

Community Events

Best Buddies Friendship Walk



Eanes ISD is proud to be hosting Central Texas' **FIRST Annual Best Buddies Friendship Walk** and we want YOU to be a part of it!

This will be a fun-filled day with live music, performances, vendors, food, and more!

You can register for the walk and donate to **TEAM EANES** here. We also need volunteers, so if you are able, sign up here. Want to help, but not able to join us? You can purchase a Best Buddies Inclusion Lives Here t-shirt to support our mission!

When: Saturday, May 7th from 10 am - 3 pm

Where: Chaparral Stadium

Who: EVERYONE!

Let's Get to Work!

Did you know **Best Buddies** recently opened an office here in Austin? Did you also know Best Buddies does more than pair students with intellectual and developmental disabilities with non-disabled peers?

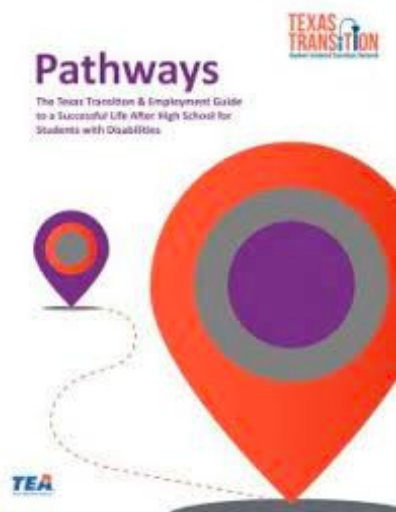
Best Buddies Jobs partners with local businesses to provide job opportunities for those with disabilities in their fields of interest. Additional supports provided include:

- an assigned Employment Consultant
- job matching
- resume writing
- interview skills
- job orientation
- and more!

For more info on Best Buddies Jobs, see their website [here](#).

Transition Planning is Only for High School Students, Right?!

This year, the Texas Education Agency released a new-and-improved **Texas Transition and Employment Guide**. It is chock-full of useful information related to Transition Planning, questions to ask at your child's ARD meeting, and even interactive checklists of skills and activities that should be considered at every age group!



In last month's newsletter, we highlighted the elementary checklist. We want to pass along the **middle school checklist** this month. Here it is! Happy planning!



Did You Know?

More and more colleges and universities around the country are developing College Experience programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students in these programs aren't working on degrees; instead, they are receiving additional instruction vocational and independent living skills, often while auditing some college courses and living on-campus with support. Are you interested in learning more about college experience programs? We've put together a hand list of these **Texas College Experience Programs** so you can learn more and find the one that's right for your child.

Transition Events

The **ARC of the Capital Area**, along with **Candlelight Ranch**, are hosting their **FIRST** annual **Transition Fair**. This free event will help to connect individuals with disabilities to organizations and networking opportunities. Some of the topics that will be addressed are: Benefits, Alternatives to Guardianship, and Post-Secondary Opportunities. Don't miss this opportunity to gain some practical knowledge and tour beautiful Candlelight Ranch!



When: April 23, 2022

10:00am-3:00pm

Where: Candlelight Ranch

6408 Muleshoe Bend Trail

Marble Falls, TX 78654

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AIM--Adults Independent and Motivated-- is a local non-profit organization of parents and volunteers who collectively work to ensure adults with disabilities have the supports they need to live and work independently. They are hosting a **Visit AIM** day for parents who would like to learn more about this incredible support on May 1st. RSVPs are required for this event. Learn more through their flier here and RSVP using their Google form here.