

West Milford Public Schools
Office of Special Services

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (S.E.P.A.C.)

January 17, 2024

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Items from the Director of Special Services- Dr. Derek Ressa

- Community Personal Services (CPS) Presentation
 - [Community Personal Services \(CPS\)](#).
 - [CPS brochure](#)
 - [WHO IS CPS AND WHAT DO WE DO-Show](#)
 - [SEPAC Meeting Presentation CPS - January 17, 2024.mp4](#)
 - DDD eligibility is based upon a variety of factors
 - Families must be signed up for Medicaid
 - NJ Family Care needs to be filled out annually
 - DVRS and CVBI are options for life
 - DVRS has expanded to include trial work experiences (agencies do trial work experiences where the individual can trial jobs) eligibility is based on parent's income
 - CBVI provides services for students with visual impairments. It is important to get a commitment from the CBVI transition coordinator
 - RISE program
 - DDD can receive eligibility earlier but will not receive money or services until age 21
 - 6 - 8 months before the student turns 18 an application needs to be completed for DDD
 - Access Link - students are eligible for transportation starting at age 5. There is a meet up location.
 - Accommodations can be given at the DMV for the driving test
 - Non-drivers ID can be given through DMV for \$7 for an ID
 - New programs are opening up through the colleges
 - You can have your doctor state the disability and document why public transportation is not feasible for the person (cognitively, safety)
 - Any monetary gift that is given to a child is considered an asset. Everything under the social security number is tracked. Do not keep money in their name (no more than \$2,000)
 - Money could be set up in a special needs trust
 - They can look back 5 years

- Students should practice their interviewing skills, focusing on what to do, resume is important
- Areas of interest are built on sampling in many different places
- Stamina needs to be up to 4 hours
- Don't get stuck on one career path
- They need to be open to soft skills, listening to a boss, multitasking,
- You can have accommodations for your job, but not a modification to the job itself
- January 16 Professional Development Nurtured Heart postponed
- Realtime Updates
 - IEP Archive
- [ESY 2024](#)
- Resources
 - [Statewide Parent Advocacy Network \(SPAN\) Family Literacy Event \(In Person and Online\) to Help Families Improve Early Reading at Home](#)

Items from the S.E.P.A.C. Chairperson- Caitlyn Babcock

- Follow-ups:
 - CST Protocols
 - Sensory Reading Program
 - Foreign Language Alternate
 - Kindergarten Inclusion - ICR model (not just specials)
 - Out of District Inclusion of Activities
- Hiring VP for Highlander
- PK Climb training for All Staff and Administian
- Budget
 - Macopin Programs (CLIMB)
 - Preschools
 - Fence (PK)
 - ESY
 - Etc
- Separate Committee for Education
- Cove