



Florida Department of Education



Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

## FREE Regional Training provided by PEPSA in Marion County

### TRANSITION SERVICES 101: Helping Students Plan for their Adult Lives

Dr. Colleen A. Thoma and Christina Bartholomew

December 4, 2007  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Registration begins at 8:30am

Marion County Public Library  
2720 East Silver Springs Blvd  
Ocala, FL 34470

This workshop is organized to provide a framework for teachers to follow as they consider ways to improve transition planning for students with disabilities. The basics of transition planning will be covered, beginning with an overview of Kohler's Taxonomy for Transition Planning (1996) and continuing through to an updated understanding of transition planning in our era of academic standards and accountability.

*Dr. Colleen Thoma is an Associate Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University and has been conducting research in the area of transition planning for students with disabilities, and particularly student self-determination throughout the process, for over 12 years. She has published research-based articles, book chapters, and co-authored a book with Dr. Caren Sax on Transition Assessment. Her latest books, still in production, focus on student-led IEP development and the application of universal design for learning to the transition planning process. Dr. Thoma serves as president of the Division on Career Development and Transition, the professional organization that focuses on transition and secondary education.*

*Ms. Bartholomew is a doctoral candidate at Virginia Commonwealth University, working with Dr. Thoma. She has taught classes on secondary education and transition services, as well as conducted teacher workshops and professional presentations on the subject. She is currently conducting her dissertation research on teacher perceptions of supports and barriers to promoting student self-determination in high schools.*

#### DIRECTIONS FROM I-75:

Take the US-27 S exit- EXIT 354- toward OCALA. Turn LEFT onto US-27 S. Turn RIGHT onto US-27 S. Continue to follow US-27 S. Turn LEFT onto W SILVER SPRINGS BLVD. End at Marion County Public Library: 2720 E Silver Springs Blvd

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Be sure to contact your ESE District Staff or Staff Development Contact to determine the process for receiving in-service points.

### Registration Information

**REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY.....DEADLINE: November 30, 2007**

**Registration is limited to the first 100 people**

Register online at [www.doepartnership.org/training.asp](http://www.doepartnership.org/training.asp)

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