

ABOUT THE TRAINER

Beth Reel has been a parent consultant with the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC) since 2002 and CPAC's Transition Coordinator since 2007. CPAC is a statewide nonprofit organization that offers information and support to families of children with any disability or chronic illness, age birth through 26.

Ms. Reel has served on the Transition Task Force for the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Education, since 2007. She is also a member of the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center (NSTTAC) State Leadership Team and the Connecticut Chapter of the Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT).

Ms. Reel has also served as a member of the Connecticut Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) Transition Workgroup Committee from 2011-2013 and was a Governor-appointed member of the Connecticut Bureau of Rehabilitation Services State Rehabilitation Advisory Council from 2004-2006.

The focus of Ms. Reel's training will be on helping students, families and professionals understand the significant changes that will come when students leave mandated services. Ms. Reel believes that with the right preparation, students can lead successful lives after they leave school.

Ms. Reel is the parent of two boys, ages 21 and 17. Her oldest son is a young adult with autism who is transitioning from public school to adult life this year.

UConn Health Center
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The Connecticut
Council on Adoption
presents:

Making the Leap:

*The Transition from School
to Adult Life*



April 25, 2014

Fantasia
404 Washington Avenue
North Haven, CT 06473

PROGRAM

Friday, April 25, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



- 8:30 a.m. Registration & Coffee
9:00 a.m. CCA Welcome
Opening Remarks by
Sarah Eagan, JD, Child Advocate
9:30 a.m. CPAC Training by Beth Reel, Part I
12:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch
1:00 p.m. CPAC Training, Part II
2:30 p.m. CT DMHAS Young Adult Services
Amy Marracino, LCSW
Director of Community Programs

The transition process from school to adult life poses certain challenges for all students and may be greater for a student with special needs who is in foster care or adopted. The CT Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC) presentation is designed to help parents and professionals understand the process of transition planning and how they can become more active participants with the student in the process. Attendees will gain knowledge of the legal requirements and guidelines for transition planning outlined in IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004), the role of the school district, and options and opportunities for the student after high school. Strategies to engage and support student participation in transition planning will be discussed, as well as the availability of adult service agencies. CT DMHAS Young Adult Services will present an overview of their mission and program services focused on helping individuals from 18 to 25 make their journey to adulthood successful.

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Connecticut Council on Adoption (CCA)

CCA is a voluntary, non-profit organization formed in 1976 whose main purpose is to promote good, effective adoption practices throughout the State of CT. CCA provides training and information on adoption issues to DCF, child placing agencies, adoptive families, adult adoptees, birth parents, therapists, and court personnel. Annual membership is from July 1st through June 30th and yearly dues are \$15 per person/family.

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DIRECTIONS to Fantasia

404 Washington Avenue
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203-239-6652

I-91 (From North & South)

Take exit 12; Right onto Route 5N; one mile on right at second traffic light.

Route 15 (From New Haven & South)

Route 15N (Wilbur Cross Parkway) to Exit 63; Right onto Route 22; Left onto Route 5N (Washington Avenue); 1.5 miles on right past fire station.

Route 15 (From Meriden & Hartford)

Route 15S to Exit 63; Left off ramp; Left onto Route 22N (Clintonville Road); Left onto Route 5 (Washington Avenue); 1.5 miles on right past fire station.

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REGISTRATION

Please print clearly & submit by April 18, 2014

Name

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Organization/Agency

I am attending as (check all that apply):

A Social Worker

Other Professional: _____

A Foster Parent

An Adoptive Parent

CONFERENCE FEE: (Includes Buffet Lunch)

CCA Member \$30

Non-CCA Member \$35

Checks payable to: CT Council on Adoption

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