

# Journey to Adulthood

...Preparing for the future of your  
Special Needs Child



**Presenters:** Marilyn & Joe Henn are parents of a daughter with significant autism who received APSE's 1999 Supported Employment national award & ASA's 2003 national award for Outstanding Individual with Autism. They have presented nationally and as keynote speakers on how they developed transition services that led to their daughter's full-time employment as a mail courier and microfilmer.

## **You Can't Put A Square Peg In A Round Hole: Finding & Funding A Pragmatic Path To Supported Employment**

The presentation will outline how family agencies and funding sources collaborate to provide individualized housing, transportation, job development, recreation, and ongoing behavioral supports using demonstrated best practices, as seen through video documentary.

### **Objectives-Participants will:**

1. Utilize "possibility thinking" to drive educational and adult services for a special-needs person.
2. Understand the process of bringing schools, agencies, and parents together to develop powerful transition plans.
3. See how community work experiences can be used to improve behavior, explore career options, and obtain employment for a special-needs student.
4. Identify six sources of funding that can be combined to provide residential options, employment with supports, transportation and recreation.

## **"Is A Family Consortium Right For Me?"**

Implementing the preferred model called the "Family Consortium"

Do's and Don'ts of establishing a family consortium and what has made theirs successful for over 13 yrs.

Importance of compatible roommates and families

Contrast between the traditional group home and the family consortium model

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1. Understand the scope of residential choices from least to most restrictive.
2. Learn what a Family Consortium is and why both individuals with disabilities and their families may prefer it versus other choices.
3. The three key relationships to start and operate a family Consortium.
4. Learn how to fund a Family Consortium and still exercise choice in who runs it.

See complete schedule at [www.asbg.org](http://www.asbg.org).

**Who should attend:** Social Workers, Special Education Teachers, Therapists, Psychologists, Case Managers, Other Professionals, and Parents/Caregivers. Certificates of Attendance will be provided at the end of the day.

**Location: Tates Creek Christian Church**

**Date/Time: Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 8:30am – 4:30pm**

**Cost: \$25.00 early, which includes lunch and snacks, \$35 on-site.**

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