay the registration fee.

Conference Fees:

- A per person registration fee of \$150 will be charged for this year's conference.
- A limited number of scholarships will be available for family members or caregivers and accompanied high school youth between the ages of 16- 21 who are currently enrolled in a high school program and need support in order to attend the conference. Scholarships will be awarded by an application selection process. The scholarship will cover the registration fee and hotel (one room up to a maximum of 3 nights).
- Information regarding scholarships and the conference registration fee will be available online after **May 15, 2018** at www.pattan.net and www.secondarytransition.org.

Hotel Information:

A block of rooms at various hotels have been held for individuals who will be attending the conference. Participants are responsible for calling the hotel directly and making their own reservations. Participants will be responsible for the cost of their hotel rooms and must be billed directly. A list of hotels will be available at www.secondarytransition.org and www.pattan.net after May 15, 2018.

Available Credits: Act 48, CRC, Social Work



Individuals attending this conference must arrive on time and stay the duration of the conference in order to receive Act 48 Professional Education hours. Requests for exceptions are to be brought to the attention of the individual's Superintendent or IU Director prior to the conference.



Continuing Education credits for professionals with Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) credentials will be offered for attendance of this program. CRCC Continuing Education Certificates will be available upon successful completion of the program for interested participants.

Social Work

NASW has been designated as a pre-approved provider of professional continuing education for social workers (Section 47.36), marriage & family therapists (48.36), and professional counselors (49.36) by the PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors.

In the upcoming months, look for additional information on www.pattan.net and www.secondarytransition.org