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\*\* All sessions will be held at the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, 2080 Citygate Drive, unless otherwise indicated.



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**Multicultural Special Education, Health and Resource Fair**

Date: Sept. 20, 2014  
Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Location: **Columbus Downtown HS**  
364 S 4<sup>th</sup> St Columbus OH 43215

**No registration needed.**

The purpose of the fair is to educate and aid parents and consumers in locating resources, build connections with community agencies and highlight the wonderful cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity in our communities. The fair provides an entire day devoted to parents, professionals and consumers allowing them to obtain information to meet their specific needs related to their children, families and communities.

**2014 Learning Differences College Fair**

Date: Oct. 8, 2014  
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Location: **Gahanna Lincoln High School Cafeteria/Library**  
**No registration needed.**

Gahanna Lincoln High School will host a free Learning Differences College Fair October 8, 2014, for students with learning disabilities. Representatives from numerous colleges and universities, including The Ohio State University - Newark Campus, Central Ohio Technical College and Muskingum College will be on hand to discuss their programs and answer questions about services available to accommodate incoming college students with learning disabilities to achieve their career goals.

For more information contact GJPS Case Manager Phyllis Solove @ 478-5500 or [solovep@gjps.org](mailto:solovep@gjps.org) or the GLHS guidance office @ 478-5508.

**A Parent's Guide to Early Literacy**

Date: Oct. 9, 2014  
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.  
Location: Educational Service Center of Central Ohio  
Speaker: Helene Stacho, Coordinator, SST Region 11

This session will provide an overview of key components of early literacy development in Kindergarten-3rd grade. The discussion will include a review of Ohio's English and Language Arts standards for each grade level. Research-based strategies and resources to promote early literacy skills will be shared.



### **Transition Night**

Date: Oct. 15, 2014

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: **Westerville South High School**  
303 S Otterbein Ave  
Westerville OH 43081

**No registration needed.**

Transition Night is a free resource fair for students with developmental disabilities and their parents to assist in mapping their way through high school and beyond.

Delaware, Franklin, and Union County Representatives will be available to discuss:

- Community Based/Day Habilitation Programs
- Career and Technical Education Programs
- Agency Support After School
- Transportation Options
- Recreation and Leisure Programs
- County Resources and Services
- Employment Opportunity
- Financial Supports for Students with Disabilities
- Independent Living Supports
- Future Planning, Estate Planning and Wills

Find these answers by attending Transition Night

- What do parents need to do to help their children prepare for life after graduation?
- How do students become eligible for agency services?
- What services require county board of developmental disability eligibility?
- What can parents do to help students make social connections?
- Is there a charge for provider services?
- What does a job coach do? How do students get one?
- Are students prepared for the transportation needs they will have in the future?
- Where are students going to live upon graduation and are they prepared for this?
- What services can assist a student to handle medical and financial needs?

Transition Night is sponsored by Hilliard, Dublin, Grandview, Upper Arlington, Westerville and Worthington Schools, Questions call Sarah Painter at 614-797-6217 or [PainterS@westerville.k12.oh.us](mailto:PainterS@westerville.k12.oh.us)



### **Surrogate Parent Training**

Date: Nov. 4, 2014 & March 11, 2015

Time: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

Speaker: Joe Farry, Kim Fausnaugh, Barbara Knipe, Consultants, SST Region 11

A Surrogate Parent is an individual who is appointed by the school district of residence or a court to represent a student with a disability (1) whose parent cannot be identified or located, (2) who is a ward of the state, or (3) who is an unaccompanied homeless youth. Surrogate Parents assist in all matters relating to the identification, evaluation, and educational placement of the child and the provision of FAPE. Individuals must complete a 5-hour training and be approved by the district to serve in this capacity.

