

## **SECAC Meeting – October 4, 2018**

7:00pm to 8:30pm / McFaul Activity Center in Bel Air, MD

**TOPIC:** Services available through DORS for transitioning youth

**Speaker:** Jan Stauffer, Rehabilitation Counselor for DORS (Dept of Rehabilitative Services)

- **DORS** offers **Pre-Employment Services** (Pre-ETS) that helps transitioning youth “get ready to get a job.” Pre-ETS is for students at least 14 years old and no more than 21. There is an application that must be completed and submitted along with documentation.  
Website: [www.DORS.maryland.gov](http://www.DORS.maryland.gov)
- Job exploration counseling  
(what does person do well, what do they like, what do they not like)
- Work Employment Services  
(learn to be an employee and learn how to interact with other people in a work environment)
- Counseling for Transition Services  
(instruction in self-advocacy, such as, “how do I access accommodations without disclosing a disability”)
- At school, parents can ask their TRI (Transition Resource Itinerant) to include DORS in the child’s transition plan
- Job training starts at home. Suggestions – assign chores, have child do things by themselves  
\*\* It is important to foster independence to whatever level they can achieve.
- **Vocational Rehabilitation** (VR) services are offered for adults and students beginning in their next to last year of high school.

**WEBSITE:** [www.DORS.maryland.gov](http://www.DORS.maryland.gov)

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

- Application deadline for LISS funds is October 31, 2018.
- New Superintendent of HCPS, Dr. Sean Bulson  
Listen & Learn Tour (dates and locations listed on [hcps.org](http://hcps.org))  
- parents are invited to share feedback and suggestions

***Next SECAC Meeting: November 1, 2018***

***Topic: Partners for Success and other Community Supports***

**NOTE:** The November meeting will be held at the Partners for Success Center located at Roye-Williams Elementary, 201 Oakington Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078