



Next Steps: The Transition Series

is a training 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 2010. This year's series will be hosted by the Hinsdale South High School.

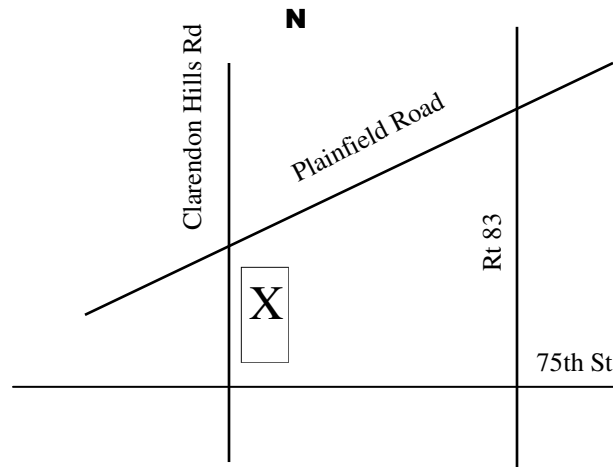
Directions to
Hinsdale South High School
7401 Clarendon Hills Road
Darien, Illinois 60561
630-468-4000

From I 55

Exit South on Route 83/ Kingery Highway
Take Route 83 to 75th Street, turn west (left)
Next light, School is on your right
Park in lot north of the school

From I 88

Exit South onto Route 83/ Kingery Highway
Take Route 83 to Plainfield Road, turn west (right)
Turn south (left) on Clarendon Hills Road
Turn into school parking lot 1 block down on left



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*a training series designed
for parents and family members*

2010

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

1. Transition: Making it in the Real World

Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 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 12, 2010, 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 19, 2010, 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

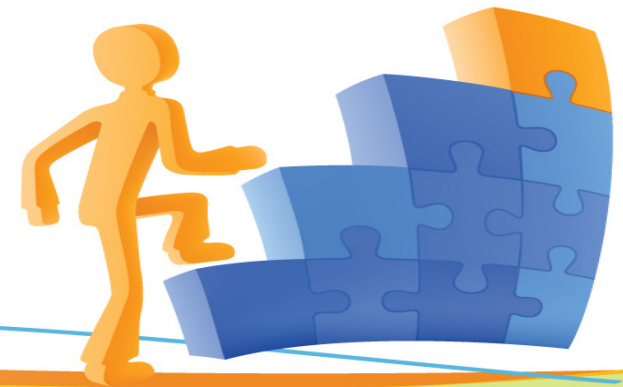
Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 6:00-8:30 pm

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 (note date change)

Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 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

**Training is free!
Seating is limited.**

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

To register, contact Trish Iraci at LADSE:
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