

Summer 2016

DORS Level Up Opportunities

FREE TRAININGS!



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Youth Deaf Self-Advocacy

What:

The Youth Deaf Self-Advocacy project has two components. Both workshops include concepts of self-esteem and self-determination, a review of interpreting laws, ethics of working with interpreters, video relay interpreting, preparing for self-advocacy and accessibility to community resources for effective communication.



The first component is a Train-the-Trainer workshop that will take place on July 19, 20, and 21 provides instruction to professionals who are deaf on how to teach students who are deaf to self-advocate for effective interpreting services.

When: July 19-21

Where: Radisson Hotel Cromwell
100 Berlin Road
Cromwell, CT 06416

Target Audience:

Professionals who are Deaf. [The registration deadline is July 12, 2016.](#)

The second component is a Youth Deaf Self-Advocacy workshop for youths who are deaf and fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) on August 16, 17, and 18. Tim Riker, Master Deaf Self-Advocacy Trainer, will present in ASL.

When: August 16-18

Where: Best Western Plus Hotel
201 Washington Avenue
North Haven, CT 06473

Target Audience:

High school youths who are deaf or hard of hearing and use ASL to communicate. Seating is limited to **20** participants. [The registration deadline is July 31, 2016.](#)

Registration:

To register for both trainings, please go to: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2881336/Deaf-Self-Advocacy-Training-Youth-Advocacy-Work-Shop>.

Contact:

For more information, please contact Heidi Henaire at Heidi.Henaire@ct.gov.

What:**Level Up Prep Rallies**

Students: Prepare to work!

At a DORS Level Up Prep Rally, you'll spend the day with other students learning about various job settings from those who are already working. Participants will learn how to create a professional résumé, practice interview skills in mock job interviews and talk with potential employers. This full day event, during which lunch is provided, will offer students the tools they need when looking for, applying to and starting awesome jobs and careers!

Your Day Will Include:

8:30 - 9:30	Networking Continental Breakfast and Registration
9:30 - 10:00	Welcome/Opening Comments
10:00 - 12:00	Keynote Speaker, Résumé Writing, Interview Preparation
12:00 - 1:00	Networking Luncheon
1:00 - 3:00	Breakout Sessions on Self-Advocacy, Social Media, Financial Literacy

When: July 19 – August 30

Where: 12 Locations

July 19	Sheraton Stamford Hotel	Stamford, CT
July 21	Holiday Inn Bridgeport	Bridgeport, CT
July 26	Gold Eagle, Dayville	Danielson, CT
August 2	Courtyard Waterbury Downtown	Waterbury, CT
August 4	Crowne Plaza Danbury	Danbury, CT
August 9	Radisson Hotel Cromwell	Cromwell, CT
August 11	Hartford Hilton	Hartford, CT
August 16	Holiday Inn Norwich	Norwich, CT
August 18	Holiday Inn Springfield South Enfield	Enfield, CT
August 24*	Radisson Hotel Cromwell (*Statewide Latino)	Cromwell, CT
August 25	Hartford Farmington Marriott	Farmington, CT
August 30	Omni New Haven Hotel At Yale	New Haven, CT

Target Audience: DORS Level Up students.

Registration:

To register, please go to the DORS Level Up website: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2888664/Level-Up-Prep-Rally-Tour-Registration>.

Contacts:

For more information, contact Nora Bishop at Nora.Bishop@ct.gov or Heidi Henaire at Heidi.Henaire@ct.gov.

AT Camp



What:

AT Camp is a one-week (overnight) summer camp experience for DORS Level Up students who will be introduced to Assistive Technology (AT.) Campers will use AT throughout the week to create an AT Portfolio. This portfolio will capture each student's experience during AT Camp and help campers identify AT supports that can increase their independence and promote productivity. There will be group facilitated discussions related to job exploration, job shadowing and informational interview experiences explored by each camper in a fun and engaging forum. Evening activities will include recreational camp events. AT Camp will help campers build crucial self-esteem and self-advocacy skills they can use for life!

When: August 7 (*check in at noon*) – August 12 (*check out after lunch*)

Where: Camp Hemlocks
84 Jones Street
Amston, CT

Target Audience:

DORS Level Up students.



Registration:

Students must submit a completed Camp Hemlocks application which is available for download at the DORS Level Up website: http://www.ct.gov/brs/lib/brs/pdfs/levelup/dors_at_camp_registration_packet_2016.pdf

Applications are due by Midnight on July 24, 2016.

Contact:

For more information, contact Arlene Lugo at Arlene.Lugo@ct.gov or 860-424-4881.

Level Up Job Coach Training

What:

Level Up Job Coach Training offers a presentation (repeated on four dates) designed for staff who work as job coaches in school community-based work sites to support high school students with disabilities. This training offers a blended curriculum with both school and vocational rehabilitation focus points designed to increase staff knowledge. Innovative practices, tips and tools to engage students and effective job coach methods will be presented. Training will promote student independence and expected performance in preparation for competitive work after high school. A Participant Handbook and Certificate of Completion will be provided for each trainee.

