


JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
 SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

Date & Time:	3/15/22 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Location:	Virtual Zoom Meet with Planning for Adult Life about Accessing Services And 'Natural Supports
Attendance:	D. Perez, T. Acosta, M. Katz, K. Heiner, J. Maseko

Topic	Discussion Summary	Actions	Responsible Party	Due Date
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Housekeeping	Tracy Acosta went over the rules of the group and introductions			
Guest Presenter Jerisa Maseko, The Arc of New Jersey, Director of Planning for Adult Life The presentation was on Planning for Transition: Identity services and Natural supports	Ms. Maseko presented on Assessing services Natural Supports. First form your Team DDD has a provider network on their website. Anyone that has a positive impact can be a natural support. Available are: Social Capital is who you know- Who you know. Ways to increase. Handout for 150 ideas for building social capital	Share info	All	Ongoing

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000000785/en-ca/files/homepage/150-things-you-can-do-to-build-social-capital/150Thingsyoucandotobuildsocialcapital.PDF>
Handout 40 developmental assets.
<https://www.search-institute.org/downloadable/Ann-Arbor-Handout-2.pdf>

Think about the people that are a part of your everyday life and how they can help your child.

Organizations- check them out and see how they can help

Gathering places- look at all of the different places in the community.
Public services

Advocacy services and Resources
Can be found on the
www.Planningforadulthood.com site

Parental involvement is important.

The meeting concluded with an activity
Think of team that is natural supports
Make a list and make sure that you have contact information for them.

Q and A session

Where to find pre employment skills. Schools should be doing so.
Request as part of IEP- this should be soft skills and self advocacy.

	<p>It is an entitlement for the school district to supply NJSAP- helps with transition and job readiness.</p> <p>Does Arc offer transitioning counseling? No, it is through school.</p> <p>After graduation, there is not one team, but resources in a variety of places to assist.</p> <p>Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) ● Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) ● Division of Disability Services (DDS) ● Department of Children and Families - PerformCare, respite camps and behavior services 			
	<p>Available Resources</p> <p>The Arc of New Jersey arcnj.org</p> <p>The Arc Family Institute thearcfamilyinstitute.org</p> <p>Division of Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/index.html</p> <p>Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services</p> <p>https://www.nj.gov/labor/career-se</p>			

	<p> ervices/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/home/ ****Important**** The Arc Family institute can help with : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IEP Assistance ● Difficulty assessing services ● Special education ● Advocacy ● Support Groups ● And more Please check out the website https://www.thearcfamilyinstitute.org/ </p> <p> Slides were emailed to JTSEPAG contacts list and are available upon request. Email questions to Jtsepag@gmail.com </p>			
Next meeting	April 12, 2022 Presenter from Bristow Center about Social Skills	send info spread word.	all	ongoing

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