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John Croyle to speak at event for high school students with disabilities

GADSDEN – John Croyle, a former University of Alabama football star and founder of Big Oak Ranch, will be the keynote speaker at a Transition Expo in Gadsden on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Senior Activity Center.

The Transition Expo will provide valuable information about transitioning into adulthood to high school students with disabilities from Gadsden City Schools, Attalla City Schools and Etowah County Schools.

The free event is sponsored by Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) and Vocational Rehabilitation Service (VRS), divisions of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for 11th and 12th graders to be informed about the things that will impact their future," said Emma Hereford, CRS care coordinator and chair of the transition expo planning committee. "We are delighted to have John Croyle speak at this event. He has worked with teens and children for more than 30 years, inspiring them and planting the seed of hope. He is a fantastic motivational speaker."

More than 20 exhibitors will also be on hand to provide teens with disabilities and their families with useful information about jobs, college, independent living, adult health care, support groups, and social activities.

The Senior Activity Center is located at 623 Broad St.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.