

Family Transition Workshop

**Presented by: Pam Kissoondyal, Family Engagement Coordinator,
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Hosted by: UF-Gainesville CARD

About the Presenter

Pam Kissoondyal enjoys her job as a family engagement coordinator, working with families who have children with special needs including deaf-blindness. Pam partners with agencies and professionals in related fields. She has presented on a variety of disability-related topics at local, regional, state, national and international conferences, including keynote presentations. As a collaborative partner with other deaf-blind programs, Pam serves as a mentor and facilitator on several activities to enrich and enhance family engagement. Her first-hand experience of parenting a child with special needs makes an easy transition into the shoes of a sympathetic and empathetic guide to help parents navigating complex and stressful situations. Familiarity and experience with multiple community programs and organizations for families with special needs children is an added bonus when working with families. Pam also loves to learn! She continues her education by attending conferences and webinars on topics with family-centered/partnership approaches. She has received training in the INSITE, SKI-HI and VIISA models and is a Florida Partners in Policymaking graduate. Pam is also a certified infant massage teacher, certified life coach and certified success principle trainer.

Training Description

Target Audience: Parents/Caregivers & Educators

This presentation focuses on exploring ways to be successful for young adults who are on the non-traditional path following high school graduation (i.e., young adults with severe/multiple disabilities, deaf-blindness). Using a person-centered approach toward futures planning, participants will discover purposeful, meaningful and enjoyable activities that build on the strengths, skills and talents of their young adult children. A panel of representatives from state agencies will discuss services for young adults. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Identify the components of person-centered planning.
- Identify local sources of support for their child's future.
- Develop action steps toward building a personal futures plan for their child.

Date:

May 10, 2019

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Location:

UF CARD Office, East Campus
2046 NE Waldo Rd. Suite 3200
Gainesville, FL 32609

Registration Deadline:

May 9, 2019

Limited to first 20 participants

Register Online:

<http://doepartnership.fmhi.usf.edu/trainings.html>

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