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Dear Potential Business Partner,

The Transition Resource Network, led by Strafford Learning Center, is excited to begin offering a series of lessons, workshops and events geared towards students in the seacoast region with disabilities ages 16-21 who are preparing for life after high school. These will be held throughout Rockingham and Strafford counties in the coming year, and will provide generalized transition education for participating students. These services include job exploration counseling, work-readiness and work-based learning education, information on post-secondary options, and instruction in self-advocacy skills.

These services are being offered as a result of the reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). With this new legislation, New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation must offer Pre-Employment Transition Services to students with disabilities. Strafford Learning Center has been selected to lead these efforts in the Vocational Rehabilitation Portsmouth Region's catchment area.

Students who take part in these activities will gain valuable knowledge about different aspects of transition to life after high school, and will have opportunities to connect with additional services and supports. We'd like to invite you to collaborate with us in this endeavor. Your collaboration will be greatly appreciated by not only Strafford Learning Center, but also by the students who will benefit from your participation. Thank you for your time, commitment and dedication to helping us build the future workforce! Please contact us with any questions at 692-4411.

Sincerely,

Heidi Wyman
Project Manager

Amy Cook
Transition Services Coordinator

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Seeking Business Partners for two Work Readiness Interview Events

Two Work Readiness Interview Events are being coordinated by Strafford Learning Center in its role as the lead agency for the WIOA Pre-Employment Transition Services funds provided by NH Vocational Rehabilitation for the Portsmouth Regional Office catchment area. The Events—one in Rockingham County and one in Strafford County--will provide a professional one-on-one opportunity for students to practice their interview and resume writing skills with a member of the local business community. Strafford Learning Center is bringing together students and staff from 6-7 high schools, 20-25 local Business Partners, and Vocational Rehabilitation under one roof to participate in this multi-faceted event! Students will have an opportunity to participate in 1-2 mock interviews with local Business Partners and get immediate feedback on their performance. Students will also attend three mini-workshops to learn tips about resume writing, where job opportunities will be readily available in the future, and tips on how to dress appropriately for interviews. Students will also have opportunities to browse Information Tables hosted by local Business Partners where they can learn about the businesses or career fields. A light lunch will be provided for all in attendance—students and Business Partners.

Please join us! Participate in one event or both!

Assist with mock interviews, host an Info Table highlighting your business & career, or do both!

Dates & Locations of Events

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Great Bay Community College, 320 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, NH

Friday, May 19, 2017

Frisbie Memorial Hospital Conference & Education Center, 11 Whitehall Road, Rochester, NH.

For both events:

- **9am-1pm** (students will arrive to check in at 8:30am)
- Mock interviews will consist of 15 minutes interviewing, 5-10 minutes feedback.
- Mock interviews will take place throughout day 9am-1pm. Interviewers will have scheduled breaks.
- Lunch will be provided to all Interviewers and Business Info Table hosts.
- Students will be scheduled to browse Info Tables from 10am-1pm.
- 60-70 students + their high school staff will be invited to each event.
- The focus of the event is to provide students with information and practice to help them be successful in the future!
- Please express your interest to participate to: Amy Cook, Strafford Learning Center, (603) 692-4411 or acook@slc.k12.nh.us .