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Pleasanton to Host Transition Fair for Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Program Seeks to Bridge Gap Between High School and Adulthood

Pleasanton, CA— The City of Pleasanton is co-sponsoring a free **Transition Information Night** workshop at the Pleasanton Senior Center on October 7, 2015 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. for families of Tri-Valley young adults with developmental disabilities.

While this event will focus on transition age young adults between the ages of 16 and 22, the program is open to all who would like to gather information on support services available for persons with developmental disabilities living in the Tri-Valley area.

The event is co-sponsored by R.E.A.C.H, the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District WorkAbility Program.

Participants can attend optional free presentations during the evening. “*Ready, Set...Transition!*” will be led by Gina Gourley, who is retired from a 25-year career in special education with the Pleasanton Unified School District and has personally experienced the challenges of transitioning a young adult with disabilities. Gourley serves on the boards of several non-profits which serve the developmentally disabled. She is also a member of the Alameda County Interagency Transition Team. “*Day Program Options*” will be conducted by a panel of representatives from Regional Center of the East Bay, Futures Explored programs of the Tri-Valley, Vocational Flight Resources, as well as two anticipated Tri-Valley programs: Cerebral Palsy Center and Social Vocational Services.

These 45 minute presentations will take place twice at 6:00 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Also featured will be information tables with representatives from agencies which provide post high school services such as independent and supported living services, social/recreation programs,

adult day programs, transportation/paratransit, self-advocacy support, as well as information on conservatorship, special needs trusts and benefits counseling.

A light dinner will be provided at no cost. Free child care is available during this event. Please register no later than September 25.

To register, please call (925) 931-5373 or email tmountford@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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About Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton is a vibrant Northern California community of 71,000 residents situated at the crossroads of Interstates 580 and 680, in close proximity to the San Francisco and San Jose metropolitan areas. The city's location has historical significance as a major trading route of early Native Americans and later along the route of the First Transcontinental Railroad. Pleasanton is a major suburb identified by the U.S. Census as one of the wealthiest middle-sized cities in the nation and was included on Money Magazine's list of the 'Best Cities to Live 2014' and on 24/7 Wall Street's list of 'America's 50 Best Cities to Live'. Among Pleasanton's many attractions are an excellent school system, a highly educated workforce, 1,200 acres of parkland and recreational open space, a nationally recognized business park, a regional retail shopping mall, and a historic downtown district. For more information, please visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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