Date: March 28, 2019
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Directors of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
Route To: Directors of Special Education, Child Study Team Supervisors
From: Carolyn Marano, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Student Services
Deadline: Registration is open and ongoing

Person-Centered Planning and Implementation for Families and Professionals

The New Jersey Department of Education’s (NJDOE) Office of Special Education, in partnership with the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, is sponsoring training on Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition (PCAST). The PCAST Project has a focus on improving the transition from school to adult life for students with disabilities. All person-centered approaches involve a discovery process that uses facilitated conversations and other methods to identify an individual’s strengths, goals and vision in order to develop strategies to provide supports and overcome barriers.

In response to the increased demand for this training, we have planned a two-day workshop for family members and professionals. Districts are encouraged to identify and invite family members to join their staff at the training. Participants will be trained on the use and facilitation of a person-centered planning process. Participants will learn fundamental skills, tools, and processes to implement person-centered approaches at school and home. These include methods for gathering, organizing, and presenting person-centered information as well as implementing strategies designed to improve post-school outcomes for students.

PCAST Details

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<td>June 3 and 4</td>
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<td>9 a.m. - 3 p.m.</td>
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Please submit registration requests online.

Note: Parent attendees will be offered a $100 stipend (one per family). Additional information will be provided at the training. Districts are encouraged to identify and invite parents to attend this special training offering. If you have questions regarding this training event, please contact Bob Haugh at (609) 376-3736 or email robert.haugh@doe.nj.gov.

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