

BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT/SEPTA  
AND THE COMMUNITY PARENT CENTER PRESENT:  
TENTH ANNUAL FAIR FOR TRANSITIONING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES  
SANFORD H. CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL, MERRICK, NY  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017  
AGENDA

**Tonight's Schedule**

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

6:00pm-9:00pm- Agency Booths

6:20pm-6:35pm- Nicole Hollings, Calhoun High School Principal, introducing Express Yourself! Performance

6:35pm-6:45pm- Opening Remarks: Eric Arlin & Alyssa Gecsed

6:45pm-6:50pm- Parent Speaker: Ellen Carr

6:50pm-7:00pm-Student Speakers: Owen Carr

7:05pm-7:30pm- OPEN TABLES

7:30pm-8:00pm- Workshops Session 1

8:00pm-8:30pm-OPEN TABLES

8:30pm-9:00pm- Workshops Session 2

**Workshop Schedule**

- Workshops A through G will run during sessions 1 & 2  
Session 1: 7:30-8:00pm  
Session 2: 8:30-9:00pm
- Workshop H (SSI/Medicaid Workshop) and Workshops I (ABC's of OPWDD) will each run as one extended presentation from 7:05 until 8:15 p.m.
- Workshop J (Student/Alumni Workshop) will run from 7:05 until 8:15pm. It will be followed immediately by a guided agency table scavenger hunt for prizes, ending at West Cafeteria at 8:30 p.m.

Workshop/Location	Topic/Description	Presenter
<u>Workshop A</u> <u>Location</u> Auditorium  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Erin Donohue	<b>OPWDD</b> (Intake and Service Options), <b>Family Support Services, Non-Medicaid Service Coordination</b>	Danielle Wellington, <b>Life's WORC</b>  Jennifer Huddleson, <b>Head Injury Association.</b>
<u>Workshop B</u> <u>Location</u> Room 111  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Christine Holl	<b>Medicaid Service Coordination, Waivers, Recreation, &amp; Crisis Services</b>	Kristi Markus, <b>Head Injury Association</b>  Gayatri Dubey, <b>IRI- Innovative Resources For Independence</b>  Marsha Marino , <b>Community Mainstreaming Associates</b>
<u>Workshop C</u> <u>Location</u> Room 102  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Alyssa Gecsed	<b>Special Needs Trust &amp; Legal Guardianship</b> (legal matters to consider)	Andrew M. Cohen, Esq.

<u>Workshop D</u> <u>Location</u> Room B172  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Gail Katz	<b>Self Determination &amp; Self Directed Services &amp; Transition Planning</b>	Barbara Morell, <b>Long Island Advocacy Center</b>  John Innis, <b>Positive Behavior Support Community Foundation, Inc.</b> Alison Giangregorio, <b>Self-Direction Broker</b>
<u>Workshop E</u> <u>Location</u> Room B176  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Nancy Stevenson	<b>Community Prevocational/ Day Habilitation Options</b>	Jessica Gallone, <b>FREE</b>  Florence Faga, <b>Life's WORC</b>
<u>Workshop F</u> <u>Location</u> Vocal Room  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Jane Weisbrot	<b>Competitive Employment Options</b>	Marlene Johnston, <b>ACCES-VR</b>  Suzanne Feiner, <b>AHRC</b>  Diane Macaluso, <b>Ken's Krew</b>
<u>Workshop G</u> <u>Location</u> Band Room  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Catherine Maloney Ellen Proszak	<b>Person Centered Employment &amp; Supportive Services</b> (Pathways, Employment Training Program-ETP)	Terri Hughes, <b>South Oaks</b>  Bonnie Holtzman, <b>YAI</b>  Michelle Costa <b>OPWDD, ETP</b>
<u>Workshop H</u> <u>Location</u> Little Theatre  <u>Parent Leader:</u> Traci Flaherty	<b>Documentation for Supplemental Security Income One Session Only: 7:05 – 8:15 pm)</b>  <i>Learn to have the proper documentation ready when contacting the Social Security Administration for Supplemental Security Income – SSI. Know in advance what additional documentation maybe requested by the SSA as part of determining eligibility. Know in advance the impact of earnings. Hear a "candid" discussion of the ongoing need for proper documentation supporting eligibility and maintaining</i>	Dr. Puchta, <b>Long Island Center for Independent Living</b>

	<p><i>Medicaid funding for adult services.</i></p>	
<p><u>Workshop I</u>  <u>Location</u>  East Cafeteria</p> <p><u>Parent Leader:</u>  Ann-Marie Schexnayder</p>	<p><b>The Person Centered Planning Process &amp; The Wheel Power Experience</b> (One Session Only: 7:05 – 8:15).</p> <p>Come out and experience the Person Centered Planning Process through this “Wheel Power” event. Learn about making the right connections to support family members with learning and other disabilities, through this important life planning process.</p> <p>Join in to create a person centered plan with professionals working in the field of supporting people with developmental disabilities. This experience was designed to support families to understand the organic planning process that takes place when natural and paid supports come together to develop a life plan and not just the clinical role of designing the plan.</p> <p>These strategies can be used to support school aged students transitioning, as well as adults receiving services.</p>	<p>Bridget Cariello <b>SANYS</b> Management Team, and Beverly Burke Grassroots Organizer, will be supporting Civil Rights Leaders and professionals from The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, and others in the field supporting people with developmental disabilities</p>

<p><u>Workshop J</u> <u>Location</u> West Cafeteria</p> <p><u>Workshop Leaders</u> Mary Jo Kennedy, Carla Funk Robert Fox</p> <p><u>Staff Help:</u> <u>Catrina Christenson</u></p> <p><u>Student Scavenger Hunt Leaders</u>  Melissa Joy Alyssa Veiner</p>	<p><b><u>Student Workshop</u></b></p> <p><i>(One Session Only: 7:05** – 8:00 pm, immediately followed by Scavenger Hunt through Agency Tables, ending in prizes and goodies at 8:15 pm in the West Cafeteria.</i></p> <p><i>Meet the Youth Ambassador and Youth Advisor to SANYS who will share their stories and answer the question: Why Self- Advocacy?</i></p>	<p><b><u>Speakers</u></b></p> <p>Sky Burke <b>Self-Advocacy New York State</b></p> <p>_____ <b>PREP For the Future</b></p> <p>Owen Carr <b>YAI</b></p> <p>, <b>Life's WORC</b></p> <p><b>Ken's Krew</b></p> <p>, <b>ETP</b></p> <p>Brian Pollack, <b>FREE</b></p> <p>, <b>Self Directed</b></p> <p>, <b>ACCES</b></p>
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**Special thanks to the committee that coordinated tonight's event:**

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