

Preparing for Life After High School

A Transition Webinar Series

We are pleased to host a series of evening webinars that address topics of importance when students are preparing to leave high school and enter adulthood. Webinars are led by local experts in their respective fields.

When: 2024-2025, Various dates
Start time: 7 p.m.

Where: Online – Zoom meeting

Who: All Are Welcome

Cost: Free

Pre-registration is required.

For information on how to register and attend these live events, go to: www.nassauboces.org/transitionwebinars.

There you will find a brief description of each webinar as well as the link you will need to join each event. We invite you to attend as many webinars as you would like.

Upcoming Topics & Dates:

OPWDD Supports & Services
November 14, 2024

Self-Direction Overview
December 10, 2024

Overview of Guardianship & Estate Planning
January 9, 2025

College Planning
January 30, 2025

Medicaid, SSI & SSD
February 12, 2025

Transitioning to Adulthood with Vision and Other Sensory Needs
March 4, 2025

Pathways to Graduation
April 2, 2025

Supporting Self Advocacy
April 23, 2025

ACCES-VR
May 6, 2025

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2024-2025 Nassau BOCES Department of Special Education Preparing for Life After High School: A Transition Webinar Series

Transition Webinar Seminars:

The webinars listed below are on topics that are important as students prepare to leave school and enter adulthood. Review the descriptions to see which ones relate best to your child. You may attend as many webinars as you choose. All webinars will begin at 7 p.m. and will run for about 45 minutes. Pre-registration is required. Please click on the Zoom link for the webinar(s) you are interested in attending and complete the simple registration process. Prior to the webinar, please visit Zoom.us and download Zoom onto your computer. Visit www.nassauboces.org/transitionwebinars for more information about registration.

Date/Time	Webinar Topic	Presenter	Webinar Description
November 14, 2024 7 p.m.	Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD): Overview of Supports and Services for People with Developmental Disabilities Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81178542840 Webinar ID: 811 78542840	Dorothea Daniels LI Regional Coordinator <i>Parent to Parent</i>	A review of the process of applying for OPWDD eligibility, what the Front Door is, and a brief overview of what to expect after the Front Door
December 10, 2024 7 p.m.	Self-Direction Overview Exploring how individuals with OPWDD eligibility can create their own paths Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87873804853 Webinar ID: 87873804853	Minette Sherman, Assistant Director of Broker Services <i>Independent Support Services, Inc.</i>	The presentation will explore the flexibility and benefits of Self-Direction, showing how individuals can take control of their future. The session will highlight successful Self-Direction stories and review how to navigate the process of obtaining these services. A Q&A to clarify any doubts and help determine if Self-Direction is suitable for your family's needs will also be offered
January 9, 2025 7 p.m.	Overview of Guardianship & Estate Planning Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87546863612 Webinar ID: 875 4686 3612	Andrew Cohen, Esq. Attorney, Law Offices of Andrew M. Cohen Mitch Weisbrod <i>Special Care Planner</i>	A review of how to legally and financially protect individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Topics include guardianship wills, and special needs trusts
January 30, 2025 7 p.m.	College Planning: Services for Students with Disabilities Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88764731668 Webinar ID: 887 6473 1668	Gina Esposito-Sales, Catherine Lewis, Counselors <i>Center for Students with Disabilities Nassau Community College</i>	A review of how students entering college may access accommodations there and will highlight issues that affect the decision to do so as well as other aspects of college life
February 12, 2025 7 p.m.	Medicaid, SSI & SSD and Medicaid: Overview of Eligibility and Benefits Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84940446873 Webinar ID: 849 4044 6873	Tom Schinkel Assistant Director of Benefits & Entitlements <i>Care Design, New York</i>	A review of requirements for eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability and the difference between SSI and SSD
March 4, 2025 7 p.m.	Transitioning to Adulthood with Vision and Other Sensory Needs Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86568554607 Webinar ID: 865 6855 4607	Susanne Morgan Morrow, Project Director, <i>New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative (NYDBC), Queens College</i>	A review of issues pertinent to students with vision and/or other sensory needs as they transition to adulthood
April 2, 2025 7 p.m.	Pathways to Graduation: Requirements for Local and Regents Diplomas and the CDOs Commencement Credential Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83189404043 Webinar ID: 831 8940 4043	Kenneth Anderson, MS Ed, CRC Christian Horn, MS Ed Kristen Gaglio, MS Ed, BSSW <i>Transition Specialists Long Island Regional Partnership Center Center for Community Inclusion Long Island University</i>	A review of the multiple safety net options available to students with IEPs to achieve a local or Regents diploma, including the Superintendents Determination, and how CDOs Credential requirements relate to this option
April 23, 2025 7 p.m.	Supporting Self Advocacy How to meaningfully increase opportunities for community participation Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680990313 Webinar ID: 886 8099 0313	Marisol Getchius SANY's Long Island Regional Organizer Michelle Flood SANY's Long Island Regional Coordinator <i>The Self Advocacy Association of New York State (SANY'S)</i>	The Self Advocacy Association of New York State (SANY'S) is a statewide, not-for-profit organization run by and for people with developmental disabilities. They will provide an overview of why and how to support self advocacy within your families, schools, and communities. One of SANY'S main goals is to increase the choices that people have to live, work, and participate in their communities
May 6, 2025 7 p.m.	ACCES-VR: Assisting People with Disabilities to Obtain and Maintain Employment Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84167219987 Webinar ID: 841 6721 9987	Daniel DeLuca Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor <i>Adult Career & Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR)</i>	A review of how ACCES-VR assists people with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment and support independent living, through training, education, rehabilitation and career development