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DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES
Township of Union Public Schools
M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M

TO: Greg Tatum
C: Julia Vicidomini, Diane Cappiello
FROM: Kim Conti 
RE: Board Agenda
DATE: June 28, 2019

Approve Planning for Adult Life/The ARC of New Jersey, Inc., 985 Livingston Avenue, North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902 to provide transitional educational classes for students and their families for the 2019-2020 school year, at no cost to the district, in accordance with the information in the hands of each Board member.



Achieve with us.

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Agreement for Services (HOW Series)

Union Township Board of Education, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ 07083, agrees to host *Planning for Adult Life*, 985 Livingston Ave, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, for transitional educational classes for students and parents within the Union Township Board of Education for the (2019-2020) school year.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to teach skills related to seven (7) core areas (Transition Planning/Visioning, Health/Behavioral Health, Housing, Legal/Financial, Social, Self-Direction, and Post-Secondary Education /Employment). The outcomes of participation in the program will provide students and their families with the experience, practice, and understanding the importance of creating a plan/vision for their life after they leave school. *Planning for Adult Life* includes step by step timelines, guides and other resources to assist students in making decisions on where they want to work, where they want to live, who they want to be socially, what legal decisions will they have to make, how to manage their finances, how to have a healthy lifestyle. This experience also gives them an opportunity to make informed decisions about present and future vocational goals.

Planning for Adult Life staff, in constant partnership and collaboration with the staff of Union Township School District will provide training, assistance, and counsel to the students and their parents/guardians in aforementioned core areas. These presentations will be held in several locations (TBD) throughout the region in partnership with Communities Helping Others in Creating Effective Solutions. (CHOICES)

The program has six goals for the students and families:

1. Students and their families will develop appropriate and effective transition plans that address their specific needs to successfully transition to adult life
 2. Students and their families will be able to effectively navigate service systems and access benefits and supports in all core areas.
 3. Students and their families will effectively engage with and access support and service systems
 4. Students and their families will make appropriate futures planning decisions
 5. Students and their families will plan for post-secondary goals that include employment
 6. Students and their families will develop skills to assist them in forming positive social relationships and networks outside of school
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Hands On Workshop Series (HOW Series) - How Series are designed to offer students with I/DD and their family members an opportunity to learn by doing activities that help build a student's plan for when they leave school. We especially encourage students to attend and participate in the hand on experience. Families will learn about the world of employment, including career exploration, how to access services and supports in the adult service system, guardianship matters, financial issues etc...

ADMINISTRATION

The contact person for this agreement at **Union Township Board of Education** is **Sarah McCulloh**; her telephone number is 908-851-4431. The contact person for this agreement for **Planning for Adult Life** is **Jerisa Chiumbu-Maseko**, Director. Her telephone number is (732) 828-0972. The Program Director will be presenting the HOW Series. **Planning For Adult Life** will ensure to the District that the Director has had a criminal history background check and that said check indicates that no criminal history record information exists on file in either the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the State Bureau of Identification which would disqualify said employee from employment.

No additions or deletions to any part of this agreement can be made without the consent and authorization of **Kim Conti**-Director of Special Services of **Union Township Board of Education** and **Jerisa Chiumbu-Maseko, Director of Planning for Adult Life**.

This program will be offered free of charge through **Planning for Adult Life** a program conducted and developed in partnership with **The Arc of New Jersey** with funding from the **New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities**.



Jerisa Chiumbu-Maseko
Director
Planning for Adult Life
5/29/19

Date

Board Administrator
Union Township Board of Education

Date