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*“Helping individuals with disabilities to choose, find and keep employment”*

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**PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES: COLLEGE PLANNING FORUM**

**I. PURPOSE OF SERVICE:**

The Annual College Planning Forum is sponsored by Providence College, Regional Transition Centers, RIDE, RI Parent Information Network, and ORS. The program is designed to educate students with disabilities, and their families, to the resources and challenges of transitioning from high school to college.

**II. PROGRAM ELEMENTS:**

The conference is a day-long event, with keynote speakers and break-out sessions, geared to such topic areas as The Freshman Experience, Navigating Admissions, and Accessing Accommodations; Exploring the Role of the Family; Preparing for My Independence; Using Assistive Technology; and College Financial Planning. In addition, a panel of college students present a personalized story of their challenges transitioning from high school to college.

**III. EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

The forum assists students with disabilities and their families to develop a knowledge base about the differences between high school and college:

1. To learn how to request accommodations and support services.
2. To become familiar with the level of self-direction and discipline required.
3. To learn about the stringent deadlines: applications, financial aid, registration, mid-terms and finals, etc.

**IV. STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. The local education authority identifies students with disabilities for participation.
2. The West Bay Regional Transition Center gathers participant information necessary for involvement in an ORS-funded PRE-ETS service.
3. Participants attend program.

**V. PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES:**

1. Category of required PRE-ETS Service: Counseling Opportunities for Enrollment in Comprehensive Transition and Post-Secondary Programs at Institutions of Higher Education
2. Service Code: PRE-ETS COLLEGE PLANNING FORUM
3. Fee: \$10.00

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