



NEXT STEPS: The Transition Series

*Training for Parents and Family Members
of Students with Disabilities*

Free and Open to the Public

Join the NEXT STEPS training team of DuPage County as we present NEXT STEPS: The Transition Series. Each night will focus on a new topic of planning for a student's successful transition from high school to adult life.

**All 5 workshops will be hosted and presented on
Tuesdays beginning April 7 – May 5, 2015 at
Willowbrook High School
1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

WORKSHOP 1 – Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Transition: Making it in the Real World. Participants will review the four critical goals of transition, consider practical activities which promote their achievement, become familiar with pertinent federal legislation and understand the important roles for family members in the planning

WORKSHOP 2 – Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Transition Plans: Roadmaps to the Future. IDEA requires transition planning for all students with disabilities. Participants will learn how transition planning can be incorporated into students' ongoing special education plans. The influence of competency testing, graduation requirements, diplomas, integration and curriculum emphasis on transition plans will be discussed.

WORKSHOP 3 – Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Moving On: Life in the Community. As young adults with disabilities leave high school what opportunities are available for them to lead active and fulfilling lives? A panel of community service representatives will provide information about community college, independent living, transportation, structured day activity programs and recreation options.

WORKSHOP 4 – Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Preparing for Work While in School is the topic of this presentation. Speakers will discuss specific examples of community based work experiences and vocational education opportunities. A mother/daughter team will also describe how they have set up a small business. Participants will learn how reasonable accommodations, job coaches, and supports in the workplace assist a student in learning, enjoying and keeping a job.

WORKSHOP 5 – Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Planning Ahead: Future Finances and Supports. This presentation will focus on setting up your finances to protect and provide for your family member with a disability. Other issues that will be discussed will include public benefits, Social Security support, Guardianship, and how to plan effectively. Materials will include information on writing a "letter of intent" and setting up supports.

Registration is required

All 5 workshops are designed to be individual trainings. You may register for one or for all 5 workshops in the series. Register by emailing Louise Gritis at lgritis@sased.org
Please provide the following information at the time of registration:

Name
Attending
Child's Age and School
Which sessions you plan to attend

Christine DiRienzo for assistance with registration via phone 630-530-3248.

Esther Delgado for assistance with Spanish speaking registration 630-530-6079

