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DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES

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THE DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION READIES YOUTH FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE

Washington, **DC**— Recent college graduates and current college students, ages 16 -21, with disabilities are invited to attend a pre-employment transition workshop by designed to help them increase their employability. The College Student Transition Workshop takes place Monday, December 19, 10 am – Noon at the Department on Disability Services, 250 E Street, SW.

The workshop is geared toward developing work readiness skills. Participants will receive information about federal government and local business internships and learn about the Department of Labor's Workforce Recruitment Program. The Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities (WRP) is a recruitment and referral program that connects federal and private sector employers nationwide with highly motivated college students and recent graduates with disabilities who are eager to prove their abilities in the workplace through summer or permanent jobs. Other workshop topics include: how to set employment goals and how to get noticed by employers.

The event is free, but registration is required. For information, contact Brooke Clayborne at 202-442-8423 or via email a brooke.clayborne@dc.gov.

WHAT: College Student Transition Workshop

WHEN: Monday, December 19, 2016

10 am – Noon

WHERE: Department on Disability Services

250 E Street, SW

RSVP By: Friday, December 16, 2016

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The DDS Rehabilitation Services Administration provides vocational and rehabilitative services to individuals with disabilities to help them prepare for, secure, regain or retain employment. To be eligible for VR services, a person must have a physical or mental impairment that is a substantial impediment to employment. Priority is given to those individuals who have the most significant disabilities.

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The Department on Disability Services is a dynamic organization serving people with disabilities through the services of was Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Rehabilitation Services Administration. This comprehensive collaborative approach provides innovative high quality services that enable people with disabilities to lead productive lives as vital members of their families, schools, workplaces, and communities. Learn more at www.dds.dc.gov and follow us at https://www.facebook.com/DDS.DC.