### **Columbus City Schools Transition Night**

Date: Nov. 11, 2014

Time: 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: **Columbus Downtown High School**

**No registration needed.**

*Plant Your Future Today*, by attending the Columbus Downtown High School (364 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street) Join representatives from FCBDD, BVR, Goodwill, CCS Parent Mentors, Columbus Metro Parks, and many more to plan your child's future. Light refreshments will be provided.  
Contact: Dan Burke [dburke8182@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dburke8182@columbus.k12.oh.us) or Margaret Molli-Clark [mmollicl@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:mmollicl@columbus.k12.oh.us) for further information.

### **A Parent's Guide to Assistive Technology, 10 Things A Parent Should Know**

Date: Nov. 13, 2014

Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Location: Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

Speaker: Cynthia Eldridge, Consultant, SST Region 11

Consideration of the need for assistive technology devices and services is a required step in the development of a child's individualized education program (IEP). This session will provide parents with a general overview of assistive technology devices and services, as defined in IDEA and how "consideration" for AT is embedded in the IEP process.



**Who We Are and What We Do, A Parent's Guide to The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities**

Date: Dec. 11, 2014  
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.  
Location: Educational Service Center of Central Ohio  
Speaker:Carolynn Head, Parent Advocate/Trainer, Ohio Coalition f/t Education of Children with Disabilities

Participants will gain an understanding of the history of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities and what services and supports are offered to parents and professionals throughout the state of Ohio. Available OCECD trainings, materials and publications also are addressed.

**A Parent's Guide to Understanding Dyslexia; An Introduction to Effective Intervention**

Date: Jan. 8, 2015  
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.  
Location: Educational Service Center of Central Ohio  
Speaker: Tom Diebold, Consultant, SST Region 11

Dyslexia is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. Through lecture and simulations, participants will gain an understanding of the neurology of dyslexia, the critical structures of English that must be part of the curriculum, the principles of multi-sensory, structured language instruction, and the role and function of accommodations.

**A Parent's Guide to Secondary Transition**

Date: Feb. 12, 2015  
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.  
Location: Educational Service Center of Central Ohio  
Speaker: Joe Farry, Consultant, SST Region 11

If you are a parent or guardian of a special needs student age 13 or older, secondary transition planning is an important component of the Individual Education Program (IEP). Working with your district on developing a plan for education and training, employment and possibly independent living skills after leaving high school is critical. This learning opportunity will provide participants with practical information on transition planning, goals and services, as well as age appropriate transition assessments.



**Empowering Parents in the IEP Process: IEP clinic, break out sessions, resource fair**

Date: March 14, 2015  
Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Location: Educational Service Center of Central Ohio  
Speaker: Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

**IEP Clinic:**

Parents bring their child's IEP for an OCECD representative to review. Pre-registration appointments are scheduled to ensure sufficient time to review and discuss questions and concerns parents may have about their child's IEP. **To register for an individual appointment with an advocate call Tina Forshey, Secretary, SST 11 614.753.4681 or e-mail [Tina.Forshey@escoco.org](mailto:Tina.Forshey@escoco.org).**

**Break out sessions:**

(1) *Understanding the IEP Process*: Participants will gain an understanding of the IEP content and the documentation necessary to develop an IEP. Each section of the IEP will be reviewed with an explanation of what information is required and what may be recorded in the various IEP sections.

(2) *Reducing Barriers Through Advocacy - Tips for Parents*: Parents will learn practical strategies that will enable them to become confident advocates for their child's special education needs. The parent's role before, during, and after the IEP meeting will be explored. Suggestions for effectively communicating with school district personnel will be discussed.

**Resource Fair:**

Participants will have the opportunity to browse and speak with individuals representing numerous agencies that provide assistance and services to families of students with disabilities.

**What Parents Need to Know - Guardianship, Transitioning and Special Needs Planning**

Date: April 9, 2015  
Time: 6–8 p.m.  
Location: Educational Service Center of Central Ohio  
Speaker: William Root, Attorney, Resch and Root, LLC

When a child with developmental disabilities turns 18 his/her parents are faced with a number of legal issues that will impact not only the child, but the whole family. William K Root, an attorney at Resch and Root and father to a child with special needs, will help parents navigate important decisions on: guardianship - transitioning to adulthood - health care power of attorney - financial power of attorney.