

NEW!

Community Supports Navigator Training Program

This is your opportunity to become a member of a *statewide Team of Community Supports Navigators*. The Team will support youth with developmental disabilities and their families as they navigate transition from school to adult life.

The *Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities @ RI College*, in collaboration with *Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN)* and *PAL*, is sponsoring a four-course program to recruit and train Community Supports Navigators. The program will prepare participants to assist youth, their families and trusted allies in planning, designing and managing the supports necessary to live a full adult life in the community, based on the individual's strengths and interests.

Participants will be selected through an application and interview process.

Courses & Schedule

- ◇ **Self-Determination: Supporting Life in the Community** (April 2010)
- ◇ **Facilitating Person-Centered Planning** (May 2010)
- ◇ **Self-Directed Community Supports for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities** (September 2010)
- ◇ **Developing Meaningful Employment** (October 2010)
- ◇ **Practicum** (Summer 2010) - *participants will be assigned to work with a family; individual coaching will be provided.*



Each course* consists of **four (4)** sessions.
All classes will be held at the Sherlock Center on Disabilities,
RI College, Wednesdays, 6PM – 9PM.



There is no charge to participate.

Upon successful completion of the program, participants will join the Team of Community Supports Navigators supported by the Sherlock Center. Team members will receive a stipend for their work and will have ongoing access to technical assistance and resources available through the Sherlock Center.

Qualifications & Application Process

Applicants must have...

- ◇ Basic knowledge of transition from school to adult life, including supports through MHRH/ Division of Developmental Disabilities
- ◇ Personal or professional experience with people with developmental disabilities, including good interpersonal and listening skills
- ◇ Flexible schedule and ability to make a one year commitment

Family members and bi-lingual, bi-cultural candidates encouraged to apply.

To request an application, contact Claire Rosenbaum, Adults Supports Coordinator, at the Sherlock Center. Call 401-456-4732 (direct line), (401) 456-8773 (TDD) or email crosenbaum@ric.edu
Applications will be due by February 12, 2010. *Space is limited.*

**One Undergraduate Credit per course has been requested from RI College. Approval is pending.*