



## Steps to a Successful Career: An Interactive Forum on Planning, Policy, Placement and Career Readiness

For Special Olympics Athletes Ages 18 and Over and Family Members/Guardians of Athletes of All Ages

**Special Olympics New Jersey Sports Complex**  
Eunice Kennedy Shriver Conference Center  
1 Eunice Kennedy Shriver Way  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

**8:45 a.m. Registration**

**9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Program Sessions • 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Discussion**

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**by February 13, 2015**

**Spaces are limited. Register soon!**

In its second year, The Career Forum is beneficial to athletes in all stages of post-secondary and career discovery - from those who are job sampling in or after high school, to active job seekers, to those who are working and looking for career advancement. Breakout sessions for athletes will cover skills for interviews and resolving potential conflicts with co-workers, and how to address other common issues in the workplace. Athletes will work with an outstanding group of trained mentors in large and small interactive sessions. Athletes will practice and learn skills through role playing and feedback from peers and mentors.

**Moderator: Dr. Dan Baker, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, Rutgers RWJ Medical School. A NJ APSE Board Member.**

### ***Programs for Family Members:***

- **Jennifer Joyce, Director of Employment, Transition, and Day Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, NJ Department of Human Services:** “The Division of Developmental Disabilities: An Overview of the System Reform & Employment First.” The Division of Developmental Disabilities is in the midst of system reformation that includes shifting to a Medicaid-based fee for service model and continuing to implement the Employment First initiative. This presentation will provide an overview of the changes at DDD as well as information about how DDD is working to ensure that competitive employment in the general workforce is the first and preferred post-education outcome for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Alice Hunnicutt (Tentative), Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development:** “Opening Doors to the Future: Discover DVRS.” This presentation provides an overview of the new changes to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) signed into law in July 2014, and the process for students in transition to link with DVRS.

***Programs for Athletes:*** Katelynn Collick, Director, Training and Consultation Services, The Arc of New Jersey: “Preparation for Interview”. Interactive learning sessions in small groups of four athletes with one mentor. Role playing and mock interviews, followed by feedback from peers and mentors.

### ***Programs for All:***

A panel of three Special Olympics athletes in the workforce will share stories about their journeys to the workplace. The session includes short videos on employment and community-based instruction, conversation with state and supported-employment professionals, panelists, and families before and during lunch, along with many resources and handouts from State agencies and supported-employment providers.

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