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# WHAT IN-SCHOOL EXPERIENCES PREDICT SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FOR YOUTH WITH ASD?

**JANUARY 12, 2022 | 4 PM TO 5 PM, VIA ZOOM**

*\*Eastern Standard Time*

Young adults with disabilities, including those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), face significant obstacles as they transition from high school to early adulthood. Research shows that just 37% of youth with ASD are employed within eight years of high school compared to 91% of all youth with disabilities (Newman et al., 2011). At the same time, the combination of disability and poverty produce a sharp double jeopardy for youth during this transition. In our presentation, we will share recent research findings from Cornell's Project ATTAIN (the Autism Transition to Adulthood Initiative), where we focus on identified predictors of post-school success for youth with ASD receiving SSI compared to other disabilities, for youth with ASD with varying functional limitations receiving SSI, and how our findings generalize to all youth with ASD receiving SSI. Creating new knowledge regarding predictors of post-school success can foster increased self-sufficiency and economic independence in adulthood.



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**Katie Brendli, Ph.D.**, conducts research on supporting greater transition outcomes for people with disabilities at the YTI in the ILR School at Cornell University.

This event is **FREE** to  
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