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**Transitions to host "Social Thinking and Transition Planning for the Adult World and Real Life" conference on April 1, 2015**

*Workshop to focus on helping young adults with social learning challenges, including autism spectrum disorders, transition into adulthood, the workplace and independent living.*

*Gloversville, NY* – Transitions, a supportive Apprenticeship program designed to advance college and career success for high school graduates and young adults with autism spectrum disorders, learning differences and medical impairments, is hosting a "Social Thinking and Transition Planning for the Adult World and Real Life" workshop presented by Dr. Pamela Crooke, PhD, CCC-SLLP of Socialthinking.com on Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

The workshop focuses on helping young men and women with social learning challenges transition into adulthood and living as young adults. The program will address the world of adult work, the social emotional expectations that exist in the workplace, and what it takes to live as an independent adult. "Students with social learning challenges such as autism spectrum disorders, can be overwhelmed with the transition into adulthood," said Shaloni Winston, founder, Transitions. "This workshop focuses on helping parents, teachers, counselors, psychologists and the students themselves prepare for and respond to this transition successfully." For more information and to pre-register, visit [www.transitionsusa.org/events](http://www.transitionsusa.org/events).

**What:** *"Social Thinking and Transition Planning for the Adult World and Real Life"* Presented by Dr. Pamela Crooke, PhD, CCC-SLLP of Socialthinking.com

**When:** WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 9AM - 4PM

*Includes lunch and an exclusive tour of Transitions from 4PM - 5:30PM*

**Where:** TRANSITIONS 2736 State Hwy 30, Gloversville, NY 12078 (45 minutes west of Albany)

**Cost :**

**Individual Rate:** \$195 **Group (3 or more):** \$180

**Family Member Rates:**

**Individual:** \$165 **Group (3 or more):** \$145

Contact and Pre-Registration info: [www.transitionsusa.org/events](http://www.transitionsusa.org/events)

**About Dr. Pamela Crooke, PHD, CCC-SLLP**

Dr. Pamela Crooke, PhD, CCC-SLLP is the Director of Research and Clinical Operations and Senior Therapist at the Social Thinking Center in San Jose, CA. She has an active caseload of children, teens and adults and is the co-author (with Michelle Garcia Winner) of four award-winning books related to Social Thinking. She has served on the clinical faculty of three universities, worked in the Arizona public schools for 15 years and published a study on the effectiveness of using social thinking vocabulary in the schools. She speaks on the topic of Social Thinking on both a national and international level.

**About Transitions**

Transitions is a supportive Apprenticeship for young men and women with autism spectrum disorders including Asperger's syndrome, ADHD, dyslexia, nonverbal learning disabilities, visual or hearing impairments, medical conditions and other learning differences who want to attend college and/or prepare for a career, but may require academic, social, medical and/or emotional support.

The Transitions program's curriculum focuses on building academic, employment, life and general independence skills. Both full-year College and Career Apprenticeship programs are offered, as well as a three-week Summer Immersion Experience. Visit [www.transitionsusa.org](http://www.transitionsusa.org) for more information.