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For Immediate Release:

Garden City Hosts Fourth Annual Transition Fair

By Mandi Stefankiewicz, psychologist

Garden City Public Schools hosted its Fourth Annual Community Support Services Fair for students and families with special needs on Thursday, February 16th, 2017. The Fair was organized by Garden City High School psychologist Mandi Stefankiewicz and elementary social worker Michele Vincent in conjunction with support from SEPTA, the high school administration, and the Pupil Personnel Services Department.

Families from Garden City, and Nassau and Suffolk counties attended the event and were able to gain valuable resources and information from 40 vendors agencies which included: Garden City SEPTA, AHRC- Day Hab, Camp Loyaltown, and Nassau Citizens, Inc., ACCES-VR, Center for Rapid Recovery, Andrew Cohen, Esq., Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island (EPIC), YAI, Mental Health Association, Hofstra University's Saltzman Center for Counseling, Hofstra summer camp Reach, QSAC, The Rebecca Center for Music Therapy at Molloy College, Mitch Weisbrot, MW, Gersh Academy West Hills Camp, Community Mainstreaming Associates, Adelphi University's Learning Resource Center and Disability Support Services, Long Island Parent Center, ACLD, Hofstra University's Disability and Support Center, New Frontiers in Learning, Hope Fitness Foundation, Friend Zone Kids, LI RSE-TASC, Life's WORC and the Family Center for Autism, Long Island Advocacy Center, Sid Jacobson JCC Camp Kehilla, Everything Special Needs, Career and Employment Options, Eihab Human Services, New York Institute of Technology-VIP, and Variety Child Learning Center. Several new agencies participated including Long Island CSS and Friends, Nassau Community College's Center for Students with Disabilities, Parent to Parent of NYS, OPWDD Front Door, Partners Health Plan, Disability Rights NY, Nassau County Mobilizing Nassau, and Long Island Speech.

Parents were also invited to hear presentations by Mechelle Mutkoski and Theresa Raniello-Ferragamo, behavioral consultants, as well as Ruth Fuller, Special Education Assistive Technology Specialist for Garden City School District.

"We are pleased to host such an important event for our community, and to welcome families from a variety of other districts. Our goal is to offer resources for individuals of all ages," said Nanine McLaughlin, Principal of Garden City High School.



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Many thanks to all the volunteers at this year's Transition Fair at Garden City High School.



Caption for 2-16-17DSC_42234thTransFairVendorTables.jpg:
Over 40 vendors attended the Fourth Annual Transition Fair.

