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| Date & Time: | 2/15/22 6:30 to 8:00 pm |
| Location: | Virtual Zoom Meet  |
| Attendance: | D. Perez, T. Acosta, M. Katz,A. Kubler |

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| Housekeeping | Tracy Acosta went over the rules of the group and introductions |  |  |  |
| Guest PresenterAdam Kubler,The Arc of New Jersey, Director of Project Hire.The presentation was on Planning for Transition: Why is it vital for our student’s future? | Mr. Kubler presented on steps that are beneficial to take during high school and after graduation in regards to working and/or vocational services.The Foundation is set during high school for the path to competitive, independent employment. This foundation helps develop skills, identity interests, seek experiences and network.Skills can be developed in school, teams, clubs, community or work.In NJ, it is required to have the IEP include a transition plan, at 16 or older that includes the student's interests, aptitudes, and future plans. IEP must also contain transition services and courses of study.Tips on creating a foundation are included in the handouts andon the website https://www.arcnj.org/programs/project-hire/project\_hire.htmlTransition programs should include development of skills used in the community.Community based assessments and activities are sometimes offered in school.Students are encouraged to apply with the Division of Rehabilitation Services while still in high school. More information can be found here <https://www.nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/>Pre Employment transition services may be available in addition to school transition services.After graduation, there is not one team, but resources in a variety of places to assist.Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)● Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)● Commision for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI)● Division of Disability Services (DDS)● Department of Children and Families - PerformCare, respite camps andbehavior services | Share info | All | Ongoing |
|  | **Available Resources**The Arc of New Jersey arcnj.orgThe Arc Family Institute thearcfamilyinstitute.orgDivision of Developmental Disabilities http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/index.htmlDivision of Vocational Rehabilitation Services https://www.nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/home/NJ Work Incentives Network Support njwins.orgStatewide Parent Advocacy Network, Inc. spanadvocacy.org\*\*\*\*Important\*\*\*\* The Arc Family institute can help with :* IEP Assistance
* Difficulty assessing services
* Special education
* Advocacy
* Support Groups
* And more

Please check out the website https://www.thearcfamilyinstitute.org/Adam Kubler, Director of Project Hire contact informationAdam Kubler - akubler@projecthire.biz - (732) 246-7605Slides were emailed to JTSEPAG contacts list.Email questions to Jtsepag@gmail.com |  |  |  |
| Next meeting | March 15, 2022 Assessing Resources and Natural Supports | send info spread word. | all | ongoing |

Submitted by: Michele Katz