

BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT/SEPTA  
AND THE COMMUNITY PARENT CENTER PRESENT:  
**THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL RESOURCES AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES FAIR FOR STUDENTS  
WITH SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS and TRANSITION FOR ALL AGES**  
SANFORD H. CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL, MERRICK, NY  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019  
**AGENDA**

**Tonight's Schedule**

**6:00pm-7:00pm**-Open Registration

**6:00pm-8:00pm**- Recreation & Leisure Opportunities Fair- East Cafeteria

**6:15pm-6:35pm**- CLOSE TABLES FOR OPENING REMARKS

Eric Arlin, BMCHSD Director of Special Education & Pupil Services

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Parent Speaker- Jane Weisbrot

Student Speaker- Matt Kamper

Express Yourself! Performance- Devon DePuy

**6:40pm-7:40pm**- Open Tables

**6:35pm- 8:20pm**-Student Workshop

**7:30pm- 8:20pm**- Parent Workshop

<b>Location:</b> East Cafeteria 6:00pm – 8:00pm  <b>Parent Leader:</b> Irene Radoslovich	<b>Recreation &amp; Leisure Opportunities Fair</b>	After school and weekend recreational & leisure opportunities	These opportunities will be presented by various agencies at their tables.
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**Information/Help Desk- Mindy Ross-Knaster**

**Workshop Schedule**

- Workshops A through I will run from 7:30-8:20pm
- Workshop J (Student/Alumni Workshop) will run from 6:45-8:20PM with a short scavenger hunt to begin the workshop. After the scavenger hunt join us to hear our amazing alumni speak and after for an award ceremony and meet and greet with the alumni!!

Workshop/Location	Topic	Presenter	Description	Who should go where?
<b>Workshop A</b> <b>Location</b> Auditorium  <b>Staff Leader:</b> Eric Arlin  <b>Facilitator:</b> Alison Giangregorio  <b>Parent Leader:</b> Leslie Feinberg	<b>What you need to know about the Care Coordination Organization?</b>  <b>(ACA, TRI- County, and Care Design)</b>  <b>OPWDD Care Coordination</b>	Renée Manza, <b>ACA, LI Senior Director</b>  Luisa Eusse-Roché, <b>Care Design, Regional Director</b>  Michael Wright, <b>TRI-County, Regional Director</b>	Update on transition from our first year and what is to come with all the changes	Individuals who have received eligibility for OPWDD this is your next step
<b>Workshop B</b> <b>Location</b> Instrumental Music  <b>Parent Leader:</b> Anne Marie	<b>Managed Care and Future trends with care coordination</b>	Evan Yankey, <b>SANYS</b>  Jessica Campbell,	Managed Care and the Future impact on self-directed services	

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<u>Workshop C</u> <u>Location</u> Vocal Room  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Alyssa Geccedi	<b>Self Determination &amp; Self Directed Services &amp; Transition Planning</b>	Barbara Morell, <b>Long Island Advocacy Center</b>  Michele Walsh, <b>Broker</b>	While in school and after YOU choose the services, you want and need. YOU choose the staff you want to work with. YOU hire and supervise your staff. Self-Direction gives YOU more control over how you structure your life.	For parents of children of any age after the received eligibility of OPWDD
<u>Workshop D</u> <u>Location</u> Little Theater  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Nicole Venditti	<b>Getting started with OPWDD</b>	Alissa Morris, <b>Regional Coordinator</b>	Overview of eligibility criteria and the eligibility determination process plus information about the Front Door Process	If you are just starting to learn about OPWDD (pre-eligibility)
<u>Workshop E</u> <u>Location</u> Room B172  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Bernadette Murray	<b>TRAID</b> (Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities) and <b>SILO's New York Connects Program</b>  <b>Assistive Technology</b>	<b>Randy K. Young</b> <b>Coordinator, Ezra Center</b>	Assistive Technology can help students learn and be more independent in their school, workplace, and community. This workshop will examine and provide resources for how technology can support a successful transition.	Individuals with students at any age regardless of OPWDD eligibility
<u>Workshop F</u> <u>Location</u> Room B176	<b>Supported Decision Making in addition to Guardianship</b>	Bridget Cariello, <b>SANYS,</b> Supervising Coordinator	Self-Advocacy Skills to help increase independence for your	Individuals with students of any age

<u>Parent Leader:</u> Marie Spohrer			student while they make their own decisions	
<u>Workshop G Location</u>  <u>Parent Leader</u> Maria Ponzio	<b>First Steps for Employment/Career opportunities</b>  <b>ACCES-VR</b>	Marlene Johnston, <b>ACCES-VR, VR Counselor</b>	While in high school and after. Ongoing guidance counseling services.	Individuals whose students are 2 years away from exiting high school
<u>Workshop H Location</u> Room 113  <u>Parent Leader</u> Dina Sputo	<b>Special Needs Trust &amp; Legal Guardianship (legal matters to consider)</b>	Andrew M. Cohen, Esq., <b>Law Office of Andrew M. Cohen</b>		Anyone who is interested in guardianship or special needs trust
<u>Workshop I Location</u> Room 111  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Christine Holl	<b>How to help your child cope with academic and social pressures</b>	David Barhome, <b>FREE, Assistant Vice President Integrated Health and Community Services</b>	Anxiety and Wellness topics	Individuals of students of all ages who deal with ADHD, anxiety, or social pressures
<u>Workshop J Location</u>  <u>Parent Leader</u> Tiffany DeGregori	<b>Special Needs Planning- A Road Map through OPWDD</b>	Danielle Wellington, <b>Assistant Director of Central Administrations- Life's WORC</b>	Help parents and guardians navigate the processes of securing services and supports for their child with special needs. In addition, discuss the Front Door Process through securing services.	Next step after you have eligibility  You gained eligibility... now what?
<u>Workshop K Location</u> Room 109  <u>Leader:</u> <u>Mary Jo Kennedy</u>  <u>Teachers</u> Eduardo Martinez Nicole Levesque, Lisa Marino Anna Weidlein Lauralee Kelly  <u>Para</u>	<b><u>Student Workshop</u></b>  <i>One Session Only: 6:45- 8:20, beginning with a Scavenger Hunt through Agency tables, hearing alumni speakers, and then ending with an award ceremony and celebration.</i>  <i>Meet the Youth Ambassador and</i>	<b>Speakers</b>  Sky Burke  Ariana Grieco  Adam Knaster  Joe Malebranche  Norah Maloney  Erin Murphy  Jamie	<b>Program/ Employment</b>  CMA  PWW- Evero	Students who are in the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade and beyond

Samantha Novak <u>Student Scavenger Hunt Leaders</u>	<i>Youth Advisor to SANYS who will share their stories and answer the question: Why Self-Advocacy?</i>	Segermiester  Chuck Westhoff  Speakers listed alphabetically by Last Name		
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**Special thanks to the committee that coordinated tonight's event:**

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