Transition Night on August 24th was a great success!

A huge shout out to Jose, Zoe, Zee and Makayla for your help in setting up!

Parents learned about how to help their student get a job, and what is going on at RMDS, including our new ACE program and our two school based businesses:

**Little House Library**

For more details and information about Transition Night, contact Heather Hapke at hhapke@rmds.co
The Rhythm Within’s Owner Jonah Berger joined us on Transition Night to talk about his new program “The Lighthouse.” Classes start the last week of September and are filling up fast! Make sure you meet with your DVR Counselor to sign up for the class for free!

**Course Topics Covered**

- **Preparation** for employment
- Deciding what employment paths to take
- Navigating how to get a job
- Navigating how to keep a job
- We will partner with local businesses to create job experiences and informational interviews.
- Working with your challenges to adjust to the workplace
- Social skills to improve connectivity and confidence

**Course Length:** 8 Weeks

**Mondays from 4-6 pm**

**Location:** Bethany Lutheran Church
4500 East Hampden Ave.
Englewood, CO. 80113

**Cost:** $450 (covered completely by DVR; we can help you get registered)

**Meet Our Staff**

- **Jonah Berger**
  "I have worked in the special needs world my entire career. I love everything about it. People who face a daily challenge are simply more interesting. My style is caring and direct. I believe in creating connection and trust with my clients and using that trust to affect change."

- **Joe Morrell**
  "Individuality is what makes us who we are, no one person is the same. I choose to celebrate and investigate our differences so that I can better understand the world around me and myself."

- **Jenn Lyon**
  "I believe that every individual living with a disability is fully capable of achieving their dreams. I know that with a network of great friends and strong supporters, anything is possible. We all must do what we love, with those that make us happy and settle for nothing less."
After Heather received her Career and Technical Education (CTE) License from the Colorado Department of Education last fall, she submitted a program approval to the district to get grant money to start up two school based businesses. Being involved with this state-wide program called ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education) means that students can participate in a competition where students can showcase their skills in resume development, interviewing, event planning, and more.

The purpose of ACE is to “create locally responsive, relevant work-based and school-based learning experiences. ACE CTE Students will demonstrate competency in Postsecondary WOrkforce Readiness (PWR) that lead to a technical skill attainment in any chosen occupation with a focus on high wage occupations in high skill or high demand industries that promote self sufficiency” (http://coloradostateplan.com/educator/ace/)
Parent Night

The topic will be around transition services (starting at 14), transition IEPs, self determination and student involved IEPs

Guests will be ~ Admin from JeffCo, Hands and Voices, CDE, DVR, SWAP, Warren Tech, and Deaf Adult Mentors

Interpreters will be at the meeting