



# Announcement

## 2011 PA Community on Transition Conference: Registration and Scholarship Information Available

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**AUDIENCE:** Stakeholders supporting post-school outcomes for youth/young adults with disabilities, including:

- Youth/young adults
- Families
- Supports Coordination Organization Staff
- Administrative Entity Staff
- Supports Coordinators

**PURPOSE:**

The Tenth Annual PA Community on Transition Conference, Breaking Boundaries – Achieving Goals will be held July 20 - 22, 2011 at the Penn Stater Conference Center and Hotel in State College, PA.

The primary purpose of this conference is to expand the capacity of schools 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 break through boundaries and achieve their goals.

**DISCUSSION:**

The conference will feature:

- Keynote and Feature Presentations
- 80 breakout sessions
- Sessions and activities designed for youth and young adults by the PA Youth Leadership Network
- Family engaging sessions and networking opportunities

- Accommodations and Supports Expo, featuring a hands-on assistive technology exhibits, vendor displays and resource tables

Please see the “2011 PA Community on Transition Conference Brochure” at <http://www.pattan.net/files/Flyers11/Trans-Conf0720-2211.pdf> for more information.

### **Registration is now available!**

Registration is available on the PaTTAN website at [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net) or, for a direct link <https://www.solutionwhere.com/pattan/cw/showconference.asp?1623>. **Please note:** be sure to log onto the PaTTAN course registration site before beginning the online conference registration process.

### **Youth, Young Adult and Family Scholarships**

Youth, Young Adult and Family Scholarships are available. **The deadline for scholarship application is June 15, 2011.** Please see the **attached** “2011 Youth/Young Adult” and “Family Scholarship Applications” for more information. **(These are two separate registration forms so please check the title of the form before completing.)**

The scholarship covers the cost of one hotel room at a double occupancy rate for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, July 20 - 22, 2010. All youth/young adults and/or families/caregivers that are provided a scholarship will have their hotel reservations made for them at a hotel located near the conference site. This scholarship only covers the cost of the hotel room; other hotel costs are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient (i.e. phone charges, room service, etc.). The conference registration fee of \$125 will be waived for each family member and/or youth receiving a scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be responsible for their own mileage and evening meals. Transportation arrangements to, from and during the conference are the sole responsibility of participants.

### **Human Service Professional Scholarships**

A limited number of scholarships will be available for Pennsylvania human service professionals who work in fields covered by the Department of Public Welfare (including intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental health, drug and alcohol, children and youth, physical disabilities and sensory disabilities). **The deadline for scholarship application is June 22, 2011.** Please see the **attached** “2011 Human Service Professional Scholarship Application” for more information.

The scholarship covers the cost of one hotel room at a double occupancy rate for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, July 20 - 22, 2010. All human service professionals that are provided a scholarship will have their hotel reservations made for them at a hotel located near the conference site. This scholarship only covers the cost of the hotel room; other hotel costs are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient (i.e. phone charges, room service, etc.). The conference registration fee of \$125 will be waived for each human service professional receiving a scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be responsible for their own mileage and

evening meals. Transportation arrangements to, from and during the conference are the sole responsibility of participants.

The scholarships are sponsored by the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through a grant to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (CFDA # 93.768).

**Pre-Conference Session on July 19: OMG, I need a job! Strategies and Tools for Employment**

A pre-conference session is being offered on July 19 and is open to all audiences. This pre-conference session is free of charge and will be held from 10:00am – 4:00pm at the Penn State in State College, PA. Please register for this event by visiting the PaTTAN homepage at: [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net) or <http://www.solutionwhere.com/pattan/cw/showcourse.asp?1624>. Please note: be sure to log onto the PaTTAN course registration site before beginning the online conference registration process.

The purpose of this pre-conference session is to promote transition from school to employment. The morning will focus on a person-centered planning tool, One-Page Description. This tool can be used in a variety of settings, including at school and on-the-job to assist youth and young adults in identifying their employment needs and accessing the support they need to be successfully employed. One-Page Descriptions are helpful to family members, caregivers, youth, young adults, educators and other professionals who support people who are looking for employment. Participants will have the opportunity to develop a One-Page Description during the session. The afternoon will focus on job seeking in 2011 and beyond. Presenters, including youth/young adults, employers, education system representatives and vocational rehabilitation staff will share information about the changing job market and how to prepare youth/young adults to find employment in this new, virtual world. Topics to be discussed include the use of social media, online job application, and the evolving job market. An opportunity for participants to discuss employment strategies and tools will be provided.

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