

# Preparing for Life After High School

## *A Transition Webinar Series*

We are pleased to host a series of evening webinars that address topics of importance when students are preparing to leave high school and enter adulthood. Webinars are led by local experts in their respective fields.

**When:** 2025-2026, Various dates

Start time: 7 p.m.

**Where:** Online – Zoom meeting

**Who:** All Are Welcome

**Cost:** Free

**Pre-registration is required.**

For information on how to register and attend these live events, go to: [www.nassauboces.org/transitionwebinars](http://www.nassauboces.org/transitionwebinars).

There you will find a brief description of each webinar as well as the link you will need to join each event. We invite you to attend as many webinars as you would like.

### Upcoming Topics & Dates:

**OPWDD Supports & Services**

November 12, 2025

**Self-Direction Overview**

December 3, 2025

**Overview of Legal Issues:  
 Guardianship & Estate Planning**

January 14, 2026

**College Planning**

January 28, 2026

**Medicaid, SSI & SSD**

February 25, 2026

**Pathways to Graduation**

March 18, 2026

**ACCES-VR**

March 31, 2026

**Supporting Self Advocacy**

April 22, 2026

**Educational Records Organization**

May 13, 2026

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## 2025-2026 Nassau BOCES Department of Special Education Preparing for Life After High School: A Transition Webinar Series

### Transition Webinar Seminars:

The webinars listed below are on topics that are important as students prepare to leave school and enter adulthood. Review the descriptions to see which ones relate best to your child. You may attend as many webinars as you choose. All webinars will begin at 7 p.m. and will run for about 45 minutes. Pre-registration is required. Please click on the Zoom link for the webinar(s) you are interested in attending and complete the simple registration process. Prior to the webinar, please visit Zoom.us and download Zoom onto your computer. Visit [www.nassauboces.org/transitionwebinars](http://www.nassauboces.org/transitionwebinars) for more information about registration.

Date/Time	Webinar Topic	Presenter	Description
Wednesday, 11/12/25 7 p.m.	OPWDD Supports & Services  Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/884188416414">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/884188416414</a> Webinar ID: 891 8841 6414	<b>Dorothea Daniels,</b> LI Regional Coordinator <i>Parent to Parent</i>	A review of the process of applying for OPWDD eligibility, what the Front Door is, and a brief overview of what to expect after the Front Door.
Wednesday, 12/3/25 7 p.m.	Self-Direction Overview  Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88588636342">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88588636342</a> Webinar ID: 885 8863 6342	<b>Minette Sherman,</b> Assistant Director of Broker Services <i>Independent Support Services, Inc.</i>	The presentation will explore the flexibility and benefits of Self-Direction, showing how individuals can take control of their future. The session will highlight successful Self-Direction stories and review how to navigate the process of obtaining these services. A Q&A to clarify any doubts and help determine if Self-Direction is suitable for your family's needs will also be offered.
Wednesday, 1/14/26 7 p.m.	Overview of Legal Issues: Guardianship & Estate Planning  Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89372740041">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89372740041</a> Webinar ID: 893 7274 0041	<b>Andrew Cohen, Esq.,</b> <i>Principal of the Law Offices of Andrew M. Cohen</i> <b>Mitch Weisbrod,</b> Special Care Planner	A review of how to legally and financially protect individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Topics include guardianship wills, and special needs trusts.
Wednesday, 1/28/26 7 p.m.	College Planning: Services for Students with Disabilities  Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81241138658">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81241138658</a> Webinar ID: 812 4113 8658	<b>Gina Esposito-Sales,</b> <i>Counselor Center for Students with Disabilities,</i> Nassau Community College <b>Catherine Lewis,</b> <i>Counselor Center for Students with Disabilities,</i> Nassau Community College	A review of how students entering college may access accommodations there and will highlight issues that affect the decision to do so as well as other aspects of college life.
Wednesday, 2/25/26 7 p.m.	Medicaid, SSI & SSD  Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87074830234">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87074830234</a> Webinar ID: 870 7483 0234	<b>Tom Schinkel</b> Assistant Director of Benefits & Entitlements <i>Care Design, New York</i>	A review of requirements for eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability and the difference between SSI and SSD.
Wednesday, 3/18/26 7 p.m.	Pathways to Graduation  Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89854779918">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89854779918</a> Webinar ID: 898 5477 9918	<b>Kenneth Anderson, MS Ed, CRC;</b> <b>Kristen Gaglio, MS Ed, BSSW;</b> <b>Christian Horn, MS Ed,</b> Transition Specialists <i>Long Island Regional Partnership Center for Community Inclusion, Long Island University</i>	A review of the multiple safety net options available to students with IEP's to achieve a local or Regents diploma, including the Superintendents Determination, and how CDOs' Credential requirements relate to this option.
Tuesday, 3/31/26 7 p.m.	ACCES-VR  Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83943620986">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83943620986</a> Webinar ID: 839 4362 0986	<b>David Comunale, CRC,</b> Director of Counseling <i>Adult Career &amp; Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR)</i>	A review of how ACCES-VR assists people with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment and support independent living, through training, education, rehabilitation and career development.
Wednesday, 4/22/26 7 p.m.	Supporting Self-Advocacy  Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87252252394">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87252252394</a> Webinar ID: 872 5225 2394	<b>Martisol Getchius</b> SANNYS Long Island Regional Organizer, <b>Michelle Flood</b> SANNYS Long Island Regional Coordinator <i>The Self Advocacy Association of New York State (SANNYS)</i>	The Self Advocacy Association of New York State (SANNYS) is a statewide, not-for-profit organization run by and for people with developmental disabilities. They will provide an overview of why and how to support self-advocacy within your families, schools, and communities. One of SANNYS' main goals is to increase the choices that people have to live, work, and participate in their communities.
Wednesday, 5/13/2026 7 p.m.	Educational Records Organization  Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84725874203">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84725874203</a> Webinar ID: 847 2587 4203	<b>Dorothea Daniels,</b> LI Regional Coordinator, <b>Brianna Walsh,</b> LI Regional Coordinator, <i>Parent to Parent</i>	This workshop will assist families in becoming more organized in the planning of their child's education. Ideas and tips will be offered to keep IEP's and important information readily available.