

2013-2014
RIPIN Annual Events
SAVE THE DATE

**10th Annual College
Planning Forum**
(for parents of students with disabilities)

March 8, 2014
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Providence College - Moore Hall
549 River Avenue
Providence, RI 02918

For more information, contact
Diana Kriner at kriner@ripin.org or
(401) 270-0101, ext. 129

RIPIN's 2014 Partnership Conference

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Crowne Plaza, Warwick

More to come!

For more
information,
visit our
website at:
www.ripin.org

6th Annual Dare to Dream

Student Leadership Conference

May 21, 2014

University of Rhode Island

For more information,
contact Deb Golding at 222-5954

AGENDA

Friday, November 15, 2013

8:00–8:30 am Registration

8:30–9:00 am Welcome

9:00–10:15 am **OPENING SESSION—**

Parent Panel—Adult Services

10:30 - 11:45 am **SESSION 1**

A. *Making Action Plans*

(Carolyn Aspinwall)

B. *Alternatives to Guardianship*

(Kevin Nerny)

C. *Pathways to Adult Services -*

Part 1 (Deb Belanger)

D. Exhibitors

11:45 - 1:00 pm LUNCH (Advocates in Action)

1:00 - 2:15 pm **SESSION 2**

A. *Supporting Social & Emotional
Development* (Sue Constable)

B. *Pathways to Adult Services -*

Part 2 (Deb Belanger)

C. *Student Panel - Nancy Stevenin*

D. Exhibitors

2:15 - 2:30 pm **WRAP UP/RAFFLE**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

To register on-line, visit [www.RITAP.org/
mytransition](http://www.RITAP.org/mytransition)

For general information or to register by phone,
please call Anne Fartura at (401) 270-0101, ext. 176.

Transition 101 Parent Conference

*Introduction and Overview
of the Transition Process*

Friday, November 15, 2013

Sheraton Providence Airport Hotel

1850 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886

8:00 am—2:30pm

Lunch provided



Who Should Attend?

**Parents, Grandparents,
Guardians** of students with
disabilities ages 14–21

Transition 101 Parent Conference

*Introduction and Overview
of the Transition Process*



This **parent** conference is an introduction to the transition process in Rhode Island schools for families of students with disabilities ages 14-21 who are entering or involved in transition. This conference is FREE of charge, but pre-registration is required

Sponsors include:

RI Department of Education *Office of Community, Student & Academic Support* (OSCAS)

RI Regional Transition Centers

RI Parent Information Network (RIPIN)

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Communication / Access Requests: Individuals who need an interpreter or other auxiliary devices for effective participation are asked to make these needs and preferences known to Kelly McCorkle at (401) 270-0101 x177 by **no later than 10/28/13.**

About the Presenters

Advocates in Action Rhode Island is a Statewide Self-Advocacy organization. Our mission is to empower people who have a developmental disability to advocate for themselves and others, to support and strengthen the Self-Advocacy movement and to raise awareness about disability issues in the community.



"A society is best judged by the way it treats its most vulnerable members." - Anonymous

Best Judgment: Ladd School Lessons, is a feature-length documentary currently being produced by Advocates in Action RI. The film raises awareness about the stigma that is associated with having a disability. **Best Judgment** also brings a unique perspective, as it examines the history of the Joseph H. Ladd Center through the eyes of its former residents. AinARI will be sharing clips from their work in progress, followed by a panel discussion.

We would like to express our gratitude to Advocates in Action RI for sharing this very important work with us.

Here's what participants said about last year's conference ...

"The parents & presenters were very interesting and gave information and hope for my family with our own children!"

"The student panel is the best thing I've witnessed at pretty much any conference ever. Very inspiring and informative!"

"This was my first experience with Transition. It was excellent, informative, very helpful. I will recommend it to everyone."

"Thank you very much for doing this conference. My mind has changed (for the better) because of this!"

You'll leave this conference with:

- An increased understanding of the challenges and benefits of including children with emotional and behavioral challenges in the classroom.
- Steps in navigating the transition process from high school to adult life for students with disabilities.
- Understanding of the important role of self-advocacy in the life of our students with developmental disabilities.
- Options regarding decision-making alternatives as an adult .