North Carolina’s State Team through the National Deaf Center’s Engage for Change State initiative is proud to announce its 2020-21 school year webinar series that focuses on post-secondary transition for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Educators and parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend any and all sessions.

The National Deaf Center (NDC) is a technical assistance and dissemination center federally funded by the US Office of Special Education Programs. The mission of the NDC is to "close substantial gaps in education and employment that exist for deaf people in the US and its territories" specifically in the area of post-secondary transition.

The Engage for Change State initiative brings leaders together from state-level education and vocational rehabilitation agencies to support an exchange of ideas and collaborations to improve post-secondary outcomes.

The North Carolina State Team members include representatives from the Department of Public Instruction, Vocational Rehabilitation, the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and local education agencies.

*These sessions may be of interest to parents and caregivers*

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**Transition Tuesdays**

Oct. 20, 2020
**Accessing Equipment & Services**
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Presenter: Tony Davis, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Nov. 3, 2020
**Parents & Transition: How to Support & Promote Independence**
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Presenter: Johanna Lynch & Karen Thomas, BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Alicia Spencer, NC Hands & Voices

Dec. 1, 2020
**Counseling & Mental Health Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Presenter: Julianne Gold Brunson, Ph.D., HSP-P & Lauren Crowley, MSW, LCSW RHA Health Services

January 12, 2021
**Emergency Management for Individuals with Hearing Loss**
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Presenter: Donna Platt, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

February 9, 2021
**Transition 66+: Students with Hearing Loss**
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Presenter: Denise Nelson, Durham Public Schools

March 9, 2021
**Accessing Higher Education**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Presenter: Rachel N. Megahan, M.Ed., CRC - CPCC & Shawn Frank - CVCC

April 13, 2021
**Medical Management: Healthcare Rights for Individuals with Hearing Loss**
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Presenter: Tony Davis, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

May 4, 2021
**Parent Rights**
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Presenter: Debra Pickens, & Rowena Barker, Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center

June 1, 2021
**The Experience: Graduate Panel**
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Presenter: TBD