

To: County Colleges

From: Office of the Secretary of Higher Education

Date: September 20, 2023

Subject: County College-Based Centers for Adult Transition Technical Assistance and

FY24 Funding

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) is pleased to have received continued investment of \$4.5 million for the County College-Based Centers for Adult Transition in Fiscal Year 2024. Our Office remains committed to supporting County Colleges' efforts to help students with intellectual and developmental disabilities access training, coursework, and skills development to transition into adulthood and meaningful careers.

As we move into our third year of this program, we recognize that institutions have questions regarding various aspects of the program, including but not limited to:

- Permissible uses of funding;
- Partnerships with other institutions to uphold statutory obligations;
- The definition of a Center for Adult Transition;
- The ways in which other County Colleges are utilizing these funds;
- Delayed hiring schedules; and
- Budget modifications

In order to address these preliminary concerns prior to opening applications for the next round of funding, OSHE will be holding a 90-minute virtual technical assistance webinar on October 4, 2023 from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Those interested in attending must register via the following link by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023: https://oshe-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdeutqTMpGapvFfzDJSxKFFPg47ztg6E. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

We invite faculty and staff to submit questions via the <u>Webinar Registration</u> by 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2023. We will address frequently asked questions during our technical assistance webinar and publish an FAQ document following the webinar.

Questions regarding this webinar and other questions regarding the County College-Based Centers for Adult Transition can be directed to Jessica.Steiger@oshe.nj.gov. Thank you for your efforts to improve this critical area in New Jersey's higher education landscape!