



Welcome to the Tools 4 Success Conference!

Conference Agenda at a Glance
2 Days & 2 Times to join LIVE Sessions!
March 23 & 30th

10 am Live Session
 1 pm Live Session

Plus, pre-recorded sessions available to watch on-demand!

Register NOW to receive the Zoom Link:
[I want to register & JOIN live sessions!](#)

March 23rd

at 10 am LIVE Session: Build a Better Resume









<p>1. Build a Better Resume</p> <p> Register & GET the ZOOM link for the live session!</p>	<p>2. Build Your Dream Map: Person Centered Planning</p> <p> Pre-Recorded: Watch On-Demand!</p>	<p>3. College Scholarship Resources</p> <p> Pre-Recorded: Watch On-Demand!</p>
<p>4. Know Your Rights, You Can Advocate! Here's How</p> <p> Pre-Recorded: Watch On-Demand!</p>	<p>5. Looking for Love in All the Right Places</p> <p> Pre-Recorded: Watch On-Demand!</p>	<p>6. Preparing for Employment: School to Work Process Pierce</p> <p> Pre-Recorded: Watch On-Demand!</p>
<p>7. Preparing for Employment: Job Coach Guidance</p> <p> Pre-Recorded: Watch On-Demand!</p>		

at 1 pm LIVE Session: Build Your Dream Map: Person Centered Planning










<p>1. Self-Advocacy 101: Tips to Speak Up for Yourself!</p> <p> Register & GET the ZOOM link for the live session!</p>	<p>2. Build Your Dream Map: Person Centered Planning</p> <p> Pre-Recorded: Watch On-Demand!</p>	<p>3. College Scholarship Resources</p> <p> Pre-Recorded: Watch On-Demand!</p>
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March 30th

at 10 am LIVE Session: Success Stories

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Thank you to all the school districts, youth, community members and organizations who attend and support others to attend the Tools 4 Success Conference!

LIVE Online Conference Session Descriptions

March 23rd:

Build a Better Resume – Rhonda Kristoff, Tacoma Public Library

This presentation will cover best practices for creating a resume: what are the best things to include on your resume to get noticed, and what should be avoided when putting a resume together. We will also look at the differences between chronological and functional formats. Handouts will be available along with a resource sheet showing what Tacoma Public Library has available for job seekers.

Self-Advocacy 101: Tips to Speak Up for Yourself! – Ivanova Smith, People First Pierce County & Tim McCue, Self-Advocacy Educator with the DD Ombuds

This is a presentation on self-advocacy skills we will cover how you can self-advocate and advocate for others in your community. Ways to get involved with your peers and in the statewide self-advocacy groups.



March 30th:

Success Stories - Panel Presentation

Youth and Young Adults from Pierce County will share their experiences with work, independent living, college and more! Listen to their stories, ask questions, and build on your success for YOUR future! This interactive session will be facilitated by Sky Chaffee.

The Key to Independent Travel: Ride Safe, Ride Smart - Frances Rankos, Pierce Transit

Riding Pierce Transit buses can give you more options. During this time of COVID-19, our health and well-being is essential. In this interactive session tips for how to ride safely and how to use the resources available to plan your trips.

Pre-Recorded Conference Session Descriptions to Watch On-Demand

Build Your Dream Map: Person Centered Planning – Michele Lehosky & Pierce Cohort

Come learn, listen, and see a unique process that focuses on a person’s gift, talents, and dreams. This can be around an area of their life, such as one’s future independent living, or one’s whole life and looking ahead! Using a process called Mapping, friends, family, and others in your circle including yourself share information for your Dream Map!

College Scholarship Resources – Chelsie Gillium

Looking for resources, tips, and tricks on scholarships? This useful session has advice that you can pick and choose for your future! Check it out and the handouts and explore your future!

Know Your Rights: Self-Advocacy at Work – Noah Seidel DD Ombuds office

Learn the ten best tips and tricks to speak up and advocate for yourself so that you can be successful on the job! In this session how to disclose your disability and more will be shared. Also, learn about the Office of Developmental Disabilities Ombuds and what it can do for you as an individual with a disability in the workplace.

Looking for Love in All the Right Places – Tim McCue & Sam Starr

This session is by advocates for advocates who share their stories and answer questions about healthy relationships. What to look for? How to set boundaries? What works in their relationships? What challenges they faced? And how they deal with those challenges and more.

Preparing for Employment: School to Work Process in Pierce County – Sundus Ali

Pierce County’s School to Work Program is designed to assist eligible transition students in obtaining paid employment prior to exiting school. Students enrolled in the program will work directly with a supported employment agency; that will collaborate with the student, their parent(s)/guardian, school district staff, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).

Preparing for Employment: Job Coach Guidance – Tara Zink

Anyone who wants to work can work! Once you leave school, a variety of resources and supports exist to help you be successful in your employment search. This presentation covers employment resources and the supports they can offer and how to be preparing now for your future job. Come learn about the value of employment and why it is an option for everyone.



Thank You!

The Tools 4 Success Planning Committee gratefully acknowledges all our presenters and partners for collaborating to make this year’s conference possible! Everyone’s ongoing commitment and support to envisioning the future career and college readiness of individuals with disabilities is deeply appreciated!

Planning Committee Organizations:

Bates Technical College, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), DDA Region 3 DSHS, ENSO, Franklin Pierce School District, Goodwill Industries, Morningside, Office of the Developmental Disabilities Ombuds, PAVE, People First of Pierce County, Pierce County Human Services, Pierce County Coalition for Developmental Disabilities (PC2), Pierce Transit, Puget Sound Educational Service District (ESD), and Tacoma Community College (TCC) and VADIS.

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