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## **Benedictine Co-Sponsors Free Seminar on Future Planning for Special Needs Families**

Parents and caregivers can learn about critical issues focusing on the transitional stages of childhood to adulthood and long term care issues for people with developmental disabilities at a free seminar to be held on April 15th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 110 at the Higher Education Center on the campus of Chesapeake College. Space is limited please register in advance.

This “Picture the Future” seminar is sponsored by Benedictine Programs and Services; the Law Firm of Parker, Counts, Melton, and Goodman; By Their Side (lifelong advocates for Marylanders with disabilities); and the Kinera Foundation, (a parent support group).

Laura McKenzie, Benedictine’s Transition Coordinator, will discuss “Understanding and Accessing the Adult Service Delivery System of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) as well as Transition Planning to Adulthood.” Ann Goodman, Esquire will present on “Where to Begin with Special Needs Trusts.” And Kathy Vecchioni, Executive Director of By Their Side will discuss “Planning for the future.”

Registration is limited. For information and registration visit Benedictine online at [www.benschool.org](http://www.benschool.org), or like Benedictine School on Facebook. For additional information or help in registering please contact Christy Russell of the Kinera Foundation at 443-926-6483 or [Christy@kinera.org](mailto:Christy@kinera.org).