

2021 VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Educational Opportunities for Students with Disabilities

This free virtual conference is designed for students with disabilities, age 14 and older, parents, caregivers, and professionals to explore the landscape of post-secondary education and lifelong learning.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 & 23
9AM - 12:30PM
VIA ZOOM**

Registration required: [**Click here to register**](#)

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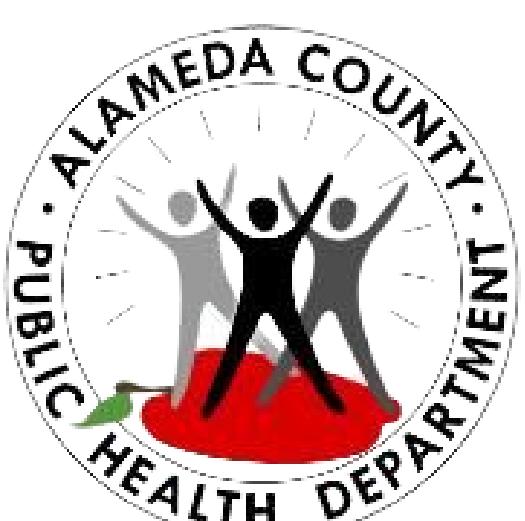
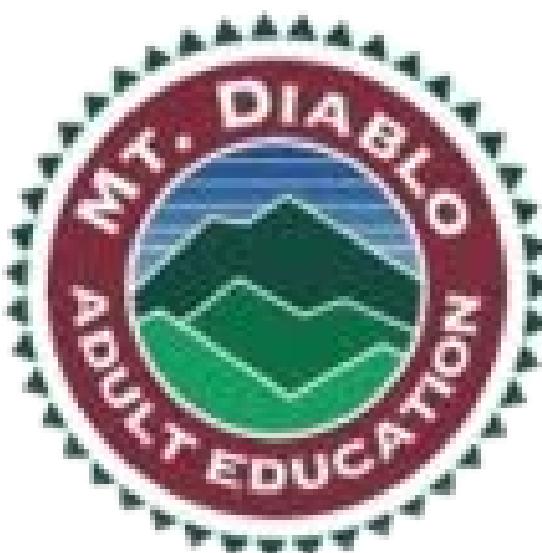
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SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS

Presentations are 90 minutes including time for questions

October 16

9am - 9:15am: Welcome and keynote by Hoang-An & Lisa Huynh

9:20am - 10:50am: Transition Planning

Presenter: Cheryl Theis, Education Advocate at Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DRED)

Many youth leave public school uncertain about future education options and/or feeling unprepared for taking the next steps in their educational journey. This workshop focuses on how to use the IEP process effectively for youth with disabilities still in public school (regardless of whether they are on a diploma or certificate track). You will learn about transition planning, the importance of working with the IEP team, and ideas for goal areas and services that will help a student be prepared for future educational opportunities.

11am - 12:30pm: Adult Education

Presenter: Karen Lingenfelter, Program Coordinator at Mt. Diablo Adult Education

There are more than 25 community-based K-12 Adult Education schools in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. These schools offer a variety of academic and career training programs that can help all students, including those with disabilities prepare for employment. Learn about program options for your adult child and how these schools partner with local businesses and community colleges to help students gain the skills and knowledge they need to have productive and successful lives.

October 23

9:00am - 10:40am: Can Students with Intellectual Disabilities Go to College? YES!!

Presenters: Julie Paulson, Professor at San Francisco State University and Beth Foraker, Co-Director at UC Davis Redwood SEED Scholars Program

Representatives from San Francisco State University and UC Davis will provide an overview of their inclusive college programs for students with intellectual disabilities. They will share background on Think College and will share the best ways to prepare your students with intellectual disabilities for inclusive college programs.

10:50am - 12:20pm: Going to College: Students' Perspectives

Presenters: Eyan Gilder, Valerie Huizar, Hoang-An Huynh, Alva Gardner, and Sam Cohen

Transitioning from high school to college is a challenging yet rewarding phase in an adolescent's life since they are given the space to practice self-reliance. For students with disabilities, going to college means having to independently find supports and accommodations, which can be difficult to navigate. Learn about the college application process, attending college away from home, and graduating college from real students.