



Training Overview

“Family Advocacy Training”

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Introduction

More than ever, adults with disabilities are living full lives in their communities. Many are working in community-based jobs that pay minimum wage or more. Many are living independently. Many are directing their own decisions. Businesses are seeing the benefits of hiring people with disabilities too. It takes the support and dreams of families, though, to help youth grow from children to active, engaged adults.

As youth approach adulthood, there are a number of steps families need to take. Some of the decisions during this transition period can be hard. Families need access to information to make informed choices. Families also need information on what to advocate for on behalf of their child.

In this training, families will...

- See that their child with a disability can work
- Learn solutions to common barriers to having a job
- Describe their child’s strengths and abilities in a positive way
- Identify steps they can take now to support their child for life after high school

Training Description

The Family Advocacy training can be done two ways. Families can do the training online OR they can work with a Promise Family Advocate (see <https://promisewi.com/family-advocates> for more information) to get the information. The online training includes about one hour of listening time.

More about this training ►

The training is divided into three modules:

Module 1: Employment Planning for Families

- Creating a Positive Description of a Child with a Disabilities
- Identifying Interests, Transferrable Skills, and Ideal Conditions for Work

Module 2: Overcoming Barriers to Employment

- Education and Training
- Overcoming Employer Concerns
- Job Seeking and Job Supports
- Overcoming Transportation Barriers

Module 3: Transitioning to Adulthood

- School Information
 - o IEPs, Graduation, 18-21 year old Transition Programs
 - o Class Selection
 - o Meeting with School Guidance Counselors
 - o Dual Enrollment and Postsecondary Education
 - o Employment Goals with School
- Changes that Come with Adulthood
 - o Supported Decision Making/Guardianship
 - o Access to Health Care
 - o Advance Directives
 - o Age 18 Redetermination
- Community Resources
 - o Children's Long-Term Support
 - o Adult Long-Term Care

More Information

If you would like to participate in this training, have any questions, or want more information, please contact your Promise DVR Counselor.

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