

## New Assistive Technology Coordinator at T/TAC

## Conferences & Training



Linking People and Resources



Brenda Brady has accepted the position of AT Coordinator at the Region 5 T/TAC at JMU. Brenda has most recently been a reading specialist at Wilbur Pence Middle School in Rockingham County and is an adjunct instructor at Blue Ridge Community College. Previously she has worked in the Augusta County school system and in public schools in Tennessee. Brenda holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from JMU, a master's in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in reading from the University of Virginia, and has some coursework in administration from Middle Tennessee State University. Brenda will work on the Assistive Technology Task Force and the Reading First Initiative priority projects. We look forward to having Brenda join the T/TAC family. She may be contacted at 540.568.3585.

### Surfing the Web!

The Virginia Department of Education's *College Guide for Students with Disabilities* may be downloaded from the VDOE Web site at <[www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/sped/transition/cpr.shtml](http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/sped/transition/cpr.shtml)>

TransitionLink is an on-line community for sharing ideas, strategies, resources, and information concerning the transition to life after high school for adolescents with disabilities <[www.TransitionLink.com](http://www.TransitionLink.com)>

The United States Department of Education Web site, <[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)>, has been revised. It has been enhanced with more graphics and photos, and includes new features and streamlined information. It also now includes *The No Child Left Behind* site (formerly [www.nclb.gov](http://www.nclb.gov)).

November 7: TechKnowledge 2003: Special Topics in Assistive Technology. Holiday Inn Select Koger Center South, Richmond. Sponsored by Hospital Education Program, Children's Hospital of Richmond, and T/TACs at JMU, ODU, and VCU. Contact Children's Hospital for more information and registration: 1.804.228.5845.

November 18 & 19: Second Annual Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Early Intervention Conference. Creating Connections: Celebrate the Journey. Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke. For additional information, contact Cori Hill, 540.943.6776.

December 8: Demystifying Autism. Sheraton Park South, Richmond. To register contact The Autism Program-Virginia (TAP-VA) at 1.800.649.8481.

February 19-21: VA Federation, Council for Exceptional Children 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Building Bridges to Success: Students, Families, & Educators. Holiday Inn, Charlottesville. For more information, contact Debbie Bays at <[dbays@radford.edu](mailto:dbays@radford.edu)> or 540.831.5190.

March 4-6: The Autism Program-Virginia (TAP-VA) Third Annual Conference. On Common Ground: Collaboration and Partnerships on Behalf of Those with Autism Whose Lives We Share. Sheraton Park South, Richmond. For more information, contact TAP-VA at 1.800.649.8481 or <[www.autismva.org](http://www.autismva.org)>.

April 14-17: Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA. Visit <[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)> or call 1.888.CEC.SPED for information.