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Is College in Your Future?

The Eighth Annual College Planning Forum for Middle and High School Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), 504 plans, and physical or emotional disabilities, as well as their parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and other school support personnel, will be held on **Saturday March 10, 2012** at **Providence College, Feinstein Building** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This forum will help students, parents, and school personnel understand what to expect and how to prepare for a successful college experience. **Breakout sessions include:**

- **The Freshman Experience & Keynote**
- **Navigating Admissions & Accessing Accommodations**
- **College Technology Overview**
- **Just for Students - Now that I'm 18...**
- **Just for Parents - College Success for Students with Disabilities**
- **College Student Panel**



Registration fee is \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families. Financial assistance is available. **To register or for more information, call Diana Kriner at 401-270-0101 ext. 129 or kriner@ripin.org** or to request reasonable accommodations, contact Diana by Feb. 28th 2012. This event is sponsored by The RI Department of Education, Office of Student, Community and Academic Supports, The RI Regional Transition Centers, and the Office of Rehabilitation Services, in conjunction with the RI Parent Information Network.



to download the **College Planning Forum** brochure online

Navigating Students Through the High School Years

The **Rhode Island Youth Transition Workbook** was developed to help students make the most out of their high school years and presents an opportunity for self-discovery through three stages:

Stage One: Accept Yourself!

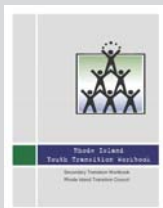
Stage Two: Declare Yourself!

Stage Three: Empower Yourself!

The first stage, **Accept Yourself!** is designed to help students understand themselves as a person, student and community member. The second stage, **Declare Yourself!** is intended to help students make known who they are to their family, friends, teachers, and other people in the community

through the educational and transition process. Finally, the third stage, **Empower Yourself!** will help students take charge of their lives. The workbook can be accessed electronically at:

<http://www.health.ri.gov/materialbyothers/RhodeIslandYouthTransitionWorkbook.pdf> or by calling Deb Golding at 401-222-5954.



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Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Parent Leadership Training

Collaborative parent leaders are essential in creating successful school environments where parent involvement is recognized as a key factor in improving outcomes for students with disabilities. In order to support those efforts, RIPIN is offering an exciting training opportunity for parents in learning how to lead and maintain [special education Local Advisory Committees \(LAC\)](#). We're looking for 3-4 parent leaders per district who are interested in developing their personal leadership skills and moving their district in new directions to involve parents of children with disabilities.



For more information, interested Special Education Directors should contact Deb Belanger, Training and Professional Development Manager at 270-0101, extension 109 or belanger@ripin.org.

Visit **for more information!**

Visit our new website for Rhode Island families:
www.startingpointsforparents.org

RIPIN Workshop and Training Opportunities

RIPIN offers a wide variety of interactive workshops and training opportunities. Our experienced presenters offer information and support to all Rhode Island families as well as the professionals who work with them each day. We currently have workshops scheduled in a wide variety of topics to meet the needs of individual audiences. Workshops are free to participants.

Visit **to Register Online**

& Learn Something New!



Statewide Special Education Parent Survey

In partnership with RIPIN, RIDE has successfully solicited proposals for a new survey vendor and, pending final approval from state purchasing, we are continuing our commitment to this important measure of schools' efforts to partner with parents, although—*just for this year, we plan to administer the survey toward the end of the school year; in May...*



We plan to return to our March schedule next year.

Coming soon in our next edition, a focus on Leadership Opportunities!

Workshop for Educators, Professionals, Youth Workers, and Parents!



Come and Learn Youth Leadership Strategies!

- Discover how to empower and motivate your students
- Learn how the Dare to Dream curriculum satisfies core standards for ELA
- Help students discover their voices and goals
- Inspire your students to create a workshop
- Find out the best way to plan, revise and rehearse a workshop



2 Sessions Available!

March 6th, 2012 from 4:00 - 6:30pm
Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN)
1210 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI

March 8th, 2012 from 4:00 - 6:30pm
The Gamm Theatre
172 Exchange Street, Pawtucket, RI

Register Today

Deb Golding at 401.222.5954
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Dare to Dream is a leadership and empowerment opportunity for middle & high school students



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**2nd Annual RIPIN Transition 101
Conference for Parents:**

An Introduction & Overview of the Process
Friday, December 2, 2011
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI
8:00 am – 2:15 pm
*This conference is FREE of charge but
pre-registration is required by contacting:*
www.RITAP.org/mytransition

**Family/Professional
Partnerships Conference 2012**

Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Crowne Plaza
801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI
1:00 – 7:00 pm
For more information,
contact Tara Townsend at
townsend@ripin.org or
(401) 270-0101, ext. 139

8th Annual College Planning Forum
*For students with disabilities, 504 plans and other
challenges, their parents and school personnel*
Saturday, March 10, 2012

Providence College (Feinstein Building)
549 River Avenue, Providence, RI
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
For more information, contact Diana Kriner at
Kriner@ripin.org or (401) 270-0101, ext. 129

**4th Annual Dare to Dream
Student Leadership Conference**

Tuesday, May 22, 2012
University of Rhode Island
Student Memorial Union, Kingston, RI
8:00 am – 3:00 pm
For more information & to register
visit www.ripin.org

**2nd Annual Walk the Walk to
Stop Bullying In RI**

Saturday, May 5, 2012
Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI
9:00 am – 12:00
Register now at www.ripin.org
For more information,
contact Linda McMullen at
mcmullen@ripin.org or
(401) 270-0101, ext. 104

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2ª Conferencia Anual de Transición 101 de RIPIN
Para Padres: Una Introducción y sobrevista del proceso

Viernes, 2 de diciembre del 2011
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI
8:00am - 2:15pm
Entrada a la conferencia es gratis pero pre-inscripción es requerida.
Puede registrarse via-internet:
www.RITAP.org/mytransition

Conferencia para la Asociación de Familias/Profesionales del 2012

Miércoles, 25 de abril del 2012
Crowne Plaza
801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick RI
1:00-7:00pm
Para más información comuníquese con:
Tara Townsend vía townsend@ripin.org o llame al
(401) 270-0101 ext. 139

8º Fórum Anual de Planificación Universitaria
Para estudiantes con discapacidades, planes 504, y otros desafíos, sus padres, y empleados escolares.

Domingo, 10 de marzo del 2012
Providence College (edificio Feinstein)
549 River Avenue, Providence, RI
9:00am-1:00pm
Para mas información, comuníquese con Diana Kriner
vía correo electrónico Kriner@ripin.org o llame al
(401) 270-0101 ext. 129

4ª Conferencia Anual de Atrévete a Soñar, Liderazgo Estudiantil

Martes, 22 de mayo del 2012
Universidad de Rhode Island
Student Memorial Union, Kingston, RI
8:00am-3:00pm
Para más información y para inscribirse visite:
www.ripin.org

2ª Caminata Anual Detener el
Abuso en Rhode Island

Sábado, 5 de mayo del 2012
En el parque de Roger William en Providence, RI
9:00-12:00
Inscríbese ahora vía **www.ripin.org**
Para más información comuníquese con:
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