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MEDIA RELEASE

MCSO & Community Transition/Career Fair

(Columbus, GA)-The Muscogee County School District (MCSO) and community agencies partner to host the *3rd Annual Transition/Career Fair*. Research shows transition from high school to employment and education/training is most successful when the process begins as early as sixth grade.

The Transition/Career Fair will be held at Columbus State University, 4225 University Avenue, in the Student Recreation Center on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission is *free* and a light dinner will be served.

Parents of students in grades 6 – 12, with various disabilities (includes students on 504 plans) are encouraged to participate. Community members with disabilities interested in current options for employment and/or support services are also invited.

Participants have the opportunity to ask questions of private and public agencies, colleges and businesses that provide a variety of services. Vendor participants and sessions cover topics such as: college information, community resources, recreation and leisure, vocational and daily living support/training, high school programs, high school requirements for graduation, possible job opportunities, home and community based services, understanding the waiver process, navigating social security, guardianships and trusts, independent living and self-advocacy.

The keynote speakers are Probate Judge, Marc D' Antonio, a recent graduate of MCSO's Vocational Transition Program, Will Place and a participant in the Kennesaw State University Academy for Inclusive Adult Education, Casey Barker.

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Rehabilitation Agency and Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities, CONTACT: A Disability Resource Center and High School Tech Program are proud sponsors of the event.

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