Training topics include:

- ◆ Role of a Job Coach
- ◆ Employability Skills Checklist
- ◆ Assessments
- ◆ Industry Standards
- ◆ Social Interaction
- ◆ “Scaffolding”- VS- “Fading Out”



When:

September 7, 2016
September 13, 2016
September 21, 2016
October 27, 2016

Where:

Courtyard Marriott, 4 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT
CREC Central, 111 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford, CT
Norwalk Inn, 99 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT
CREC Coltsville, 34 Sequassen Street, Hartford, CT

Time:

All sessions are 9:00 AM—2:00 PM.

Target Audience:

Staff who support students in worksite placements through their school or the Level Up program.

Registration:

To register, pick the session that is most convenient for you and visit www.crec.org/tabs/events. Please register at least one week prior to the Training you wish to attend.

Contact:

For more information, contact Myra Scott at Myra.Scott@ct.gov or 860-424-4863.

Level Up Job Club

What:

Job Clubs discuss and explore the challenges facing in-school, transition-age youth as they prepare for work. A Job Club is a group support activity with topics including, but not limited to, exploration of a student's individual characteristics as they relate to work, effective job search techniques, non-traditional job search strategies, designing résumés to target specific jobs and sharing practices currently being used by students within the group.

Job Clubs will run for six weeks, meeting one time per week for a three-hour session. On the seventh week of the program, a debrief meeting will include a post-group survey and a group discussion of thoughts and experiences. Group sizes will vary from 4 to 12 participants; the participants will be expected to attend at least four of the six sessions.

When:

Job Clubs will occur in each of the three BRS regions and can occur multiple times per region, provided there is sufficient student enrollment (minimum of 4). Job Club dates will be scheduled based upon participant availability in each region.

Where:

Upon the scheduling of a Job Club date, the Job Club Coordinator in each region will work with the Level Up Counselor to find locations that will be convenient for the Level Up consumers in order to maximize attendance and participation.

Target Audience:

Participant eligibility to attend a Job Club will be determined by Level Up Counselors.

Registration and Contacts:

For more information or to register, contact your Local Job Club Coordinator:

- ◆ **Northern Region:** Magdalena Berniak at 860-612-3535 or Magdalena.Berniak@ct.gov
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- ◆ **Mark Henry** at 860-424-4859 or Mark.Henry@ct.gov

Level Up Youth Leadership Forum

What:

The Level Up Youth Leadership Forum helps high school students with disabilities from across Connecticut to identify common public service projects to impact people with disabilities in their communities. Students will stay at the UConn Campus in Storrs, CT for five days to develop their own leadership skills, establish meaningful relationships with peers and are mentored by staff with disabilities. Registration is closed for this year (July 24-28, 2016), but 16- and 17-year-olds may apply for the Summer 2017 session in the next few months. Go online to view the following video for highlights from this annual summer leadership experience: <https://youtube/AIDvtpaxuaM>

When: Dates for Summer 2017 to be determined.

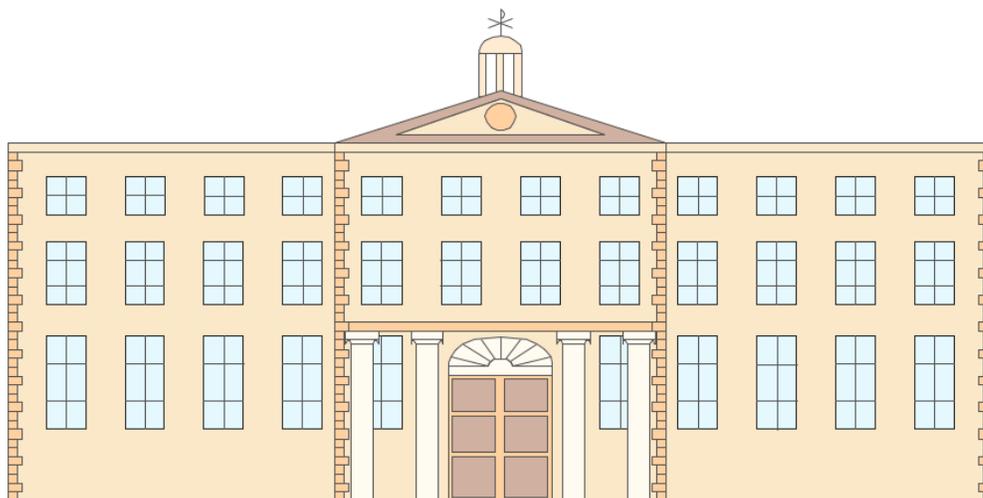
Where: University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

Registration/Target Audience:

Registration is closed for 2016, but 16- and 17-year-olds may apply for the Summer 2017 session in the next few months.

Contact:

For more information for the Summer 2017 session, please contact Heidi Henaire at Heidi.Henaire@ct.gov.



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