National APSE Conference

Students for APSE Transition Track
(designed specifically for students, parents/guardians & school personnel)

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2013
Place: JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IN
Time: Registration opens at 7:30am; workshops will end at 4:30pm
Registration Fee: $25.00

The conference will officially kick-off with an inspiring keynote presentation from Handicap This!

It all started in the spring of 2001 when Tim Wambach stopped by a school district office in Glenview, IL on a whim and put in an application to be a substitute teacher, but that’s when the wheel of fate began to roll. Soon, he found himself face-to-face with a 12 year old kid named Mike Berkson, a warm, funny, optimistic genius trapped in a body challenged by Cerebral Palsy. The teacher was in for the biggest lesson of his life. Tim and Mike formed a friendship at that middle school, a bond that has continued to this day, with an incredible revelation that would change lives everywhere and an amazing physical act that inspired thousands. Each discovered something within the other that connected and inspired them. This stage show is their real story! Tim and Mike’s overall mission and compelling true story will raise awareness about people born with severe physical handicaps and inspire individuals to achieve their own goals and dreams.
Session #1  Benefits: Changing the Discussion

Are you an 18-21 year old individual who receives SSI and/or SSDI? Are you a parent or a teacher of an 18-21 year old who receives SSI or SSDI benefits? This session is for you! Come hear about how one can work without losing benefits! This session will provide an overview of work incentives that youth can capitalize on to increase their total monthly financial outcome as well as how changes during this time period may or may not affect benefits such as exiting school, a parent retiring or going to WORK!

Presenters: Macey Chovaz & Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki

Session #2  Workplace Do’s and Don’ts

A dedicated individual with excellent job skills and a positive attitude can be a very successful employee with a solid workplace reputation. That same person can also quickly lose his/her job by saying or doing something considered inappropriate, even if just once. This tragedy has happened to many, and can be prevented through knowledge and practice. Invest in the soft skills and social skills now, that can be beneficial in any situation, whether it is work, school, or with family and friends. This session will address some of the most common workplace "no-no's", provide some opportunities to practice with each other, and will share resources and creative suggestions to enhance these skills in everyday life.

Presenter: Daniel Dougherty

Session #3  Interests, Preferences & Passions

Do you prefer to spend a day at the beach reading or surfing? Would you rather build a bookshelf or balance a checkbook? Which sounds better to you: completing a project independently or being part of a team? There are no right or wrong answers to any of these questions. How you respond merely indicate your preferences; for example which activities you enjoy, what type of work you like to do and how you prefer to work. These preferences are called interests. Come join us and learn what your preferences and interests are to help you in determining your career options!

Presenter: Pat Gutowski
Session #4  Laying the Groundwork for a Successful Job

This interactive session will begin with an exploration of current level of preparedness followed by exercises in career exploration and job search skills-building activities, including a survey of current abilities necessary for online applications. We will discuss the importance of job satisfaction and employment as the cornerstone of an integrated adult life. We will also address various resume formats including skills-based resumes, portfolio examples and video resumes. Additionally, we will suggest accommodations for interviewing and alternative means for demonstrating skills and abilities. Each student will leave the session with a checklist of job search needs and resources to continue career exploration in addition to contact information for pertinent county and state agencies.

Presenters: Cindy Bentley and Andrzej Walz Chojnacki

Session #5  Experience Marriott Jobs!

Participants will have the opportunity to experience the inner workings of the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis, and see what different types of jobs it takes to run a hotel. This session will provide a guided tour of hotel jobs to learn about what it takes to work in the hotel industry. Participants will be spend time with the hotel staff in the food service and kitchen area, in the housekeeping department and get to witness the work in the office and front desk area.

Presenters: Vic Gable and Marriott Hotel staff

Session #6  Choices and Decisions: Self-Advocacy on the Job

Life is about making choices. Every person needs to use their voice to make sure that their individual wants, desires and dreams are heard. Self-advocacy is about taking control and making changes in your life. Speaking up is simple, but you have to know what you want. To speak up, you have to be true to what you want, even if other people disagree. It takes courage. The key is to be assertive and speak your mind, but always remember, it’s important to be polite and respectful of other people. Students participating will learn about how to decide what it is they want, how to speak up and make changes and how to be respectful of others.

Presenters: Vic Gable, TJ Monroe, and Pat Gutowski
Student Name: _________________________________________________________________
Age: __________________ School Name: ____________________________________________
School Personnel Name (attending with the student) ________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name (attending with the student) ________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________

Street City State Zip

Phone #: __(_________)________________________________________________________
Cell # of Adult (day of event)__ (________)_______________________________________
Email: _____________________________________________________________________

Please list any disability related accommodation needs and special dietary needs (e.g. sign
language interpretation, Braille, or large print materials, etc.) All requests need to be made by
May 1, 2013

Cost: $25 for Students, School Personnel and Parents/Guardians attending with the
student. Fee includes lunch on June 25, 2013

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