



# 2012 Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference

# Save the Date!

Penn Stater Conference Center & Hotel  
State College, PA  
July 25 - 27, 2012

## Empowerment in an Environment of Change

The primary purpose of this conference is to expand the capacity of local education agencies and communities, in partnership with youth, young adults and families, in promoting the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post-school outcomes of employment, post-secondary education and training, community participation and healthy lifestyles. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about effective practices to assist youth/young adults with disabilities to be empowered in an environment of change.

### The primary focal points of this year's conference are:

- Empowerment
- Family/Caregiver Engagement
- Gainful/Competitive Employment
- Health and Healthy Lifestyles
- Leadership
- Models For Success
- Partnerships
- Post-Secondary Education/Training
- Youth Engagement

### The conference will feature:

- *Accommodations and Supports Expo, featuring hands-on assistive technology exhibits, vendor displays and resource tables*
- *Approximately 80 breakout sessions*
- *Family engaging sessions and networking opportunities*
- *Keynote and feature presentations*
- *Sessions and activities designed for youth and young adults by the PA Youth Leadership Network*

### Who should participate?

*Stakeholders supporting post-school outcomes of youth with disabilities, such as...*

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| Advocates                          | Medical Health Services Workers           |
| Agency Administrators              | Occupational Therapists                   |
| Assistive Technology Professionals | Office of Developmental Programs Staff    |
| Business/Employers                 | Paraprofessionals                         |
| Career & Technology Educators      | Partnerships for Youth Affiliates & Staff |
| CareerLink Staff                   | Physical Therapists                       |
| Direct Support Providers           | Psychologists                             |
| Drug & Alcohol Program Workers     | Public & Private Child Welfare Workers    |
| Education Administrators           | School Nurses                             |
| Family & Caregivers                | Secondary Educators                       |
| Family Health Representatives      | Social Security Benefits Counselors       |
| Foster and Adoptive Parents        | Social Security Staff                     |
| Guidance Counselors                | Social Workers                            |
| Health Professionals               | Special Educators                         |
| Higher Education Professionals     | Speech/Language Therapists                |
| Independent Living Staff           | Transition Coordinators                   |
| Juvenile Justice Affiliates        | Transportation Affiliates                 |
| Job Coaches                        | Vocational Evaluators                     |
| Local Government Officials         | Vocational Rehabilitation Staff           |
| Local Service Providers            | Workforce Investment Board Members        |
| Local Youth Councils               | Youth & Young Adults                      |
| Mental Assistance Program Staff    | Youth Served in Foster Care               |

### Call for Proposals to Present:

We encourage all transition stakeholders to submit a proposal to present a 90 minute session at the transition conference. The formal *Call for Proposals* is available at [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net). **Submission deadline is December 21, 2011.**

### Conference Fees:

The conference registration fee is \$125 for all participants. Family and youth who need support in order to attend the conference can apply for a scholarship to cover the registration fee and hotel (one room up to a maximum of 3 nights). Additional information regarding family & youth scholarships will be made available at [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)

### Hotel Information:

A block of rooms at various hotels have been held for individuals who will be attending the conference. Participants are responsible for calling the hotel directly and making their own reservation. Participants will be responsible for the cost of their hotel rooms and must be billed directly. A list of hotels will be available at [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)

### Available Credits: Act 48, CRCC



Individuals attending this event must arrive on time and stay the duration of the event in order to receive Act 48 Professional Education hours. Requests for exceptions are to be brought to the attention of the individual's Superintendent or IU Director prior to the event.



**Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification (CRCC):** Continuing Education credits for professions with Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) credentials will be offered for attendance of this program. CRCC Continuing Education Certificates will be available upon successful completion of the program for interested participants.

Certificates of attendance for continuing education credits (speech, social work, vision rehabilitation) will be available after the conference.

**In the upcoming months, look for additional information on the PaTTAN website at [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)**