



SPECIAL EDUCATION TASKFORCE

Health: The Foundation of a Transition Plan to Adulthood

Children with chronic and/or special health care needs pose unique challenges to school systems. A child's health care status and health-related needs must be integrated into all aspects of their life, and it is crucial that health needs be considered as part of the transition from school to adult life. Health is simply the foundation for all that we do and, as such, it must be planned for just as housing, employment, continued education, and socialization opportunities are planned for. This session will explore those health considerations, including specific health-related skills that will enhance a child's capacities for self-determination and self-advocacy, and provide strategies for supporting a child's development of health awareness and health-based skills both at home and within the context of the formal school-based transition plan.

Presenter: Michele Juda, has been employed with Parent to Parent of NYS since March of 2008, currently serving as Project Director for the Family to Family Health Information and Education Center (FHIC). She has experience working within long-term health care settings as a bachelor level social worker and, most importantly, she is herself the parent of a child with developmental disabilities and special health care needs. Ms. Juda has presented statewide on the topic of health care transition planning, offering parents insight into the important considerations involved. In addition, through her work with the FHIC Ms. Juda provides one-to-one assistance to parents and professionals regarding issues related to access to health care; health care financing, insurance, and other resources; parent-professional collaboration; home medical care; 504 plans; and transition to adult health care.

DATE: Monday, February 6

Time: 10:00 am - Noon

Place: Colonie Town Library
William K. Sanford Town Library
629 Albany Shaker Road
Loudonville NY 12211

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Directions: The library is located off exit 4 of the Adirondack Northway (I-87) at 629 Albany-Shaker Road. Coming from the **SOUTH** take Exit 4 and turn left at the

ramp onto Wolf Road at the next light take a right onto Albany Shaker Road. The library is the second building on the left on the corner of Maxwell Road and Albany Shaker Road. Coming from the **NORTH** take exit 4, where the road splits bear right. At the light at the end of the ramp turn left onto Rt. 155. At the next light turn left onto Albany Shaker Road. Go through the next light and the library is on the left on the corner of Maxwell and Albany Shaker Road.

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