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Panhandle Independent Living Center

TUESDAY JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup> 2017

**PANHANDLE INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER TO HOST  
PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING SOCIAL HOUR  
MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> 2017 5:30-6:30PM**

Panhandle Independent Living Center's "Youth Encountering Success" (Y.E.S.) Program is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year and we'd like to extend a special Professional Networking Social Hour invitation to those who work closely with teens and young adults who have disabilities.

Panhandle Independent Living Center, better known as PILC, is a nonprofit organization that offers services and programs to men, women, youth and children, all of whom have a broad spectrum of disabilities – ranging from physical, mental, and emotional. All in which to help them live more productive and independent lives within the family, home, and community.

We are hosting a Professional Networking Social Hour, at **Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant**, for Special Education Teachers, Social Workers, Pediatric Physical and Occupational Therapists, and other professions that work with teens and young adults with disabilities. You are invited to enjoy a catered Nacho Bar, socialization with other professionals and hear about our unique YES (Youth Encountering Success) Program!

PILC, launched its Youth Encountering Success Program in 2002. This program focuses on helping kids, from middle school to high school, obtain skills to prepare them to live independent adult lives. Y.E.S. is a 10 week summer program where the youth learn skills such as cooking, navigating transportation, employment skills, and disability acceptance. We are proud to announce that this program has been going strong for 15 years now!

If you are a professional who works with teens and young adults with disabilities and would like to attend the Social Hour, **please RSVP by Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>** by calling either Vanessa, Youth Transition Coordinator, at 806-410-1615 or Brittany, Development Director, at 806-223-2066.

Also, If you, a loved one, or someone that you know has a child with any disability, please consider enrolling them in this life enriching program. The number one thing that the kids like the most about our program is being able to socialize, in a safe place, with other kids who are just like them! For more information about Y.E.S. please contact Vanessa Santos at [VSantos@panhandleilc.org](mailto:VSantos@panhandleilc.org) or please call the office at 806-374-1400

**END OF RELEASE**

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