2026 NYC Citywide Transition Summit Agenda

Saturday, November 7, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
John Jay College, 524 W 59th Street, New York, NY 10019

About the Transition Summit

This citywide event brings together schools, community partners, and service providers to help students with disabilities and their families prepare for life after high school. Families can explore college, career, employment, and independent living opportunities through resource tables, workshops, and transition advising sessions.

Resource Fair (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

Connect with over 60 organizations offering information, resources, and supports across key areas:

NYC Public Schools & Government Resources • College, Career & Training Programs • Internship, Training & Employment • Independent Living & Adult Services • Community & Advocacy Organizations

Located throughout the Mezzanine and The Hound (1st Floor).

Workshops (10:30 AM – 2:00 PM, See Schedule)

Workshops are located in classrooms near The Hound area. Please look for posted signs for directions.

1) College & Higher Education Pathways **@ Auditorium (Lobby Level) |** *Sessions at 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM* Explore college readiness, accommodations, and supports for students w/ disabilities, including a spotlight on CUNY programs.	**5) Postsecondary Vocational and Training Programs** **@ Classroom E |** *Sessions at 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM* Learn about vocational training, internships, & work-based learning after high school, incl. via OPWDD & ACCES-VR.
2) Pathways to Independent Living & Adult Services **@ Classroom B |** *Sessions at 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM* Learn about independent living supports, self-advocacy, housing, and service like OPWDD and ACCES-VR for life after high school.	**6) Mental Health and the Transition to Adulthood** **@ Classroom F |** *Sessions at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM* Learn about mental health resources and strategies for navigating the transition to adulthood and finding support.
3) School-Based Transition Services **@ Classroom C |** *Sessions at 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM* Discover how to develop strong transition plans and connect students to internships and work-based learning through NYCPS.	**7) Day Habilitation Programs** **@ Classroom G |** *Session at 11:00 AM* Learn what day habilitation programs offer, how to enroll, & differences between special education and adult services.
4) Employment & Job Opportunities **@ Classroom D |** *Sessions at 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM* Explore competitive employment, job readiness, workforce preparation, and resources for finding employment opportunities.	**8) Public Benefits and Supports** **@ Classroom G |** *Session at 1:00 PM* Learn about public benefits for young adults w/ disabilities, including SSI, Medicaid, SNAP, & other supports.

Youth Voices: Navigating Life After High School Panel Discussion (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)

Located in the Auditorium on the Lobby Level | Opening remarks from NYCPS leadership

Hear directly from young people about their experiences navigating the transition to adulthood, including about transition planning, supportive programs, mental health resources, college, self-advocacy, and lessons learned.

Transition Advising Sessions (10:30 AM – 2:00 PM)

1-on-1 Sessions | 2nd Floor Faculty Dining Room *(follow signs from Hound area to 2nd floor)*
Meet with professionals for personalized guidance on transition planning. **Sign up at lobby level registration desk!**

For accessibility support, translation services, or directions, please ask a volunteer/staff member.

Special thanks to the students of P37R, David Marquis School of the Arts, for generously donating chocolate-covered pretzels.
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