## Transition: Starting Early to Plan from Early Childhood to Adult Services

Dates: October 24 & 25, 2019 Presenter: Tara Mason, Ph.D.

Transition at any stage of K-12 and into the adult world can present intense challenges for all young people. This is especially true for young people who are blind, visually impaired and/or multiply impaired. There are specialized supports and interagency collaboration that are vital to the success of a young person’s transition at each stage of development.

This workshop focuses on preparation and collaboration across team members to best prepare a young person for the world of work and/or postsecondary education. Emphasis areas are independence-focused and student-centered planning at each stage.

Often times, students with impairments may have a difficult time deciding what they want to do and knowing what they will be able to do after high school with regards to living, learning and community. In order to be successful, transition takes a whole team of collaborative members including families, adult service agencies and community worksites.

Workshop Objective: The workshop is designed to facilitate participant growth in transition planning and implementation of transition programing for students who are blind, visually impaired, and/or multiply impaired. The workshop will provide resources across the transdisciplinary team related to components of transition progressively built from early childhood needs to adult services.

### Workshop participants will increase their transition knowledge and skills:

* Components of transition stages divided by grade band, early childhood through post-secondary.
* Issues related to transition from EC through post-secondary adult services.
* Resources and tools available regarding transition planning and hands-on experience with case study examples using workshop tools.
* Use an evaluation and implementation cycle to assess transition program effectiveness. Be able to identify and plan for specific assistive technology components related to transition program planning at each of the four stages.

### Text:

* You may want to bring a copy of the text: *Total Life Learning: Preparing for Transition. A Curriculum for All students with Sensory Impairments* (2014) by Bridges, Caruso, and Zatta. $35 from Perkins Press.

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CEU’s for PELSB and ACVREP will be provided.

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# Registration

Breakfast and lunches will be included with your conference registration(s). Dinner will be on your own. Coffee, tea and water will be provided throughout the conference sessions. Please bring other personal sodas and snacks during the conference.

Sign in is one hour prior to conference each day.

October 24, 2019 9:00 am – 5 pm

October 25, 2019 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Registration** by **October 10th**, 2019. **Payment** no later than **October 24th**, 2019.

Register through this online link [Metro ECSU Online Registration](http://www.metroecsu.org/contactUs/MQROnlineRegistration.html). Pay the registration fee by check payable to MDVI when you arrive at the conference.

The registration fee for the **TBVI &/or COMS:**

**$150.00** for current 2018-19 MDVI members. (Dues were paid before December 31, 2018)

**$170.00** for non- 2018-19 MDVI members. (You may become a member for 2019-2020)

Costs for the conference are tax deductible when self-paying the fee. **\*\*** Reduced fees are **not** available for partial attendance at the conference.

# Accommodations

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please indicate your needs at least **20 working days prior to the event** if you need a type of special accommodation in order to participate. (Facility, Dietary, and/or Media Accommodation Requests)

# Lodging

The conference committee has reserved a block of rooms at The Arrowwood Lodge for conference attendees under **MDVI** **Vision and O&M Conference 2019** at a rate of **$92.03 per night** for a single or double room (tax included). **NOTE: Special rate only good until September 23, 2019.**

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**Lodging Contact Information:**

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