

Portrait of a Transition Fair

Parent mentors from Cobb County and Marietta City and the Douglas Interagency Transition Council teamed up to present a Transition Fair at Marietta High School on Saturday, Feb. 5. The event attracted 40 vendors, including representatives from day programs, attorneys, housing, financial planning, advocates, training programs, supported employment, recreation, transportation, Social Security, the Georgia Department of Human Resources (which oversees Medicaid, Medicaid waiver programs, and programs designed for individuals with developmental disabilities and behavioral health clients) Benefits Navigator and more. Break Out sessions on SSI, waivers, Guardianship, Financial planning, transportation, Voc. Rehab. and Kennesaw State University's post secondary program for adults with developmental disabilities were offered.

"We also had students who receive special education services act as student ambassadors to provide general assistance to vendors and/or parents. Professional interpreters from the International Welcome Center were present to interpret at the breakout sessions and student translators roamed the vendor area to help any parents who experienced language difficulties while speaking with vendors," said Cobb County Parent Mentor and one of the event's organizers, Judith Steuber.

The Parent Mentors from all three districts were set up directly behind the registration desk as an information resource. Steuber said, "We directed parents to specific locations, provided information on the parent mentor program, assisted them in determining which breakout sessions would be most likely to meet their current needs and raffled off copies of "It's My Choice" and door alarms."



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