



Next Steps: The Transition Series

is a training program developed to assist parents and families in preparing students for the change from life as a student in school to life as a citizen in the community. For all young people, preparing for this change is complicated. For students with disabilities and their families, preparing for such changes can be particularly challenging, overwhelming, and exciting!

The NEXT STEPS training team

will be presenting the Transition Series in October through November 2009. This year's series will be hosted by the Southwest Cook County Cooperative.

Directions to

Southwest Cook County Cooperative
6020 W. 151st Street, Oak Forest, IL 60452

From the North, West and Northwest:

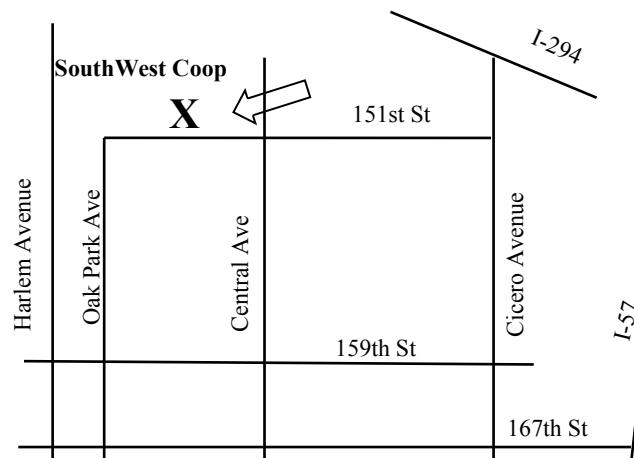
I 294 South... exit at Cicero Avenue South
Cicero South to 151st street (light)
Turn right (west) onto 151st street
1 1/2 miles down, building on your right

From the South:

Take I 57 north...exit at 167th/Cicero exit (west)
Turn right (north) onto Cicero Ave
Go to 151st street (light)
Turn left (west) onto 151st street
1 1/2 miles down, building on your right

From the Southwest

Take Rt 80 to Harlem Avenue Exit
North on Harlem to 159th street
Turn right (east) on 159th street and to Central Avenue (light)
Turn left (north) onto Central, go to 151st St.
Turn left (west) onto 151st, 1/2 mile on your right



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*a training series designed
for parents and family members*

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Building the Future Now

The NEXT STEPS Training Team will be presenting the following workshops:

1. Transition: Making it in the Real World

Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 6:00-8:30 pm

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.

2. Transition Plans: Roadmaps to the Future

Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 6:00-8:30 pm

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.

3. Getting Ready: Preparing for Work While in School

Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 6:00-8:30 pm

Participants learn about what should be happening in school to ensure that students with disabilities find satisfying work in the community. Guest speakers will discuss specific examples of community based vocational education opportunities. Participants will learn how reasonable accommodations, job coaches and supports in the workplace assist a student in learning, enjoying and keeping a job.

4. Moving On: Life in the Community

Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 6:00-8:30 pm

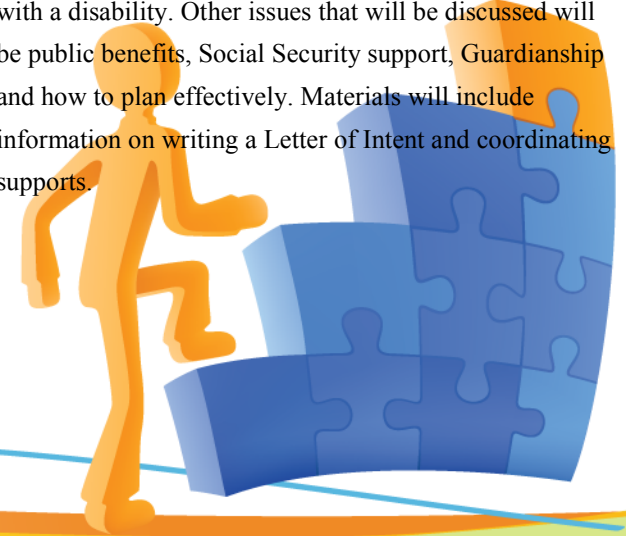
Do satisfying work opportunities for young adults with disabilities really exist in the community? During this workshop, a panel of adult community service

representatives provide information and answer questions regarding local employment, education and independent living options.

5. Planning Ahead: Future Finances & Supports

Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 6:00-8:30 pm

Theresa Varnet, JD., will be presenting on setting up your finances to protect and provide for your family member with a disability. Other issues that will be discussed will be public benefits, Social Security support, Guardianship and how to plan effectively. Materials will include information on writing a Letter of Intent and coordinating supports.



Participant Comments

“I would recommend this for all parents of students with disabilities—even those in elementary school.”

- Parent from Burr Ridge

“I attended all five workshops. Each one was beneficial and will make a difference in planning for my daughter’s future.” - Parent from Riverside

“I wish I would have come to this series two years ago!” - Guardian from Oak Forest

“The material, the presenters, the networking—the best.” - Parent from LaGrange

Registration for one or all workshops will begin on September 1st and run through September 22nd.

To register, go to www.swccase.org.

Click on *PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT* then *CLICK HERE TO REGISTER*. Call or email Judy or Maria @ (708) 687-0900 or jboyens@swccase.org.

Seating is LIMITED! Training is FREE!