

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

This is a question many of us were asked as we were growing up. For youth with disabilities, this is often a daunting question that is filled with uncertainty and lack of information.

Hopewell Area School District is hosting a Parent Night on Early Reach Initiative and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

Date: Monday, May 15, 2017

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: Hopewell Memorial Junior High Cafeteria

Please contact Dr. Lynn Utchell (724-375-6691, ext. 3010 or utchell@hopewellarea.org) by Wednesday, May 10, 2017 if you plan to attend.

EARLY REACH INITIATIVE AND OVR

In order to assist youth with disabilities, ages 14 and older, better prepare for their transition into the world of work and independence, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) has started a new initiative called “Early Reach”. Early Reach is an outreach initiative, intended to promote successful outcomes for youth with disabilities, by encouraging early career planning and increasing awareness of OVR services. Early Reach services include:

- ❖ **Informational presentations and consultation** to school personnel; community agencies; youth with disabilities and their families; to outline the services offered by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR).
- ❖ **Education** on the benefits of early career planning and the development of independent living skills.
- ❖ **Assistance** for youth with disabilities in planning for and making application to OVR for services.
- ❖ **Consultation and linkages to resources** that will assist youth with disabilities pursue participation in the workforce and independence.