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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: County Supervisors of Child Study, Directors of Special Education
From: Peggy McDonald, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Student Services
Deadline: February 10, 2020

Autism New Jersey's Transition Conference Scheduled for February 24

Autism New Jersey's [Transition Conference](#) will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the DoubleTree Newark Airport Hotel. It is focused exclusively on preparing teens across the autism spectrum to enter adulthood and the adult service system. Designed for parents and professionals supporting individuals aged 14 and older, all of the information and resources shared are scientifically validated to address the unique needs of these students.

Sixty exhibitors are expected, and workshop topics will include:

- The Importance of Independence and Interdependence
- Building Compliant and Effective Transition Plans
- Cultivating Business Partnerships to Provide Meaningful Work-Related Experiences
- Using Technology: Support for Promoting Independence and Quality of Life

Families, teachers, child study team members, related service providers, and administrators have all reported the benefits of this event. 2019 participants shared:

- *"It gave me insight into ideas to incorporate in my daily program for my soon-to-be graduates, as well as those just beginning the transition phase of their school years."*
- *"As an educational professional, I now feel more prepared to help my families better navigate the transition years."*

Registration is expected to sell out before the February 10 deadline. [Register online](#), or contact conference@autismnj.org or (609) 588-8200, ext. 10013 with any questions.

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