



# TRANSITION CONFERENCE



**ARE QUESTIONS WEIGHING YOU DOWN? WE  
CAN HELP WITH ANSWERS AS YOU DISCOVER  
YOUR PATH.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018**

**9:00AM - 12:00PM**

**BEST WESTERN HOTEL**

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**29 HANCOCK STREET**

**QUINCY, MA 02171**



# Brennan Srisirikul

Actor | Singer | Speaker

*Born in Bangkok, Thailand, Brennan is a singer, actor and motivational speaker. He also happens to be in a wheelchair. Theatre: Pillowman, Breaking the Code and Titanic, the Musical. Recordings: "No Time at All/Ensemble (The New Broadway Cast Recording of Pippin. Film: Yuna's Lunch. Music Videos: Stick and Stone from Polkadots: the Cool Kids Musical (Atlantic Theatre Co. /Sony MasterWorks). Brennan is a graduate of Rhode Island College with a B.A. in Theatre, concentrating in Musical Theatre. Brennan brought his one-man show/cabaret In My Own Little Corner to audiences at the Ocean State Theatre Co, the Courthouse Center for the Arts, the University of Rhode Island, and the Metropolitan Room in New York City. As a motivational speaker, he has spoken at numerous conferences, spanning as far as Honolulu, Hawaii. He was the keynote speaker at the Massachusetts Federation for Children with Special Needs: Visions of Community conference. He has also spoken at the Northampton and Rhode Island PRIDE festivals. He is proud to be an advocate for diversity, equality and inclusion. For more information and booking, visit [www.brennansrisirikul.com](http://www.brennansrisirikul.com).*

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**Session One**  
**10:00am – 10:50am**

**1. Transition**

**Julie Higgins & Maura Geary, Evelise L.Pereira, Service Coordinators:**  
**Department of Developmental Services**

Discuss the transition process from school to adult services including the 688 referral process, DDS Adult Eligibility and the range of adult services offered by DDS when an individual's education serviced end.

**2. Adult Family Care**

**Kathy Ford, RN, Program Director: South Shore Support Services**

Adult Family Care is a Mass Health funded residential option, which offers an opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities to live with a host family in their own community. It is a family-centered living option that provides assistance with personal care and activities of daily living. As individuals, people's needs may vary, but living in a supportive home, as an active and contributing member of a family is the common goal.

**3. Guardianship**

**Rachel M. Wassel, Attorney at Law: Rachel M Wassel Law Office**

Mainly, I was going to discuss estate planning for families affected by special needs, Overview of basic estate plan documents and supplemental needs trusts. Selecting successor trustees, educating other family members, such as grandparents' Equal distributions verses needs-based distributions to children Creation and preservation of assets to fund an estate plan.  
Transitioning- whether full guardianship or limited guardianship is appropriate (verses health care proxies and powers of attorney).

**4. G.E.D Program**

**Laurel Hickey, Program Director: Launch community based vocational and life skill training.**

She is currently working with educational institutions such as Quincy College and Well Spring to assist individuals in obtaining their High School equivalency or work towards a degree. Obtaining higher education will help to increase the chances of your lifetime job or desired vocation.

**5. Transition and Self-Advocacy**

**Brennan Srisirikul, Keynote Speaker**

He will discuss transition, inclusion, and self advocacy. We will further explore the human condition and how we, as both disabled people and our support system, can support one another as we get up every day and try to live our best lives.

**Session Two**  
**11:00am 11:50am**

**6. Key Component -Writing the Transition Plan in the IEP**

**Marjorie Walsh, Special Education Advocate: Center for Children Special Needs of MA**

The starting point for transition planning is a youth's Measurable Post- Secondary Goals; specific statements of what a youth wants to achieve after high school. These goals are based on their interests, preferences and strengths.

**7. Benefits of Applied Behavior Analysis Services**

**Adam Clark: Coastal ABA**

He works with young adults with Autism transitioning out of public school and into adulthood. Topics will include a discussion of important skills young adults with Autism may need as they transition into adulthood, how ABA is crucial in training skills necessary for independence, discussion of the Act Relative to Insurance Coverage for individuals with Autism (ARICA) and how this law impacts ABA services for young adults with Autism.

**8. Self-Directed Services - Take Control of Your Future**

**Ed Wilson Regional Manager Southeast Region for the DDS**

Individuals and their family can determine their vision and strive to achieve it by creating their own individualized supports. Ed Wilson the Regional Manager for Self-Directed Services in the Southeast Region for the Department of Developmental Services will provide an overview of Self-Directed services as well as traditional service options. Please come and hear about these innovative services that support people in living ordinary lives filled with purpose and meaning.

**9. A walk with Autism Our journey through Transition into young adulthood**

**Laurie McGrath R.N.**

Join us while I share our son's journey to date through transition into young adult hood. A summary of his path followed by an open discussion sharing tips; strategies and resources. Networking is the best way to find out information and to gain support from people who understand your challenges and get it!

**10. Section 8 Housing**

**John Labella, President: Housingworks.net**

The when's, where's, and how's of applying for Section 8 Housing benefits. These questions and others will be answered. An important step in the transitional process.

## Registration Form

Registration is \$20.00 per person. The last day to register is April 7, 2018. Your registration includes a continental breakfast and a USB Flash Drive with the contact information and presentations of all the roundtable presenters. Limited scholarships are available upon request. Please contact 781-331-7878 ext.11 for more information.

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### ***Roundtable Discussions***

*Please circle one from each session*

*Session One: 01 02 03 04 05*

*Session Two: 06 07 08 09 10*

*Mail registration form and payment to:*

*South Shore Support Services  
Attn. Transition Conference  
435 Columbian Street  
Weymouth, MA 02190*

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8:15am –9:00am

Keynote Speakers:

9:05am -9:45am

Break/Exhibits/Networking

9:45am -9:55am

Workshop Session 1

10:00am -10:50am

Break

10:50am -11:00am

Workshop Session 2

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Wrap-up Session

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*Supporting Individuals to  
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