

# Students!



*As the talented and smart person that you are...*

*Q: What would you rather do on May 24, 2011?*

*A. Go to school as usual?*

*B. Take a day off from school, go to the Dare to Dream Conference at the University of Rhode Island and get the chance to teach your peers by doing a presentation or learn from them?*

## Why

The Dare to Dream program empowers students with diverse learning and special healthcare needs. This conference is led by students, for the benefit of students. It will motivate and inspire you to learn the value of self-advocacy, teamwork, and leadership. Young adult presenters who have begun to succeed will share the stage with other student leaders. You will spend the day sharing stories and presenting workshops to dare student attendees from all over the RI to dream of a bright and meaningful future for yourselves!

**We can't wait to see what you can do!**



## What last year's students said:

*What I really liked about today was...*

*"...that they made the kids feel welcome, they came and made me feel at home!"*

*"...that there are so many people just like me and I should keep going no matter what other people say."*

*"...that from this conference there are many things in the world we need to change."*

*"...not to let anyone put me down just because I have an IEP! I can be myself."*

*"...I have choices."*



*Dare to Dream*

[www.ritap.org/MyTransition](http://www.ritap.org/MyTransition)



## *Dare to Dream* Student Leadership Conference 2011

## INVITATION TO PRESENT

Tuesday, May 24, 2011  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Student Memorial Union  
University of Rhode Island  
Kingston, RI

## How can you make that happen?

### First:

Decide if you want to learn from peers or teach them. If you want to present, check out this list of topics your fellow high school students wanted to learn more about, or choose another topic that is not listed!



### Suggested Topics:

- Relationships!
- How to graduate high school when you fall behind
- Transportation: RIPTA, driving, getting a license and getting a car
- Volunteering/Internships
- How do I know if I am a leader?

### Second:

Ask classmates if they want to present or attend with you.

### Third:

Tell your family and teacher(s) that you want to do a presentation or attend, and ask them to check out the Dare to Dream Section at [www.ritap.org/MyTransition](http://www.ritap.org/MyTransition) for more information.

*If you decide to present a topic, make sure to ask your teacher if it can be your senior project or part of your portfolio!*

*And don't forget to tell them the experience will look great on a college application or a job resume!*

## Teachers!



*Do you have student leaders at your school?*

*Don't miss the opportunity to highlight the skills you have taught them by presenting at the Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference 2011!*

### How can your kids participate?

1. Go to [www.ritap.org/MyTransition](http://www.ritap.org/MyTransition) and scroll down to Dare to Dream
2. Watch the video, check out **Activities to Inspire Leadership & Self-Advocacy**, and review the timeline and materials.
3. Share this brochure with your student leaders to get them excited about presenting a workshop for their peers. Have them watch the video, check out **Activities to Inspire Leadership & Self-Advocacy**.
4. Have them select a topic from the list of suggested topics or create their own.
5. Brainstorm with your students how they would present that topic, keeping to the proposal submission requirements on the Presentation Application.
6. NEW – Technical Assistance on Presentation Development
7. Once they have their idea, copy the Presentation Application to your desktop, fill it out, and submit it to: [deb.golding@health.ri.gov](mailto:deb.golding@health.ri.gov) or fax 401-222-1442, attn: Deb Golding.

*Deadline for proposal is February 1, 2011. But don't wait, any support needs have to be booked in advance, and the number of presentations are limited!*

## Parents!

*Is your child a leader?*

*Would your child benefit from learning skills such as: decision making, self-determination, teamwork, public speaking, and time management?*

*Then the answer might be presenting a workshop at the Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference 2011!*



### How can your child take advantage of this opportunity?

1. Go to [www.ritap.org/MyTransition](http://www.ritap.org/MyTransition) (an excellent resource by the way).
2. Check out the videos from past conferences.
3. Encourage your child and his/her teacher to do a presentation at Dare to Dream 2011.

*After presenting at this conference your child will feel more empowered as a student, young adult, and member of the community.*