



## DORS Level Up 2016 **Free** Summer Activities Save the Dates!!!

### **Assistive Technology (AT) Camp at Camp Hemlocks**      **Dates: August 7 -12**

The Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) in partnership with the New England Assistive Technology Center (NEAT) is excited to offer a summer camp experience to transition-age youth and young adults with disabilities in the state of CT. **AT Camp** promotes transitional success for students in school as well as individuals entering college, employment or community programs. A positive future is encouraged through meaningful camp activities and learning opportunities, while inspiring independence, leadership and team building skills.

Campers will be introduced to AT, as well as, using it throughout the week to create an AT Transition Portfolio. This portfolio will capture their personal strengths, learning style and goals for transition, in addition to helping campers identify AT supports that can increase their independence and promote productivity. Resume building, job shadowing, mock interviews, and public speaking opportunities will be explored by each camper in a fun and engaging forum. In one week at **AT Camp** campers will build crucial self-esteem and self-advocacy skills that they can use for life!

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Camp Hemlocks application and Physical Examination will be required.

### **Using Mobile Tech as Assistive Technology (AT)**

#### **Hosted by NEAT**

**Dates: July 25, August 29 & September 19**

Accommodations and supportive technology tools can be extremely valuable for students who are in the classroom, beginning their journey to college or entering/re-entering the workforce. An introduction to assistive technology will lay the foundation for understanding how to begin the process of implementing technology supports with individuals you serve in the home, school, workplace and/or community settings. These trainings repeat for the e days and are held in 3 regions of the state

In this workshop, educators, community rehabilitation providers and vocational counselors will discover the treasure of possibilities the iPad provides to individuals with disabilities by exploring built-in features, accessibility options, apps and accessories. Topics will include executive functioning, reading, writing and organization as well as communication and self-management. Participants will also explore other AT tools including low to high-tech as well as mobile devices including tablets, Chromebooks, *Livescribe Smart pens*, etc. There will also be demonstrations of software, apps and resources that can increase productivity and emphasize independence. The same training will be offered in three regions of the state.

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Locations to be determined

### **Deaf Self-Advocacy**

**Dates: July 19-21 & August 16-18**

The Youth Deaf Self-Advocacy project has a double impact. The first component is a Train-the-Trainer workshop that will take place on July 19, 20, & 21st which provides instruction to Deaf professionals on how to teach deaf students to self-advocate for effective interpreting services. The second component is a Youth Deaf Self-Advocacy workshop for Deaf youths fluent in American Sign Language that will take place on **August 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup>**. The content of the workshops curriculum includes concepts of self-esteem and self-determination, the interpreting law, ethics of working with interpreters, video relay interpreting, preparing for self-advocacy, and how to effectively tap into community resources for communication accessibility.

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### **Youth Leadership Forum**

#### **Summer Leadership @UCONN, Storrs, CT**

**Dates: July 24-28**

A summer leadership experience held annually for high school students with disabilities from across Connecticut. Students sleep away at UConn Campus in Storrs, CT for 5 days to develop meaningful relationships and lasting bonds with peers. Students have the opportunity to build mentor relationships with staff with disabilities and identify a common community project to impact people with disabilities in their communities. This event is closed for registration. Consider referring 16 & 17 year olds for Summer 2017. Stay Tuned for Summer 2017 Registration. Go online to view the video: <https://youtu.be/AIDvtpaxuaM>

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