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TRANSITIONS RECEIVES OPWDD BALANCING INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT

This premier career and college apprenticeship program is uniquely designed to advance college and career success for young adults with autism spectrum disorders, learning differences and medical impairments.

Gloversville, NY – Transitions, a new innovative program of Lexington – Fulton County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc., has been selected to receive transformation awards by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). The award, amounting to a grant of $245,838, will provide discounted tuition and fees to prospective students who are eligible for OPWDD supports.

The grant is part of the New York State Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Transformation Fund, which provides opportunities for organizations to make strategic investments to transform services and supports for individuals with developmental differences. It will provide funds for the development of the educational aspect of the Transitions programs. Up to 30 students in the Transitions Summer Immersion Experience may receive discounted programming.

Transitions is a preparatory program that will help teenagers and young adults with learning differences transition from high school to college, employment or independent living. The Summer Immersion Experience is a three-week introduction to the Transitions curriculum. The full-year program supports students as they earn a college degree, helps them find and perform well at a job, or supports them as they learn to live on their own. Transitions provides training in academic skills, career skills, executive functioning, social skills, self-management and more.

For more information, visit transitionsusa.org or call 518-775-5384.

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 focuses on building academic skills, life skills and general independence for high school graduates and young adults with learning differences. Its specialty isn’t just in teaching students how to study or learn a trade — it’s in showing its students that they can live a life that even they never dreamed of themselves. Visit Transitions online at www.transitionsusa.org.