The conference “Life Stories: Let Us Help You Write Yours” will host speakers from multiple agencies to help families and professionals plan transitions for young adults with special needs. This Transition Summit will be packed with information and strategies for individuals with special needs, families, teachers and other professionals regarding transition from post-secondary education to the next chapter in life. Conference tracks will include College Planning, Vocational and Career Planning, Supported and Independent Living and Mental Health and Community Supports. The summit format will feature panel discussions followed by breakout sessions to provide a more in-depth description of services and opportunities.

Registration link: https://bit.ly/2AM2wp6
Empowering Saturday: Workshops, Sibshops, Respite and Steps for Autism. Saturday September 15, 2018 10 am to 3 pm

Saturday, September 15, 2018, EPRC is hosting a huge event. Empowering Saturday will include a Parent Workshop, Sibshops and EPRC respite followed by the annual Steps for Autism event. The workshop will feature two regional speakers from Project 10 and Parents of the Panhandle Information Network. They will be presenting transition basics that will affect children with disabilities from 9th grade through the completion of high school. Topics included are new Special Education laws, the focus of study in the high school years and the supports needed by children with disabilities to learn skills to one day enter the workforce, attend college and connect with community supports. This is a great workshop for parents to help navigate through the next four years of high school for their child. The workshop is scheduled from 10 am to 12 pm. We will break for lunch with food trucks on site, then Steps for Autism will begin at 1 pm. We are proud to offer this major event for our families in the Panhandle with children who have special needs!

Pre-registration is required

Workshops will begin at 10:00 am. Food trucks in the courtyard at 12 noon. Steps for Autism Event begins at 1 pm

Register through our Project Empower web site at

https://www.projectempowernwfl.org/event/empowering-saturday/
The Empowerment Parent Resource Center is excited to announce the launch of our EPRC Parent resource directory. Parents can now access resources needed specific to their family’s or loved one’s needs directly online or on a smartphone or tablet. Parents can connect directly with services and information in the Panhandle designed for families with special needs. Area agencies and community partners are listed on the site. We have Resource Specialists on hand to help parents find the right type of assistance, even for the most difficult of situations. Our calendar of events is also a part of the EPRC website. We have links to free trainings available on our Empowerment Parent Resource Center Facebook page. Here you will find a collection of multiple resource trainings presented by agencies such as the Family Network on Disabilities. These are free to parents and available any time they have time. If you are a community partner and would like to be listed on the site please contact Jim Howard at Eprc.nwfl@gmail.com and add “EPRC resource” in the subject line.

Visit our Website at www.projectempowernwfl.org
**EPRC helps link families to resources.**

The team at the Empowerment PRC has been reaching out to families to help link to resources in the community. We can help you and your family with connections in the community and local Panhandle events that are friendly to our families and shared on our FACEBOOK page. Please like and share this local resource page with others in the community at *Empowerment Parent Resource Center* on Facebook. If we can help your family link to resources on a state and local level, please let us know.

Questions, Comments, need resources and information
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